


### Reflection

As of midnight on Wednesday we moved to Level 5 of the government plan, Living with Covid-19, for it seems the next 6 weeks. It is similar to the lockdown we experienced in March/April, except that schools and some elements of industry remain open. We are conscious of the hardship it will bring to many, those whose businesses and livelihoods are affected and those who won't have the opportunity to visit or receive visits from family or friends. While none of us welcome these restrictions, the only option is to embrace them out of a sense of solidarity with one another, and especially with those who are suffering with the virus and the frontline health care workers looking after them. There is also an invitation to be creative in reaching out to one another. Although we may not be able to visit a neighbour or fellow parishioner in their home, we can always lift the phone or drop a card or note through a letterbox. It can make such a difference! Above all we can pray for one another.

Sunday and weekday Masses will continue to be available to parishioners via webcam, which can be accessed via the parish website. And parishioners may still call into the church during the day to say a prayer, find a quiet space and light a candle.

*Fr Richard*

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** - ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Mass Intentions for the coming week			
	Sat.	24th 6.00pm	Tom Giblin (1st A) pray for Dolores Giblin
	Sun.	25th 11.00am	
	Mon.	26th 11.00am	(Bank Holiday) Mass by web cam from the Monastery of St Alphonsus
	Sun.	1st. 11.00am	Deceased members of the Roscommon Association

The St. Vincent De Paul Society would like to say thank you for an anonymous donation of €20

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection. This is received in weekly envelopes and by Standing Orders.

Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to [info@ionaroadparish.ie](mailto:info@ionaroadparish.ie)

# PARISH



# LINK

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Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt  
**LOVE THE LORD THY GOD** with all  
thy **HEART**, and with all thy  
**SOUL**, and with all thy **MIND**.  
This is the **FIRST** and great  
**COMMANDMENT**.  
And the **SECOND** is like unto it,  
Thou shalt **LOVE THY NEIGHBOR**  
as thyself.

MATTHEW 22:37-39

LD'S SCRIPTURE  
OF THE DAY

**Mission Statement:** St. Columba's parish is a vibrant and welcoming community of faith, continuing to give practical witness to the Good News of Christ, through worship and reflection, and through Christian service to the community.

The following are the current Mass times available  
in the Glasnevin Grouping of Parish  
AVAILABLE ON WEBCAM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Church	Vigil:	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Iona Road	18.00	11.00	10.30	****	10.30	10.30	10.30	****
St Alphonsus	****	9.30	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	9.30
Glasnevin	****	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	****	10.00	10.00
Ballygall	18.30	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Drumcondra	18.00	10.30	****	10.00	****	10.00	****	****
Ballymun Rd.	****	12:00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	****	10.00

The website for each of the churches webcam is the following

Iona Rd. webcam ([www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie))  
 Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com))  
 Our Lady of Victories Ballymun Rd webcam ([www.oly.ie](http://www.oly.ie))  
 Our Lady of Dolour's Glasnevin webcam ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie))  
 Out Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall webcam ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie))

Each **Thursday** at a weekly Zoom meeting 7.30pm-8.15pm we read and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to contact the parish office or email Fr. Richard ([richardeshiehy@gmail.com](mailto:richardeshiehy@gmail.com)) for the meeting ID and password.

**MAD (Make a Difference) SUNDAY 2020 - 25th October**

During this Covid crisis we have been made more aware how connected we are and how much of what we do affects others. This year more than ever we are asking you to reach out, spread a bit of kindness and make a difference. Highlight the stories of the hero's in your community. There are so many doing fabulous works of kindness and compassion in our community that go unseen, un-noticed and sometimes un-thanked. So this is an open invitation to everyone from anywhere, any age, any background, any religion. This beautifully simple initiative hopes to encourage all people make a conscious effort to do at least one simple thing to help another & share it on social media with the #MADSunday to help, support, inspire, give hope & encourage others! It can be as simple as saying thank you, sharing a positive message, tidying a park, sending a note of encouragement. Let's create and promote a culture of kindness.

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto:parishlink@gmail.com) or dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, marked 'Parish Link', by 5pm on the Thursday of week of publication. A contact name and phone number is required for each item. Ph: 8308257 or email [ionaroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)

Prayer during a Pandemic by Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, IHM

Loving God, Holy One,  
 Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.  
 We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.  
 We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.  
 We ache for ourselves and our neighbours, standing before an uncertain future.  
 We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.  
 Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.  
 Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.  
 Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,  
 You, the God who does not abandon,  
 You, the Holy One, breathing within us, breathing among us, breathing around us, in our beautiful yet wounded world.



Although we are unable to have our monthly collection. It is still possible to donate, there are envelopes at end of the church. Donations can be dropped into 87 Iona road. Also 12 Dec is our Annual Appeal Launch Mile Buiochas

**Volunteer Drivers - Irish Cancer Society** is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers with a free weekday availability and who can commit to driving twice a month. Email [gflinter@irishcancer.ie](mailto:gflinter@irishcancer.ie) or call Gail at 01 2310 566 for an application form. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are seeking drivers under the age of 70 years.

**Pope John Paul II Awards Online** As you know the ability of many young people to complete the Pope John Paul II Awards commitment has been restricted with the government guidelines for the Covid-19 Pandemic. Some of our young people found very creative ways to keep up their parish and social engagement elements of the Awards but for most it was difficult or impossible. The Young Church Dublin Team, with the help of local JP II facilitators and coordinators is to offer a diocesan wide Alpha Youth Series online as a way to reach out to Pope John Paul II Award participants during this time. Alpha Youth Online will talk place on Zoom on Monday's from 6:30 - 8.00pm beginning on November 9th. For more information email: [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie)

Teen Hope is a space where teens can be themselves – a pressure free zone. It is a space where through fun and engaging activities you can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. While we physically cannot gather due to Covid 19, the Young Church Dublin is offering the Alpha Youth Series online as a way to reach out to Teens during this time. For more information email: [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie)