

Reflection


Earlier this week we celebrated the funeral of a young man, Conor Cronin, who died from injuries sustained in a fall while out jogging. It is clear from the tributes paid to him and from the crowds who gathered outside the church or lined the street as the cortege passed by that he was a very popular young man, who lived life fully. But he was also a caring individual who was out running to raise money for charity. With his family's consent, his vital organs were donated following his death, and a number of individuals now have an enhanced quality of life due to his generosity. Our deepest sympathy go to his family and girlfriend on their sad loss. The parable in this Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we all have talents of one kind or another. What matters is not how many talents we have, or what kind of talent (ie: sporting, artistic, academic, IT, organisational, caring), but simply that we use our talent to enhance the quality of life for other people or for our community. This is how God's kingdom grows and becomes a living reality.

Fr. Richard Sheehy

As the government Plan for Living with Covid-19 looks set to continue at Level Five for the next month at least, our annual Service of Remembrance for those parishioners who died during the past year will take place online on **Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm**. We regret that we are unable to invite the families of those parishioners who died during the past year and parishioners who wish to remember a deceased loved one to attend in person. However, all parishioners are invited to participate at the Service, which this year

takes the form of a Liturgy of the Word, via the webcam. As their names are called out, a candle will be lit at the Mass for each parishioner who died during the past year. The church will remain open each day from about 11.00am to 3.00pm so that parishioners may call into the church to say a prayer, find a quiet space or light a candle.



	Sat.	14th	6.00pm	Ann Hallahan (A) Ronan Power (Birthday remembrance)
	Sun.	15th	11.00am	William & Mary Whelan (A)
	Mon.	16th	10.30am	Terry Eiffe (A) Mary Dunne (A)
	Wed.	18th	10.30am	Patrick Leonard (A)
	Thur.	19th	10.30am	Dec. members of the Active Retirement Group
	Fri.	20th	10.30am	Gretta & John McGrath (A)
	Sat.	21st	6.00pm	Kevin O'Neill (A) Deborah O'Neill Smyth (A)

We thank parishioners who have been kind enough to drop in their contributions to the First and Second Collections and to the Family Offering each week. It is greatly appreciated. We also draw parishioners' attention to the 'Donate' button, on the Parish website which some parishioners may find an easier way to make their regular contributions, especially during this time of lockdown.

Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to info@ionaroadparish.ie

PARISH



LINK

Issue No 27/44

Parish of St. Columba

15 November 2020



Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things.

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.

**Mass in the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes
AVAILABLE ON WEBCAM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The website for each of the churches webcam is the following

Iona Rd. webcam (www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam (www.rednuns.com)

Our Lady of Victories Ballymun Rd webcam (www.olv.ie)

Our Lady of Dolour's Glasnevin webcam (www.glasnevinparish.ie)

Out Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall webcam (www.ballygallparish.ie)



Email info@macfd.ie

2020 Autumn Online Events
Online Book Club "A Creed For Today"
Autumn Songs To Warm The Heart
Mindfulness Moments
In Loving Memory
Shelter Me
Darkness Towards Light

A chara, We hope this November morning finds you rested and at ease. We have the privilege of living in interesting times don't we - between covid and american elections, we might forget to live in the present moment at all! So now is a chance to step back and stay grounded in the present - whether by taking walks or reading or phoning a friend.

We were so pleased last night to welcome over 200 participants on Donal Dorrs book club. Donal was a fantastic speaker and the conversation flowed so well - I think we all signed off with a smile on our faces. Thanks to all who engaged.

Email info@macfd.ie for details on how to join next week.

Last weeks newsletter had lots of resources, so this week we will keep it simple. Some prayer resources for personal use and some reflections to enjoy. I have also included details of current and upcoming courses for those interested - many are free this month.

Please God we will all stay well and healthy in these times, and 'go mbeirimid beo is le cheile aris' - may we all be well and together again soon. Take care, Noirin



Volunteer Drivers Irish Cancer Society

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. Please email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie or call 01 2310 566 for an application form. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are seeking drivers under the age of 70 years.

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 (richardesheehy@gmail.com) for the meeting ID and password.

COVID-19 Support Lines 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, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

The Irish Kidney Association's Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

People from all walks of life and beliefs, united in their wish to honour organ donors, are encouraged to come together for the Irish Kidney Association's 35th Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. The Irish Kidney Association promises a truly special and poignant Service for people of all beliefs which is laced with beautiful music and symbolic processions, readings and messages from the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough. The Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will be broadcast on RTÉ on Sunday, 15th November 2020 at 11am.



Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the Pandemic. In the face of such loss and trauma, the Irish Hospice Foundation have a Bereavement Support Line. It is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77

Senior Line

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freephone 1800 80 45 91

Exploring Christus Vivit and creating new young adult leaders in our Church

Join the conversation during Lockdown on continuing to explore the richness of Christus Vivit. By Reading and Reflecting Exploring Christus Vivit, it hoped to encourage and invite leaders to take up Pope Francis' challenge to find ways of involving young people in the life of the Church. Takes Place on Monday's in November 7:30pm-8:30pm. To register – email gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie with your name, email. For more details see www.evangelisation.ie

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to 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