

## Reflection

This Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, we begin the season of Advent, a season of joyful expectation as we prepare to celebrate the God who comes to us in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. The news that we can once again welcome parishioners through the doors of our church to attend Mass, gives us a lift as we embark on our Advent journey. As you can see from the Parish Link, while we are planning a short Prayer Service via webcam this Monday evening at 7.30pm to mark the beginning of Advent, there are also opportunities to participate online in a number of Advent events around the diocese. In the Christmas mailing which will be going out to parishioners in the coming week we will include an Advent Journey card, which contains suggestions for activities and moments of prayer to celebrate Advent at home. As we prepare to welcome Christ anew this Advent, may the voices and witness of Isaiah, John the Baptist and Mary journey with us!

Keep an eye out for updates on our Christmas arrangements by checking our parish website regularly ([www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)) Fr. Richard Sheehy



## REFLECTIONS FOR THE TIME AND SEASON

Advent Reflection Online at [olv.ie](http://olv.ie)

Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December At 7.30pm

Facilitated by Fr. Paddy Sweeney

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec : 'An Examined Life'

10<sup>th</sup> Dec : 'It doesn't make sense'

17<sup>th</sup> Dec : 'Extravagant Abundance'



## Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	28th	6.00pm	Sean O'Reilly (A)
Wed.	2nd	10.30am	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary and remember Tommy McCabe
Fri.	4th	10.30am	First Friday
Sat.	5th	6.00pm	
Sun.	6th	11.00am	

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](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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*Be on your guard, stay awake,  
because you never know when  
the time will come... what I say to  
you I say to all:*

*Stay awake!"*

**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](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie))

Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com))

Our Lady of Victories Ballymun Rd webcam ([www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.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))

Corpus Christi, Drumcondra ([www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie](http://www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie).)



**Please support the St. Vincent de Paul Collection;**  
**Sunday 13th December 2020**

SVP St Columba's Conference will be conducting their  
Annual Giving Sunday collection on **Sunday 13th**  
**December 2020**

Each year our Conference makes approximately 300 visits  
to families & individuals in need in this community.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions currently we are unable to have the usual  
Monthly collections at the Church door but you can donate directly to our Conference at  
[svp.ie/support](http://svp.ie/support) or calling 0818 176 176 giving our Conference Name (St. Columba Iona  
Road) or using the pre addressed Blue envelopes at the back of the church and placing  
them in the safe there.

The funds raised will be spent IN THIS COMMUNITY helping those who need it most  
with food and education costs throughout next year and beyond.

We rely almost entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners of St. Columba.

Thanks you in advance for your continued support

SVP Iona Road Conference

**Advent News Too Good to Keep** Written by Gerard Gallagher (Office  
for Evangelisation and Ecumenism) is a thought-provoking selection of  
scripture readings and reflections designed to accompany the reader  
through the season of Advent. This accessible and practical guide, which  
also includes inspirational quotations and questions to prompt the reader to  
effect change in their day-to-day lives, is the perfect companion for this  
essential period in the Church calendar. Ideal for a personal retreat this  
Advent. **To purchase a copy - [https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/  
advent-news-too-good-to-keep-9781847309792-46126/](https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/advent-news-too-good-to-keep-9781847309792-46126/)**



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Advent Journey**

Please join us via webcam for our Advent Prayer Service to mark the start  
of Advent at 7.30pm from St. Columba's Church  
on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**The four candles**

Hope becomes Peace, Peace becomes Joy,  
Joy becomes Love, Love becomes Christ

On Saturday 21st November Sr. Stacey Cameron was welcomed into the  
Monastery of St. Alphonsus. Sr. Stacey transferred from the Congregation of the  
Sisters of St. Peter Claver in Scotland. After many years of apostolic life with  
the Congregation she felt God calling her to contemplative life. After prayerful  
discernment and having spent some time with the Sisters during  
the summer she felt it is where God led her.

**Living Advent Calendar 2020**

We are asking parishioners to tell the Christmas story in 25 days. This  
will be shared on Facebook every morning at 8am from the 1st of Decem-  
ber @CCPCDublin. If you like to be involved contact **Christina Malone**  
**085 716 2152** or email [christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie)

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)

**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.  
Freefone 1800 80 45 91