

Reflection

Since the guns fell silent across the western front at 11.00am on the 11th day of the 11th month 1918, it has become customary to remember the fallen dead of all wars around that anniversary each year. Containing the elements of silence, haunting music, the laying of a wreath, a simple prayer service or reciting of a poem, the ceremonies are generally dignified. November is also the month when Christians remember and pray for their deceased loved ones, the Holy Souls. **Next Thursday evening** we will hold our annual Service in memory of those parishioners who died during the past year. It will be different this year for two reasons. The first is that several of the parishioners died since March when Covid 19 became a reality of life here. It meant that sometimes people died in a hospital or nursing home setting, where because of restrictions their loved ones had very limited opportunity to visit and say goodbye. This only added to the pain of their loss. The second is that because of the same restrictions we are unable to invite the families of our deceased parishioners to attend the Service in person, at the very time when we so want to reach out to them and show them our support. Nevertheless we are planning a lovely Liturgy of the Word, which we hope these families can participate in online and hear their loved one's name called out and see a candle lit in their memory. We also invite parishioners to follow the Service at 7.30pm on our webcam and to light your own candle at home in prayerful memory of your deceased loved ones. May they all live in the eternal light of God's love, the Communion of saints! May they rest in peace.

Fr. Richard

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 **NEXT 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.



Mass Intentions for the coming week



Sat.	21st	6.00pm	Rita Rocca (Month's Mind) Kevin O'Neill (A) Deborah O'Neill Smyth (A)
Mon.	23rd	10.30am	Sarah Purcell (A)
Fri.	27th	10.30am	Edel Dillon (1st A)
Sat.	28th	6.00pm	Sean O'Reilly (A)
Sun.	29th	11.00am	



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CHRIST THE KING

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

**Love is Something
You Do**



MATTHEW 25:31-46

Prayer :

Wake us up, O God, and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person, each day of our lives. **Amen.**

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)

Corpus Christi, Drumcondra (www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie.)



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

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 support our St. Vincent de Paul Collection
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 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

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 (richarddesheehy@gmail.com)

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.

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.

YCD Connected Group

The **Young Church Dublin** have started a connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) to gather online. We meet every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm. We will have time of catch up, reflection on Scripture, chat in small discussion groups and enjoy time in prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. If you would like to join us, please email

st.pauls@dublindiocese.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



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.
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