

Reflection: *It is very easy in this globalised world to think that we are at the mercy of forces beyond ourselves, so that our actions count for little. Covid-19 is revealing a very different story. While a storm is raging this week about AstraZeneca's failure to deliver its promised quantity of vaccines to EU countries, government ministers and health care professionals are at pains to remind us that the one effective measure to control the spread of the coronavirus rests with each individual's behaviour. The falling number of cases this week suggests that we have taken the message to heart. If it's true for the coronavirus, maybe it's also true for tackling other challenges, like climate change, inequality, poverty, loneliness, addiction. Our choices matter. Trying to follow Christ daily matters. 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?' (Mark 1: 24)*

Fr. Richard

Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults – New Course Dates 2021
The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel leadership Skills. It is run jointly by the Catholic and Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin and a team of young adult volunteers. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be one Saturday morning monthly (20 February, 20 March initially). For more information, online registration and payment –

<https://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/11/foundational-leadership-programme-sign-up-2020/>

Irish Hospice Foundation - Living with Loss

We are now accepting bookings for the 2021 series of Workshops on Loss and Bereavement which will be delivered online via Zoom from January - June. Details and booking process can be found on the following link <https://hospicefoundation.ie/education-training/bereavement-training/workshops/> Please note bookings and payment for the workshops can only be made by using the following link to Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/irish-hospice-foundation-31883804183>

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Mon. 1st Feb 10.30am Sp Int for Nancy O'Brien

Pray for Recently deceased :

**Cyril Hynes of Dalcassian Downs and
Elizabeth (Lil) Halton of Iona Villas**

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to parishlink@gmail.com or dropped into the Parish Office. A contact name and phone number is required for each item.

Ph: 8308257 or email ionaroadparish@gmail.com
St. Columba's Parish website : www.ionaroadparish.ie

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HE TAUGHT THEM WITH AUTHORITY

IN HONOUR OF SAINT BRIGID'S DAY—MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Brigid (Prayer on St Brigid's Day from the Irish Chaplaincy in London)

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen

(Author unknown)

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.



We are grateful for the great generosity of parishioners in returning Christmas Offerings,

which form a significant part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. We also thank parishioners for your contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**. We also draw parishioners' attention to the 'Donate' button on the parish website www.ionaroadparish.ie, which some may prefer to use for their regular contributions.

Any household who is waiting for the 2021 box of envelopes to be delivered to your home please note that during this current time of lockdown we are not in a position to deliver them and we hope to get them to you as soon as it is possible.

ALONE manage a national COVID-19 Support Line for Older People and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the Coronavirus. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. **The support line 0818 222 024 is open 7 days a week 8am - 8pm**

Senior Line If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. 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

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. For more info about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

Under current government restrictions, Sunday and weekday Masses are accessible only on webcam, which is accessed through the front page of the parish website: www.ionaroadparish.ie All Sunday and weekday Masses are recorded for later viewing. The church remains open each day from 11.00am-3.00pm for private prayer.

The website for each of the churches in the Glasnevin Grouping is as follows:

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)

While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation.

Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.

Patience Strong

Accord Dublin is the diocesan agency which supports marriage and the family. It provides online marriage preparation courses and marriage counselling. The demand for services is greater than ever. **The Annual Collection** for Accord takes place on the weekend of 13th & 14th February. Parishioners can donate in the following ways:

Online at www.accorddublin.ie where you will find a DONATE button.

By post to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

By bank transfer to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIE2D.

Join a weekly Zoom meeting each Thursday at 7.30pm led by **Fr. Richard** to read and reflect together on the readings for the following Sunday. We meet for just 45 minutes and are always happy to welcome new participants. This may be of particular interest to

Ministers of the Word or members of parish liturgy groups.

Just give the parish your email address, and a link to the meeting will be sent to you each week.



Margaret
Aylward Centre
for Faith & Dialogue

*a place of prayer, tranquility, conversation
and dialogue for all*

2021 Spring Online Events

The Mystical Journey

Toward A New Imaging

Trellis For The Soul

Meditate At Home With The Labyrinth

All You Need Is Love

Further information @

www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/

Until the newly built Monastery of St. Alphonsus opened its chapel to the public twenty years ago, the nuns were shadowy figures and were rarely seen by the congregation. Happily all that has changed and Sr. Gabrielle Fox OSsR, has now edited a wonderful book which give the lives of the Dublin Redemptoristine Nuns. She has called the book "**Surrendered To Love**". It is a fascinating read and charts the lives of the nuns during the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries from their arriving in Drumcondra in 1859 to the present day.

We look forward to welcoming **Archbishop-elect Dermot Farrell**, to our diocese in the coming week and pray that the Lord will bless his ministry. We are grateful for the dedicated service to the people and priests of the diocese of **Archbishop Diarmuid Martin** and wish him well in his retirement.

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You are invited you to join us for next 2 Online Liturgy Tuesdays with presentations and chats where ideas can be shared. To book your place email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie
Tuesday 2nd February 2021
8.00 - 8.45pm -
ONLINE (www.rednuns.com)
Day for Consecrated Life
Tuesday 9th February 2021
8.00 - 8.45pm - **ZOOM** -
How do we reconcile in COVID time?