

Reflection:

The readings this Sunday speak to us in a way that resonates all too well with our experience of living with the pandemic over the past year: looking out for tell-tale symptoms, having suspicions confirmed by someone in authority, fear of contagion, avoidance of physical contact, self-isolation or enforced quarantine. The focus in the first reading from Leviticus, third book of the Hebrew Torah, is on protection of the community. The fear response wins out. The Gospel, in stark contrast, shows Jesus responding to the needs of the individual whom he encounters. It is a response of compassion and love, and the outcome is healing. Every day, without even leaving our home, we will encounter situations where someone looks to us for acceptance, understanding, patience, encouragement, forgiveness, inclusion, generosity, all of which we can offer...if we want to.

Fr. Richard

PARISH



LINK

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Parish of St. Columba

14th February 2021

Sixth Sunday in



On this St Valentine's Day we will be remembering those who are planning to get married in the coming year, as well as those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary.

Next Wednesday, 17th February, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent. Mass with blessing of ashes will take place at 10.00am. However, due to Covid restrictions, it will not be possible to distribute ashes this year. Our participation in this traditional ritual will be both virtual and spiritual. Ash Wednesday is traditionally a day of fast and abstinence.



Mass Intentions for the coming week

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| Sat. | 13th | 6.00pm | Maureen Keegan (Month's Mind)
Cara Toolin (Month's Mind) |
| Sun. | 14th | 11.00am | Brendan Doorey (1st A) |
| Mon. | 15th | 6.00pm | Peter Gallagher (A) |
| Sat. | 20th | 6.00pm | Robert Conlan (A)
Kathleen Kelly (A) |
| Sun. | 21st | 11.00am | |



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



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.

The Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes presents:

'Living in Unsettling Times: Reflections for the Time and Season'.

A series of online reflections by Fr. Paddy Sweeney -

5 Thursdays in Lent at 7.30pm. The weekly reflections can be accessed on webcam from each of the five parishes in turn.

Thurs 25th February - Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road

Navigating the wilderness - dangers and possibilities

Thurs 4th March - Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall: *Is God asleep?*

Thurs 11th March - Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin: *Living with Loss*

Thurs 18th March - St. Columba's, Iona Rd *Will we get back to normal?*

Thurs 25th March - Corpus Christi, Drumcondra *I haven't much to offer!*

Sunday and weekday Masses are accessible only on webcam, which is accessed through the front page of the Parish Website

Iona Rd. webcam (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.)

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 **THIS 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:BOFIIE2D.

Join a weekly Zoom meeting each Thursday @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 secretary your email address, and a link to the meeting will be sent to you each week.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2021

This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity.

Trocaire's Lenten Campaign BOXES are available at the back of the church

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. These services provide support, coping skills and information and help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more info about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie.

Faithfest for teenagers is back!! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place **Friday 5 March from 6:30 – 8:30pm online**. You can register online using this link: <https://forms.gle/DwKDsXCuTornHFYA8>. For more information email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE

Join us for Pastoral Conversations -

5 Tuesdays starting 16th February @ 8pm

Feb 16th	Let it Go	Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation and the Liturgy Resource Centre. To book Email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie
Feb 23rd	Would you listen to Him	
March 2nd	Songs of the Sanctuary	
March 9th	Into the Light	
March 16th	Seeds of Hope	