

### Reflection

For the past year our whole way of life has been transfigured by the presence of the coronavirus. So many of the ordinary things of life have been interrupted, like going to school or work, visiting friends, playing sport or simply shopping. When did we last shake hands with someone? Many of those who have become infected have been left seriously compromised by the experience. But we have also seen a response of extraordinary compassion, especially among our health care professionals who have extended themselves not just to provide medical and nursing care but humanity and encouragement when patients' families and loved ones could not visit. Many of us have a heightened awareness of those in our community who may be isolated or vulnerable, and there are countless examples of people phoning up or shopping for neighbours living alone. Today's Gospel presents a very intimate scene, where Jesus's closest followers witness him being transfigured by the love of the Father. We know he will be transfigured later on the cross, though here too love ultimately triumphs over suffering. Lent is an invitation to us to take time to be apart, like Peter, James and John, to rest in the Father's love so that we too can be gradually transfigured into the likeness of Christ. 'Rabbi, it is wonderful for us to be here.'

Fr. Richard

### Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	27th	6.00pm	Nora Carroll (2nd A) Lil Halton (Month's Mind)
			Matt Halton (A) & pray for Lisa Lynch,
Sun.	28th	11.00am	Peter Doyle 1st A
Wed.	3rd	10.30am	John Gibbons (A)
Sat.	6th	10.30am	Tom O'Reilly (A)
Sun.	7th	10.30am	Dolores Giblin (A)

### Pray for Recently deceased :

Rose Mary (Maureen) Murray St. Teresa's Place



We thank parishioners for your generous contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**.

A '**Donate**' button on the parish website [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie), can also be used for regular contributions.

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)

St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

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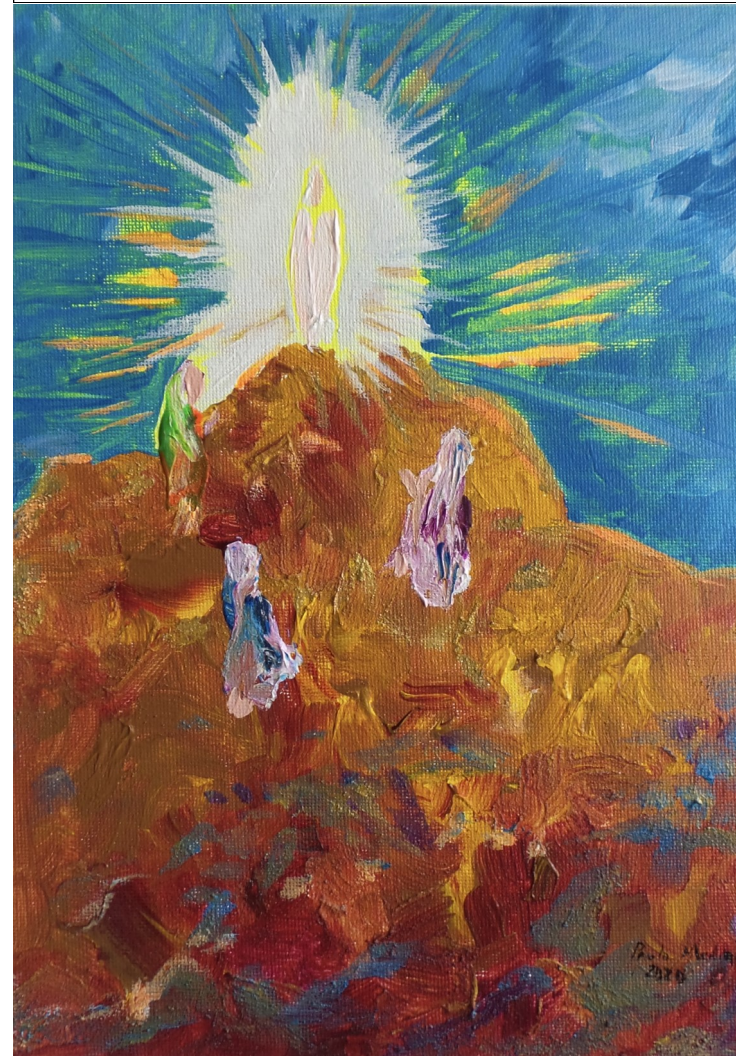


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'This  
is my  
Son,  
the  
Beloved  
Listen  
to  
him.'

**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.

## 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.

Parish resources are now available at

**Parishes - Resources | Trócaire (trocaire.org)**  
**Trocaire's Lenten Campaign BOXES are available**  
**at the back of the church**

There are a number of very worthwhile initiatives for Lent, all of which can be accessed online from the Lent 2021 section of the diocesan website [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie) including:

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

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - 5 Tuesdays @8pm.

March 2nd - Songs of the Sanctuary

March 9th - Into the Light

March 16th - Seeds of Hope

Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation and the Liturgy Resource Centre. To book email [lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie)



Acts of Love for Lent – a practical suggestion for each day of Lent

Lent on Line (LOL) – on each day of Lent, families from around the diocese, including our parish, offer a two minute reflection on what Lent means to them, posted at 8am each day.

### 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 – each Thursday at 7.30pm.

The weekly reflections can be accessed on webcam from each of the five parishes in turn.

**Thursday 4th March:** Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall: [www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie)  
*Is God asleep?*

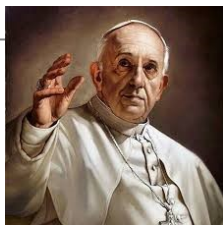
**Thursday 11th March:** Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin: [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)  
*Living with Loss*

**Thursday 18th March:** St. Columba's, Iona Road: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)  
*Will we get back to normal?*

**Thursday 25th March:** Corpus Christi, Drumcondra: [www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie](http://www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie)  
*I haven't much to offer!*

### Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2012

"Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion."



**An Information Evening for couples** (recently married or engaged) who might be interested in further developing their relationship within a Christian context, is being held (via ZOOM) this Sunday, 28th February at 8pm. It will be an opportunity to hear about Tandem Teams, a programme of reflection and discussion for couples who are engaged or newly married. If interested in attending the online information meeting, contact Mark and Anne O' Leary to get the zoom link at: [mark123oleary@gmail.com](mailto:mark123oleary@gmail.com)

**An afternoon of reflection for married and engaged couples** will be held on **Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>** from 2pm- 5pm. Organised by Teams Ireland, the afternoon will be led by Colette Furlong, a chaplain at Sligo University Hospital and catechist at Sligo Cluster of Parishes and will offer presentations, periods of reflection, and time for small group sharing.

The day will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist by Fr Richard Sheehy via webcam from the church of St. Columba Iona Road at 6.00pm ([www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)). A voluntary contribution of €5 per person is requested.

To book, contact Rosemarie and Brendan Gavin at: [breros7@gmail.com](mailto:breros7@gmail.com)



Our weekly Zoom meeting to read and reflect together on the readings for the following Sunday is now on Fridays at 7.30pm to

facilitate parishioners participating in Fr. Paddy Sweeney's reflections on Thursday evenings. Our shared reading of the Sunday readings may be of particular interest to Ministers of the Word or members of parish liturgy groups. Provide the parish with your email address, and a link to the meeting will be sent to you each week.

**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](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)

**ALONE** manage a national COVID-19 Support Line 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

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](http://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](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))

Our Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall webcam ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie))

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

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