

Reflection: The way of discipleship is modelled for us by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel: firmly grounded in a relationship with God in prayer, it is a ministry of teaching by doing; seeking to bring life, healing and hope to others; and a willingness to move beyond our comfort zones into unfamiliar places. Following his (necessarily low-key) installation this week, Archbishop Dermot Farrell, begins his new mission as pastor for the Dublin diocese. Following in Jesus' footsteps, he has accepted the call to move from Ossory to Dublin. We welcome him and ask the Lord to bless his ministry among us. The excerpt below from his homily at the Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, provides a glimpse to his understanding of the mission of Christ, in which we are all called to participate.

'I come to you with hope in my heart.... a hope born of a conviction that transcends these difficult days through which we are living, and a hope that transcends the limits of our own capabilities. This very time, with all its frustration and fear, is rich with possibilities, already carrying the future, overflowing with Christ....How we live out of these challenges and opportunities, will define who we really are as a people of faith. We face the formidable task of 'preparing the way of the Lord' for the next generation, of bringing good news to the people of our time. Everyone in this diocese – laity, priests and deacons, religious– has something essential to contribute to the future of the faith in Dublin. It is how we embrace this mission that is going to make the difference.'

Fr. Richard

LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO LIFE Five Pastoral Conversations on Zoom. Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation and the Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre. **Tuesdays 16 Feb, 23 Feb, 2 Mar, 9 Mar and 16 Mar 2021 at 8.00 p.m.** Full details including booking information shortly



Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sun.	7th	11.00am	Michael Doyle (1st A)
Wed.	10th	10.30am	Johanna O'Brien (A)
Fri.	12th	10.30am	Mary Collis (A)
Sun.	14th	11.00am	Brendan Doorey (1st A)

Pray for Recently deceased :

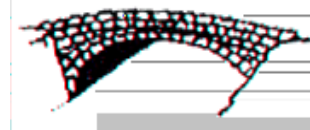
Concepta Warren, Walsh Rd
Marie Carpenter, Dargle Rd
Sheila Dufficy, Drumcondra/Strokestown/Kerry



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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Parish of St. Columba

7th February 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*He cured many who were suffering from disease
of one kind or another*



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

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 Trocaire.org/ParishResources

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)

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.



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and dialogue for all*

2021 Spring Online Events

The Mystical Journey

Toward A New Imagining

Trellis For The Soul

Meditate At Home With The Labyrinth

All You Need Is Love

Further information @

www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/

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You are invited
you to join us
for the last
Online Liturgy Tuesday with
presentations and chats where
ideas can be shared. To book
your place email

lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie

Tuesday 9th February 2021

8.00 - 8.45pm - ZOOM -

*How do we reconcile in COVID
time?*

Faithfest 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. For more information email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

A meeting of the
Glasnevin
Grouping Committee will
take place at 8.00pm on
Tuesday 9th Feb.

COVID-19 and Church-21: New survey—The Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, DCU invites all adult churchgoers in Ireland to take part in their new survey [Covid-19 & Church-21](#). It aims to gather information on how churchgoing and faith have been impacted by the pandemic and to find out more about the different online and socially-distanced services that have taken place during the varying restrictions. Your input is much appreciated. All adults - lay, clergy and religious, are invited to participate in this anonymous study. For more, please see [Covid-19 & Church-21](#) or contact bernadette.sweetman@dcu.ie.