

**Reflection ..** It is an obvious disappointment to us all that for the second year in a row we are unable to gather as a community of faith to celebrate the moving and powerful liturgies of Holy Week. It feels like we are living through a prolonged Lent, but perhaps it offers us new insight into the experience of the Israelites wandering in the Sinai desert, stranded somewhere between captivity in Egypt and the promised land.

As we enter into the mystery of Christ's passion and death, we are conscious of how many families in our own community have experienced this mystery of suffering, death and loss in the past year. We have been confronted with our powerlessness in the face of an invisible yet deadly virus. But the journey through Holy Week is always a journey of faith. While confronting the reality of pain, sickness and evil, we look to Easter and proclaim our faith in the resurrection. As we contemplate the mystery of God's love for us revealed on the cross, we rediscover the confidence to proclaim our hope.

Hopefully, parishioners will be able to join us via webcam for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. You will note from the timetable of Holy Week in this newsletter that a ceremony will take place each night of Holy Week in one or other of the churches in the Glasnevin Grouping. We have put the webcam address of the particular church beside each service. RTE will also be broadcasting Easter ceremonies from the basilica in Knock. Included in the Easter mailing which has gone out to parishioners is a colourful activity card, which helps us to mark the different days of Holy Week at home or with the family.

As we journey through Holy Week, may we discover the companionship of the Risen Lord who walks with us.

**Fr Richard**



**SUMMERTIME BEGINS ON  
SUNDAY 28TH MARCH AT 02.00am.  
CLOCKS SHOULD GO FORWARD ONE HOUR**



**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Sun. 28th 10.30am Bill Darby (1st A)**  
**Sun. 4th 11.00am Ronan Power (1st A)**

**Please pray for all recently deceased.**



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.

**Date 21/3/2021 : 1st collection €1040 / 2nd Collection €0 / Family Offering €2584**

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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28th March 2021



*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
Christ was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory!*

**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.**

**Parish of Our Lady of Dolours & St. Columba, Iona Road and the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes Holy Week Timetable**

*As we will still be at level five of the government plan, all services will be available via webcam only. Holy Week services to take place in Iona Road unless otherwise indicated below.*

**Palm Sunday  
28<sup>th</sup> March**

Mass and Blessing of Palms at  
6.00pm Sat Vigil, & 11.00am Sunday Morning  
[www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) &

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

11.00am Glasnevin [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.00pm in  
Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road, [www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie)

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Penitential Service at 7.30pm,  
[www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Service of The Seven Last Words at 7.30pm, Our  
Lady of Dolours Glasnevin, [www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)

**Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm  
[www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) &  
[www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Stations of the Cross at 12.00 noon in Corpus Christi,  
Drumcondra, [www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie](http://www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie)  
Celebration of Our Lord's Passion at 3.00pm,  
[www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) &  
[www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)

**Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm in *Our Mother of  
Divine Grace, Ballygall*, [www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie)

**Celebration of Easter Vigil at 7.30pm in  
Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road,  
[www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie)**

**Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass at 11.00am, [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) &  
[www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)  
*No evening Mass on Easter Sunday*

Sunday and weekday Masses are accessible on webcam (accessed through the front page of the parish website: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) and 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 Dolours 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))

**Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2021**

Please return your **Trocaire's Lenten Campaign BOXES**  
**to the Parish Office or to Trócaire**  
**Many thanks for your continued support.**



Supporting older people  
to age at home

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



**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 of our services  
on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

**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. Provide the parish with  
your email address, and a link to  
the meeting will be sent to you  
each week.

**The Parish Timetable of Holy Week and  
Easter Ceremonies**, activity card for  
marking Holy week at home, and Easter  
Dues envelope went out to  
parishioners this week.  
If you did not receive the pack, please  
contact the parish office, and we will send  
one out to you.  
Easter Dues contribute to  
the remuneration of the priests of  
the parish and of the diocese.



Bless these parade palms, O God of Celebration.  
May they remind us of the simple joys of living.

May we remember the excitement that comes  
with following Christ.

Bless these protest palms, O God of Justice.  
May they remind us that Empire is not  
a thing of the past.

May they make us bold and brave to  
stand up against injustice.

Bless these funeral palms, O God of Comfort.

May they remind us of the road that lies ahead.

May they encourage us in times of grief and pain.

We give you thanks for the parade, the protest, the processional.

Guide our steps through this holiest of weeks

as we cry out together "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!"

**Amen.**

Log on to Margaret Aylward Centre website for some lovely reflections and ideas for Holy Week. [www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie](http://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie)