

Reflection

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has described our experience of the pandemic as a 'prolonged Lent'. Lent is a time, not just of deprivation, but of purification. When things are going well, we often forget that suffering is an integral part of life and of the human experience. In fact it is part of many people's lives in different parts of the world most of the time, particularly for those who live in places of extreme poverty or conflict, who are stuck in refugee camps, or who are overburdened with the care of others. With the falling number of Covid infections and of hospitalisations, the increasing pace of the vaccination rollout, and schools back to normal activity this week, things are beginning to look up, and we can look forward to continued lifting of restrictions in the coming months. The real question of course is not when will we emerge from the grip of the pandemic but how? Will we be wiser, kinder, more appreciative of all that we have, grateful for the ordinary things that nourish life and relationships, more aware of our human limitations, more caring of others? This is perhaps what resurrection looks like. 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead....you are witnesses to this'. (Luke 24: 46, 48) Fr Richard Sheehy

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Mon. 19th 10.30am	Johanna & Martin Cowan, Mick Cowan and Peg Kavanagh (A)
Sat. 24th 6.00pm	Delia Kennedy (1stA)
Sun. 25th 11.00am	William Paddle 2nd (A)



Please pray for recently deceased **Elizabeth Farrelly**

Many thanks to parishioners who have returned *Easter Dues*, which contribute to the remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

We also thank parishioners for your generous contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**. If you have not received a box and would like to support the parish in this way, please contact the parish office.

Date 4/4/2021: 1st collection €400 / 2nd Collection € - Family Offering €1469.00

Date 11/4/2021: 2nd collection €280/ 2nd Collection € - Family Offering €873.00

A '**Donate**' button on the parish website www.ionaroadparish.ie can also be used for contributions.

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

18th April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter



He said to them
"Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself.
Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have
flesh and bones as you see that I have."

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.

Sunday and weekday Masses are accessible on webcam (accessed through the front page of the parish website): www.ionaroadparish.ie and are recorded for later viewing.

Vigil Mass is 6pm Saturday and 11am Sunday
Daily Mass online will be held at 10.30am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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)

Pope Francis on Tuesday announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph starting from 8th December 2020 until 8th December 2021, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

Beginning Friday the 23rd of April in Our Lady of Victories Church the Novena to St. Joseph will commence each day at 10.30 am (Unless there is a funeral). In which case the Novena will be prayed after the Funeral Mass. I invite you all to join with me on Webcam as together we pray this Novena.

Fr. Frank Reburn

Parish Pastoral Council Workshops April 2021

Normally the Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism would host regional gatherings post Easter. This year we will offer our workshops 'online'. To take part you must be serving on an existing Parish Pastoral Council or just appointed.

To book <https://forms.gle/v2D6tDoqr2ozpRhg9> give your Name, Email and Parish and a link will be sent to you.

20th April - 'Family of Families' -

Keeping Families connected to Parish

27th April - Working towards a Parish Assembly

All workshops begin 7:00-8:00 pm.

For more information email: evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie

ALONE

Supporting older people to age at home

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

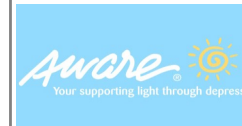
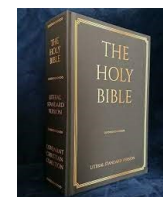


The St. Vincent de Paul would like to acknowledge receipt of the following anonymous donations: €150 €100, €25, €20, €20 €10 & €1.

YCD CONNECTED – BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's). We meet online **every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm** for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

The weekly zoom meeting to read and reflect together on the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday continues each Friday at 7.30pm. It's only 45 mins but is always an engaging and fruitful preparation to hear the Gospel proclaimed on Sunday. If you would like to join in any Friday evening, just give your email address to the Parish secretary and a link to the meeting will be sent to you.



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

Thanks also to parishioners who have left in contributions towards Trocaire's Lenten Campaign, and towards our local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Both organisations have been unable to collect funds in the usual way with churches being closed for so long, o your support is all the more appreciated. You can still drop in donations towards either organisation in the coming weeks, and we will make sure to pass them on.

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DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK—ONLINE

ADULT & FAMILY PILGRIMAGE will take place on **Sat April 24th** with a programme of online workshops from

Our Lady of Victories Church, via webcam commencing at 12pm.

From 2.30pm, we will switch to the Knock Shrine webcam for the rosary, the Pilgrimage Mass at 3pm and opportunity for quiet time in the Apparition Chapel.