

### Reflection

The fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, after the Gospel of the day. The image of Christ as a shepherd who leads and protects his flock is an appealing one. The word 'pastor,' for a priest or bishop conveys the same idea. But parents also 'shepherd' their children into adulthood, and teachers play a similar role of guiding and leading the pupils in their care. As Pope Francis underscores in his book, *Let us Dream*, in the past year we have seen the extraordinary selflessness of so many healthcare and other frontline workers in hospitals and nursing homes, who have given everything to look after those in their care: 'Think of what we've seen during this Covid-19 crisis. All those men and women who have laid down their lives in service to those most in need. Think of the health workers, the doctors and nurses and other caregivers, as well as the chaplains and all who chose to accompany others in their pain. They were witnesses to closeness and tenderness. Many tragically died'. To hear this week that some of those who had been working in nursing home settings have been forced out of their HSE temporary accommodation scheme to return to living in direct provision centres is nothing short of a scandal. As individuals, as Church, and as a society we all have a duty of care towards the most vulnerable. 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.' (John 10: 11)

Fr Richard

### Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	24th	6.00pm	Delia Kennedy (1stA)
Sun.	25th	11.00am	William Paddle 2nd (A)
Wed.	28th	10.30am	George Rooney & intentions of all who attended his funeral
Fri.	30th	10.30am	Thomas & Elizabeth Teatum (A)

**Please pray for all recently deceased**



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 18/4/2021:** 1<sup>st</sup> collection €0 / 2nd Collection €0 Family Offering €1837.00

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

# PARISH



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## Fourth Sunday of Easter



Jesus said:

I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

**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](http://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](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))

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

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

#### 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 **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](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has attended the first meeting of the Task Force on a Church for the Dublin Archdiocese of Tomorrow which he has established under the title, Building Hope.

Speaking to the members at the first meeting, Archbishop Farrell said: 'I am very pleased that the Task Force reflects the diversity of the Archdiocese of Dublin, in terms of geography, expertise and the balance between lay and clerical, and male and female members. The dialogue within the Task Force will stimulate engagement with the whole diocesan family and shape an inclusive approach to a pastoral strategy appropriate to our times.'

The Archbishop said that the terms of reference which he has given to the Task Force begin with an assessment of the needs of the people of the Archdiocese emerging from COVID-19. He expects its work to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity. The Archbishop stressed his expectation that the Task Force will enable the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead. For more details look up [dublindiocese.ie/launch-of-task-force-building-hope/](http://dublindiocese.ie/launch-of-task-force-building-hope/)



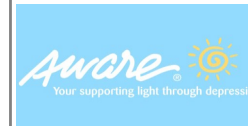
Alone manage a national COVID-19 Support Line for Older People who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the Coronavirus. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line 0818 222 024 is open 7 days a week 8am - 8pm

Teen Hope Connected is a weekly Youth Group. It takes place every **Wednesday 6-7pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun, exploring faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you are interested please email: [kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

**Parish Pastoral Council Workshops April 2021 - Final Workshop**  
**27<sup>th</sup> April** - Working towards a Parish Assembly 7:00-8:00 pm. To take part you must be serving on a Parish Pastoral Council or just appointed. For more information email [evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie) To book <https://forms.gle/y2D6tDoqr2ozpRhg9> **give your Name, Email and Parish** and a link will be sent to you.

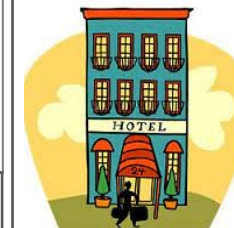
The monthly meeting of the parish Finance Committee will take place via zoom on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm.**

**DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK—ONLINE ADULT & FAMILY PILGRIMAGE** will take place on Sat April 24<sup>th</sup> from Our Lady of Victories Church, From 12pm.



**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)

#### Good news from Iona Active Retirement Group



A holiday has been arranged at the Galway Bay Hotel in Salthill. Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct Five nights B & B & Dinner.

€354 per person sharing.  
€454 single room.

Book by phoning:  
091 514 645 and give your Credit Card or Visa details.

Please mention you are part of the Iona Active Retirement group.

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.

