

**Reflection:**

Resurrection faith begins in the dark. As the Gospel for Easter Sunday morning reminds us, it is not a blinding flash but a slow dawning. There is tension in John's account, with one disciple outrunning the other, and yet all they find is an empty tomb. It is only when they enter the tomb that, John tells us, they '*saw and believed*'.

Resurrection faith only begins when we enter the tomb of our suffering, our experience of loss, setback, failure or rejection, and acknowledge our pain. It is only then that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we can come to a new perspective and the possibility of new life opens before us. We have lived through a very difficult twelve months, where we have experienced restrictions on our movement and freedom which we could not have imagined a year previously. Many have lost their livelihoods, others have lost loved ones in difficult circumstances, others again experience isolation, and we all miss simply being with family members and friends. But we have also witnessed heroic and self-sacrificing care by many frontline workers, others reaching out to those who live alone; we have learned a new kindness and an appreciation for ordinary joys. With the anticipated acceleration of the vaccine roll out we can look forward to brighter days ahead. Christian faith is founded on the witness of the apostles that the cross of Good Friday is the way to Easter glory. Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

*'It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb.'* (John 20: 1)

**Fr. Richard, Fr. Paddy, and the priests and Pastoral Councils of the Glasnevin Grouping, wish everyone a very happy Easter!**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

Sun. 4th 11.00am Ronan Power (1st A)

Please pray for recently deceased Colm Culleton



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 28/3/2021** : 1st collection €- / 2nd Collection €- Family Offering €515.00

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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*Easter Day is a day of great joy.*

*As we awake this Easter morn we know the joy of those who came to the tomb on that first day of the week, that first Sunday. The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia. Having set out on the journey of the Easter Triduum we arise this morning and welcome the light of life.*

**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.

Sunday Mass is 6pm Saturday and 11am Sunday (Except Holy Saturday)  
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).)

### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – ONLINE ADULT & FAMILY PILGRIMAGE – SAVE THE DATE!

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>** with a programme of online workshops from Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road via webcam commencing at 12pm. More details to follow soon.

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.

### 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 use **the link giving your Name, Email and Parish** and a link will be sent to you.

To book <https://forms.gle/v2D6tDoqr2ozpRhq9>

**13 April** - Enabling Lay People to Lead in Parish Life

**20 April** - 'Family of Families' - Keeping Families connect to Parish

**27 April** - Working towards a Parish Assembly

All workshops begin 7:00-8:00 pm. For more information

email: [evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:evangelisation@dublindiocese.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.**



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)

The Easter Dues envelope went out to parishioners recently with the Holy Week Pack. 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. Many thanks to parishioners who have already returned **Easter Offerings**, Your generosity is greatly appreciated

The St. Vincent de Paul would like to acknowledge receipt of €5 anonymous donation.

On this Easter morning, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry -- old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling -- and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have.

We don't realize all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously. The dawn that is rising this Easter morning is a gift to our hearts and we are meant to celebrate it and to carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning."  
*John O'Donohue in conversation with John Quinn , Dawn Mass Reflections at Corcomroe Abbey WALKING ON THE PASTURES OF WONDER.*

