

## Reflection

The Taoiseach's address on Thursday evening will have brought hope and comfort to many. 'Light at the end of the tunnel' seems to be the general response to the government's plan to gradually reopen the country and the economy from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. After four long months of lockdown, at last we can begin to look forward to businesses reopening, being able to visit loved ones, at least outdoors, and to travel between counties. We also look forward to welcoming back parishioners to weekday and Sunday Mass. For many it has been a prolonged fast from the Eucharist. We appreciate that not everyone will feel ready to return to in-person attendance at Mass, and for that reason Mass will continue to be streamed on the webcam. The key to the success of the planned roadmap for reopening the country is the willingness of everyone to play their part

by continuing to observe whatever guidelines are in place at any particular time. Jesus uses the image of 'the vine' in this weekend's Gospel to highlight the fact that our full flourishing as human beings hinges on the quality of our relationship with him. The experience of Covid 19 has taught us that it also depends on the depth of our concern for and commitment to our fellow human beings. Applying for the vaccine for ourselves is a responsible act. Being concerned that people in less developed countries have equal access to vaccines is an act of Christian solidarity. 'I am the vine, you are the branches.'

Fr Richard



## Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	1st. May	6.00pm	Liz O'Flaherty (A)
Sun.	2nd May	11.00am	May Doyle (4A)
Mon.	3rd May	10.30am	Bank Holiday



## 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 continuing to drop in your contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering**. There are various options for making contributions through the 'Donate' button on the parish website [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Thanks also to parishioners who have left in contributions to **Trócaire**, 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 public worship for so long, so 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.

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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## Fifth Sunday of Easter



**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.**



Following the government announcement on Thursday, we look forward to welcoming parishioners to daily Mass from **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May** and to weekend Mass from **Sat/Sun 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> May**. A maximum of 50 can attend weekday and weekend Mass on a first come first served basis. Stewards will be on hand to count parishioners in. Mass will continue to be streamed on the webcam for those who choose for the moment to continue to participate from at home.

The first in a series of monthly **Family Masses** to accompany families preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion will take place next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm. The Mass will be accessible via webcam only at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

**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))
- Ballymun Rd webcam ([www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie))
- Glasnevin webcam ([www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie))
- Ballygall webcam ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie))
- Corpus Christi, Drumcondra ([www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie](http://www.corpuschristidrumcondra.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.**

**R.I.P.**

The death took place at Sancta Sabina, Cabra, on 25<sup>th</sup> April of Sr. Una (Nuala) Dempsey, O.P. She was the youngest of the six children – Una, Edna, Brid, Lorcan, Margaret and Nuala - of John and Mary Dempsey of 57 Iona Road. She spent many years in Lisbon teaching in the Dominican School and is survived by her sister Margaret.



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

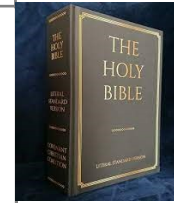
Teen Hope Connected is a weekly Youth Group. It takes place every **Wednesday 6-7pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun, exploring faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you are interested please email: [kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

The St. Vincent de Paul would like to acknowledge with Thanks an anonymous donation of €5.00



**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 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.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has established a **Task Force** on a Church for the Dublin Archdiocese of Tomorrow under the title: *Building Hope*, chaired by Very Rev Monsignor Ciaran O'Carroll, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Administrator of Donnybrook Parish. 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 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 has asked the Task Force to present an interim report by the end of June and to conclude its work by the end of the summer.

**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)

