

Reflection: We all remember the story of the bishop asking the child at Confirmation to explain the Trinity. When she replied ‘three-in-one’, and he said, ‘I don’t quite understand, she retorted, ‘You’re not meant to...it’s a mystery’!

The Solemnity of the Trinity reminds us to be humble enough when talking about God to acknowledge that we are indeed dealing with mystery. We can never know God fully, at least not in this life. But what the Trinity does tell us is that at the heart of the divine mystery is communion, and that we come to experience God as Father/Creator; Son/ Redeemer and Spirit/Enabler.

Our lives are an invitation to share in that communion with God and to live that communion in our relationships with others. As I write we are anticipating the government’s rollout plan for reopening our society in the coming weeks. Many of us are waiting to hear when we may have sacramental celebrations, such as Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation. Others want to know when they can reopen their hospitality businesses, have attendances at sporting or cultural events or go on holidays abroad. The key question we need to remind ourselves is not: what do I want to see happen, but what is best in the interest and wellbeing of everyone? This is where communion is lived out.

Fr. Richard

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	29th	6.00pm	Gabrielle McHugh (A)
Sun.	30th	11.00am	Christopher Liddy (6 month A)
Mon.	31st	10.30am	Jack & Rose Hodgers (A)
Thur.	3rd	10.30am	Seamus Savage (A)
Sat.	5th	6.00pm	Monica Mulhall (A)
Sun.	6th	11.00am	Larry Hudson (Month's Mind)
Mon.	7th	10.30am	Bank Holiday

Please Pray for all recently deceased



Contributions week ending 23 May 2021

1st Collection 380.00 2nd Collection €225.00 Family Offering €611.00

We thank parishioners for your generous 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. Contributions can also be made through the ‘Donate’ button on the parish website www.ionaroadparish.ie Thanks also to parishioners who continue to leave in contributions to our local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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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30th May 2021



*We gather this morning
in the name of the Creator
who creates time and space,
galaxies and stars and planets.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ,
born on planet Earth,
and in the name of the Spirit
who fills Earth with his presence.*

*Creator God,
in this time we call ‘now’
In this space we call ‘here’
we worship you.
Make your presence felt among us.*

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.



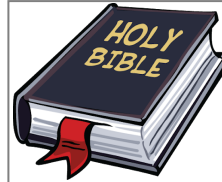
We continue to welcome back parishioners to Mass this weekend on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 11.00am. **Also daily Mass is at 10:30am on Mon. Wed. Thurs and Fri.** Since it is almost five months since we gathered in church for Sunday Mass, we would like to remind parishioners of the following guidelines: -

- The church will be divided into pods, and stewards will be on hand to count parishioners so that we can maximise the number who can attend while ensuring all safety measures are observed.
- We ask parishioners to wear a face mask while attending Mass and to sanitise your hands using one of the dispensers available as you enter the church.
- The MC will say a few words before Mass begins, again at the Offertory, and before the final hymn, to remind you of the guidelines for approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion.
- We ask you to follow the guidance of the stewards in exiting the church at the end of Mass.
- Sunday and weekday Masses will continue to be streamed on the webcam www.ionaroadparish.ie for those who choose for the moment to continue to from at home and are recorded for later viewing also.
- The church remains open each day from 11am to 3 pm for private prayer.

The website for each of the churches in the Glasnevin Grouping as follows:

Iona Rd. webcam	(www.ionaroadparish.ie)
Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam	(www.rednuns.com)
Ballymun Rd webcam	(www.olv.ie)
Glasnevin webcam	(www.glasnevinparish.ie)
Ballygall webcam	(www.ballygallparish.ie)
Corpus Christi, Drumcondra	www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie .)

A **Task Force**, entitled *Building Hope*, has been established by Archbishop Farrell to engage with the whole diocesan family as together we strive to discern a pastoral strategy appropriate to our times. The intention of the Task Force is to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity. This is a first step to enable the Archdiocese of Dublin to take action now, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead. The Task Force is inviting Parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees and individual parishioners to discuss and contribute ideas towards a vision for the pastoral future of the diocese and to identify the sources of hope in their own situation. An online consultation document will be made available in the coming weeks, and the Archbishop has asked for parish responses to be submitted by Friday 25th June.



A weekly zoom meeting to read and reflect together on the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday continues each Friday at 7.30pm. It's ideal preparation for hearing 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.

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

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 Self Care Groups of our services on www.aware.ie

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

An online parish resource to accompany families preparing for Confirmation has been prepared by the diocese. It is called *Walking with Families* and consists of 3 zoom sessions, each lasting thirty minutes.

The sessions are based on three short videos with the following themes:

- *Strength for the Journey*
- *Gifted by the Spirit*
- *Called by Name*

The sessions are intended to stimulate faith conversation at home between parents and Confirmation candidates and complement school preparation. Training for parish volunteers to present the sessions is taking place, and it is hoped to offer the programme to candidates and their families in June.

Iona Active Retirement

A holiday has been arranged for 10th October at
The Galway Bay Hotel in Salthill.

Five nights B & B & Dinner €354 per person sharing and €454 single.
Book by phoning 091 514 645 and give your Credit Card or Visa details.
Please mention you are with the Iona Active Retirement group.

Fr. Paddy is grateful for the prayers and good wishes of parishioners and is making steady progress.