

Perhaps in lieu of a reflection this week, we might include the Pope's request for prayer during the month of May for an end to the pandemic, and we might include his own prayer to Our Lady below:

Pope Francis Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	8th	6.00pm	John Hallahan (A)
Mon.	10th	10.30am	Mary Morley and Noelle Gray (A)
Wed.	12th	10.30am	Donie O'Conchúir (A)
Sun.	16th	11.00am	James (Jim) Ward (Month's Mind)



Please Pray for all recently deceased

Contributions for 2/5/2021:

1st collection €0 / 2nd Collection €0 Family Offering €140.00

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 have left in contributions to Trocaire, and towards our local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. 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 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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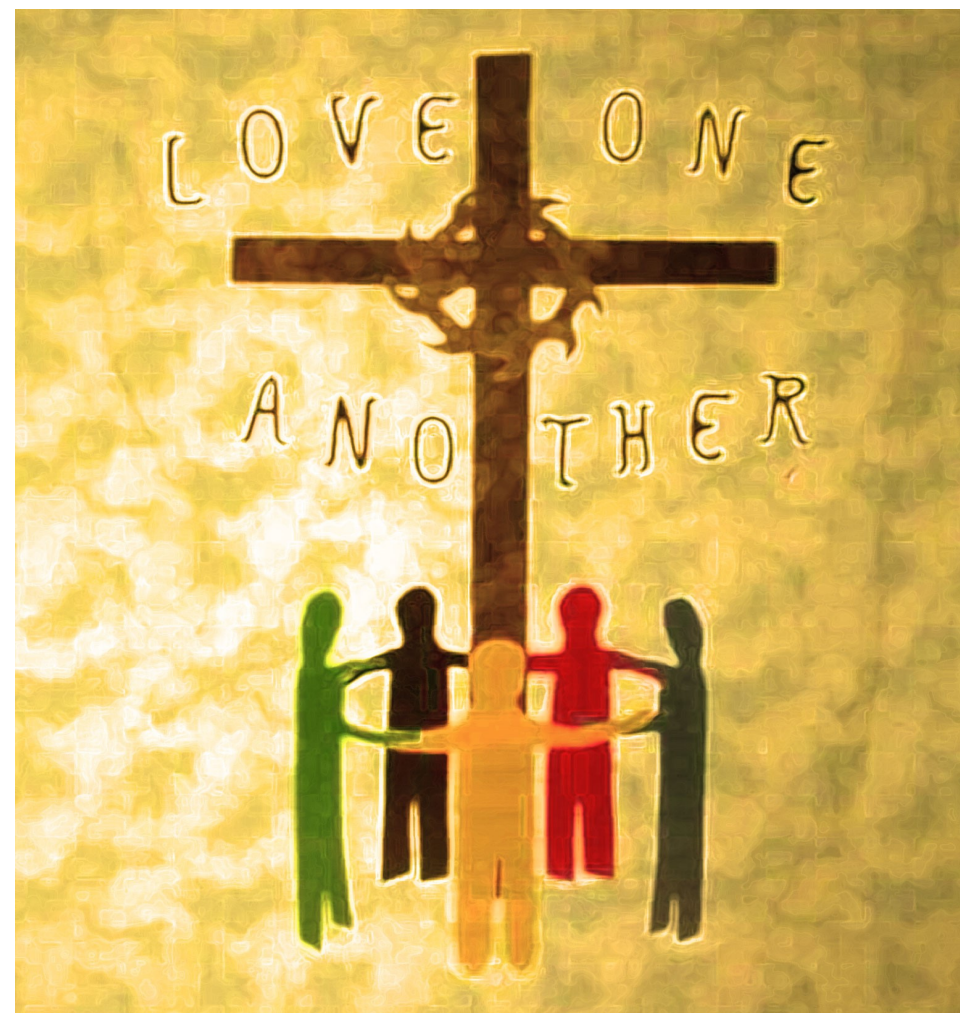
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Parish of St. Columba

9th May 2021

Sixth 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.



We are excited at the prospect of reopening the church to parishioners for weekday Mass from this Monday 10th May and for weekend Mass from next Saturday 15th May. The following guidelines may be of assistance to you.

- *The church will be divided into pods (one pod only on weekdays), and stewards will be on hand to count parishioners in and guide you where to sit, 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.
- *You will be invited to take a number from the table at the entrance and to leave this on the seat you have occupied at the end of Mass.
- *Stewards will guide you as you approach the altar for Holy Communion, with people on one side of the central aisle approaching first, then the other side.
- *Please follow the guidance of the stewards in exiting the church at the end of Mass.
- *Mass will continue to be streamed on the webcam for those who choose for the moment to continue to participate from at home: www.ionaroadparish.ie

The first in a series of monthly Family Masses to accompany families preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion will take place This Saturday 8th May at 6.00pm. Families of children in 2nd and 3rd classes in St. Columba's, St. Vincents's and Lindsay Road primary schools are invited to participate. The Mass will be accessible via webcam only at www.ionaroadparish.ie

The Sacraments Implementation Group [SIG] has prepared a parish resource for Confirmation preparation. 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 videos are intended to stimulate faith conversation at home between parents/guardians and daughters/sons for Confirmation.

These sessions aim to complement the great work of teachers in schools.

The church remains open each day from 11.00am-3.00pm for private prayer.



The marriage took place on 1st May of David Connolly of Stoneybatter and Rachel Dolan of Finglas Road.

Fr. Paddy Jones was the Celebrant. The witnesses were the Bride's father, Jackie Dolan and the Groom's father, Derek Connolly.

Congratulations!



FAITHFEST – POWERED BY THE SPIRIT

Calling all teenagers! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place 21 May from 6:30 – 8:30 online. You can register online. Registration closes on the 13th May at 5pm. For more information email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

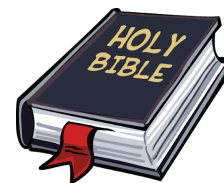
Greetings from the Margaret Aylward Centre! We continue to journey through the Easter season, though Easter may seem a while ago now!!

A friend once asked why Easter, Ascension and Pentecost were spaced so many days apart – surely he pondered God didn't need all that time. No, replied another, but we do. We who have been locked in for a long time, need time to believe resurrection is possible in our lives. We who have been looking at the ground could need to rediscover the muscles needed to look up. We who have been calling for healing and safety might need time to consider leaving the Upper Room with grace and joy and a message of hope for others.

Wherever you are – in the spring of the north or autumn of the southern hemisphere, in the joy of fully vaccinated or carefulness of waiting for vaccination, in good health or struggling – may Pope Francis words be a blessing in these weeks:

“The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing. The pandemic is still spreading, while the social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. The risen Christ is hope for all who continue to suffer from the pandemic, both the sick and those who have lost a loved one. May the Lord give them comfort and sustain the valiant efforts of doctors and nurses. ... The crucified and risen Lord is comfort for those who have lost their jobs or experience serious economic difficulties and lack adequate social protection. May he inspire public authorities to act so that everyone, especially families in greatest need, will be offered the assistance needed for a decent standard of living” Take care Noirin

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.



PRAY IN MAY WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH DUBLIN

Join the Young Church Dublin for Pray in May. We will meet every Wednesday In May from 8-9pm for fellowship and to pray the rosary together as a community. 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

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021 is an exciting venture which is now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sun(23rd May) to Trinity Sun(30th May) 2021.**

Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions. The overall theme this year is “Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities”. This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Mon 24th May and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sun 30th May respectively. To **Register visit – www.bibleweek.ie**

A meeting of the Glasnevin Grouping Committee will take place on Tuesday 11th May at 7.00pm.