

## Reflection.....

Fr. Richard.

For the past six weeks the first reading at Mass every day has been from the Acts of the Apostles. The joy, courage and energy of the early Christian community - in complete contrast to the hesitancy and fearfulness of the apostles in the days immediately after the resurrection – and the missionary activity of Peter and Paul in particular, can only be attributed to Pentecost: the receiving of the Spirit of the risen Christ. The return to Mass last Sunday has the sense of a new beginning in the life of our parish: the delight of seeing faces we have not seen for a while, the emotional atmosphere of a full church, the gift of being able to pray together and, for many parishioners, the joy of being able to receive the Eucharist for the first time in months. We have a new appreciation for the privilege and significance of our Sunday gathering: the sustenance it gives us at the beginning of each week. As we emerge gradually from the grip of the pandemic, more of us are vaccinated and restrictions are eased, may our fear during the past year be transformed into hope and joy. In setting up a Task Force to chart a course for the future of pastoral life in our diocese, Archbishop Dermot Farrell is inviting us to recognise and affirm the signs of hope in our parish. Body of Christ. Amen!

### Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	22nd	6.00pm	Sean Fanning (A)
Wed.	26th	10.30am	John Prendergast (Rec Dec)
Thur.	27th	10.30am	Mary McCarthy (1stA)
Fri.	28th	10.30am	Cara Toolin (Rec Dec)
Sat.	29th	6.00pm	Gabrielle McHugh (A)
Sun.	30th	11.00am	Christopher Liddy (6month A)

Please Pray for all recently deceased



### Contributions for 16/5/2021:

**1st Collection 483.00 2nd Collection €220.00 Family Offering €903.00**

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](http://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](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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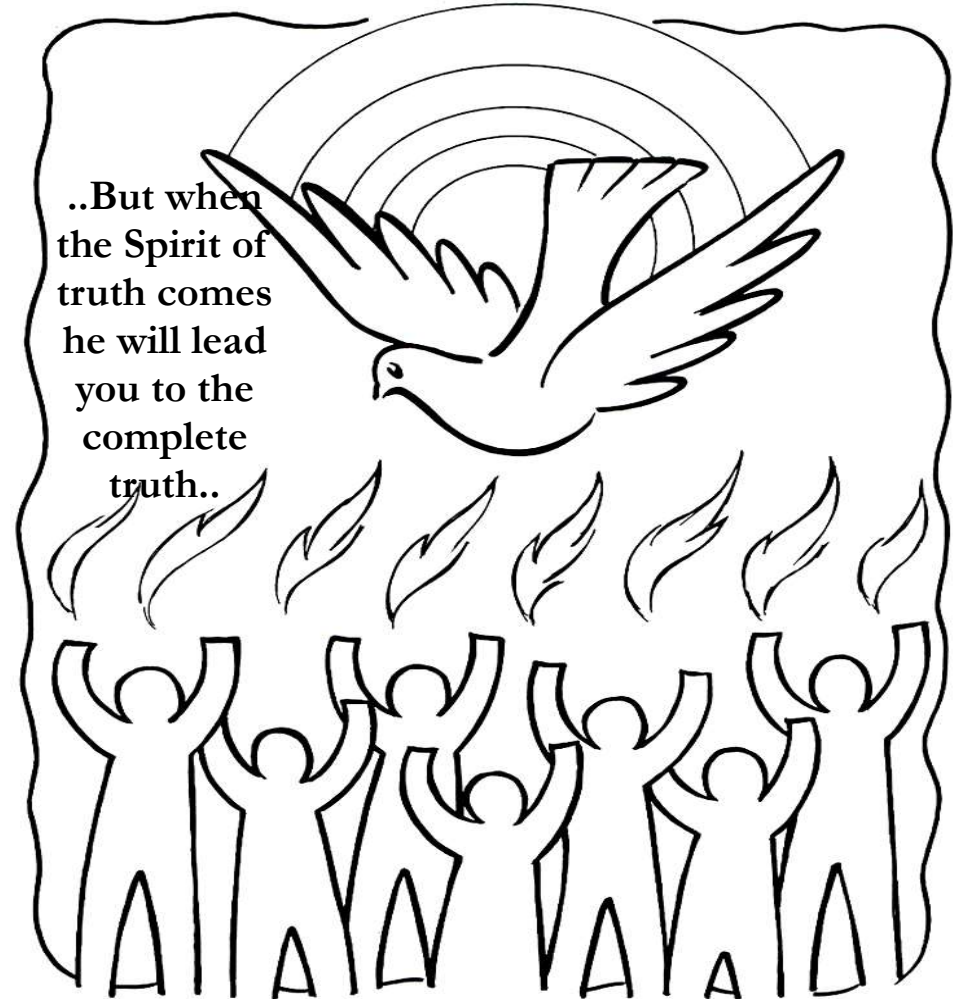
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## FEAST OF PENTECOST

..But when  
the Spirit of  
truth comes  
he will lead  
you to the  
complete  
truth..



**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.**



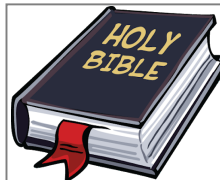
We continue to welcome back parishioners to Mass this weekend on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 11.00am. **Also daily Mass is at 10:30am on Mon. Wed. Thurs and Fri.** Since it is almost five months since we gathered in church for Sunday Mass, we would like to remind parishioners of the following guidelines: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

- 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](http://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	<a href="http://www.ionaroadparish.ie">www.ionaroadparish.ie</a>
Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam	<a href="http://www.rednuns.com">www.rednuns.com</a>
Ballymun Rd webcam	<a href="http://www.olv.ie">www.olv.ie</a>
Glasnevin webcam	<a href="http://www.glasnevinparish.ie">www.glasnevinparish.ie</a>
Ballygall webcam	<a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a>
Corpus Christi, Drumcondra	<a href="http://www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie">www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie</a>

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has established a **Task Force on a Church for the Dublin Archdiocese of Tomorrow** under the title: *Building Hope*. The work of the Task Force begins with an assessment of the needs of the people of the Archdiocese emerging from COVID-19 and hopes 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.



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](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.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



**Fr. Paddy continues to make good progress but is still in hospital for another few days. We keep him in our prayers and hope that he is back with us soon.**

**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)

**ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021**  
Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (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 ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. 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 Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively. To **Register visit** – [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie)



**The monthly meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on Monday 24th may at 8.00pm.**

