

## Reflection

Two images of the kingdom of God are at the heart of this Sunday's Gospel. The 'kingdom of God' is a difficult concept for many of us to grasp, but the two parables suggest that it is built up over time through our countless small but significant acts of kindness, compassion, patience, forgiveness, thoughtfulness, self-sacrifice, inspired and completed by God's grace. Many of you commented on the wonderful series of reflections, *Living in Unsettling Times*, which Fr. Paddy Sweeney presented via webcam each week during Lent from a different church in our Glasnevin Grouping. Following numerous request, and Fr. Paddy's agreement, we have collected the five reflections into a small booklet, which the parish of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road has beautifully produced. A small number of the booklets will be available to parishioners from next Sunday. You are welcome to obtain one (just ask at the parish office) and to leave a small offering €1 or €2. If we run out, we can get more printed.

Fr Richard

Following the easing of restrictions by government, Archbishop Farrell has indicated that the **celebration of Baptism** may resume from **July 5<sup>th</sup>** on a one to one basis and with limited numbers attending. We will begin by facilitating those families who have been waiting for a considerable time to celebrate the baptism of their child.



### Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	12th	6.00pm	Special Intention
Mon.	14th	10.30am	Frank Farrell (A)
Wed.	16th	10.30am	Gerry Durnin
Sat.	19th	6.00pm	Kathleen Keany and all dec members of the Association of the Sacred Heart in Iona Rd

Please pray for all recently deceased

### Contributions week ending 23 May 2021

1st Collection 473.00 2nd Collection €275.00 Family Offering €357.00

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)

# PARISH



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*'It is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown, it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.'*

**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.**



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> )



**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.

The repair work on the roof of our church continues this week. This should complete the external repair work to the roof to proof against damage to the fabric of the church from rain water. It is hoped that the work causes minimum disruption to parishioners, and the contractors have given an undertaking to facilitate the celebration of church services.



A weekly zoom meeting to read and reflect together on the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday continues each Friday at 7.30pm. Give your email address to the Parish secretary and a link to the meeting will be sent to you.

The second **Family Faith Connect Mass** to accompany families preparing for First Communion takes place THIS Saturday 12th June at 6.00pm. A family representing each of the three schools in the parish will attend in person, and we invite all other families preparing for First Communion to participate via webcam at: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

### *Walking Together in Hope – Spiritual Journey for Families Year of the Family 2021/2022*

**What's Another Year?** Having hosted the World Meeting of Families so recently we could reasonably ask – what's another year going to do for us? Will we not have enough on our plate adapting to the post-Covid church and society? Is this all a big ask?

The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021. We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our praises. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

Join us at the launch of the 'Walking Together in Hope' **25 August 2021 at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral** on the third anniversary of the visit of Pope Francis to the 'Pro'. Pope Francis asked for this special Year of the Family to be celebrated as a preparation for the next World Meeting of Families in Rome, June 2022.

### **Iona Active Retirement Group**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021:** Mystery Tour. Coach leaves St. Columba's Church at 10.00am. Cost (including coach, lunch and tips) €25. Tickets from Marjorie Chawke.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021:** Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill. Five nights B & B & D €354 per person sharing and €454 single. Please book by phoning 091 514 645 and give your Credit Card or Visa details. Please mention you are with the Iona Group.

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 programme to candidates and their families in June.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge with thanks anonymous donation of €10