

Reflection: The Second Vatican Council describes the Eucharist as ‘the source and summit of the Christian life’. Our Christian lives and commitments both flow from the Eucharist and lead back to it. In a strange way the pandemic has given us a heightened appreciation for the gift and significance of the Eucharist. For many months, and until very recently, we were unable to gather in person to celebrate Eucharist, and most parishioners were deprived of being able to receive Communion throughout that time. And yet an increasing number of parishioners and visitors dropped into the church each day to pray privately before the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist continued to nourish our Christian lives, even when we could not gather for Mass or receive Communion, and the Masses transmitted over the parish webcam or on television helped us to maintain a sense of being part of a community of faith: the Body of Christ. Since we returned to in person attendance at Mass three weeks ago, the sense of joy and appreciation at being able to worship together is palpable. The pandemic has also taught us how much our actions and interactions affect one another. We have learned that we will only defeat this coronavirus by taking actions that involve sacrifice but ultimately protect one another. We have discovered a new sense of what it means to be Body of Christ for one another. This year marks the 1500 anniversary of the birth of the patron saint of our parish: St. Columba (also known as Colum Cille), whose feast day occurs on Wednesday 9th June. As we mark this significant anniversary in the history of Irish monastic life and missionary outreach, Columba reminds us of our own call to live the Gospel in such a way that it becomes good news for others.

Fr. Richard

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	5th	6.00pm	Monica Mulhall (A) Brian Sherry (A) Derek Lynch (1st A)
Sun.	6th	11.00am	Larry Hudson (Month's Mind)
Mon.	7th	10.30am	Bank Holiday
Wed.	9th	10.30am	Feast of St Columba
Fri.	11th	10.30am	Special Intention

Please pray for all recently deceased



Contributions week ending 23 May 2021

1st Collection 524.00 2nd Collection €239.00 Family Offering €703.00

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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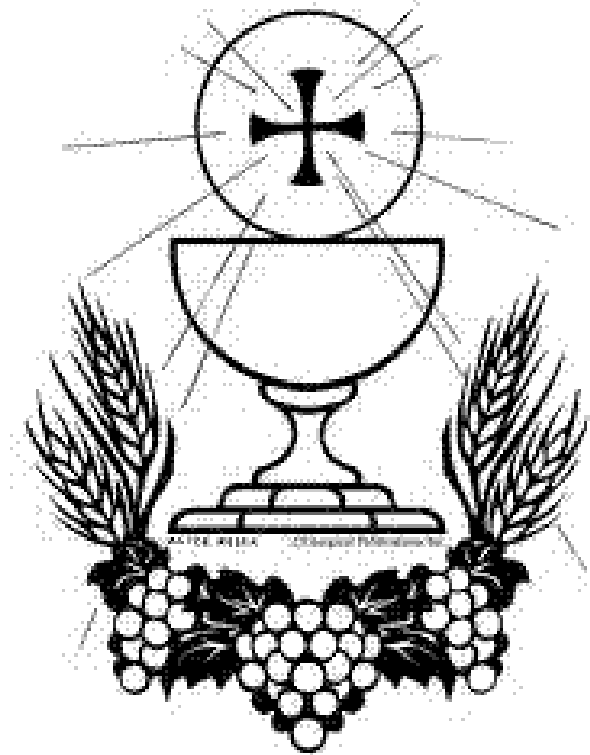
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CORPUS CHRISTI



**I am the living bread which has come down
from heaven says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever
Alleluia!**

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 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.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge with thanks anonymous donations of €5 / €10 and €20



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.

Fr. Paddy continues to make good progress and is very appreciative of the prayers and good wishes of parishioners.

The second **Family Faith Connect Mass** to accompany families preparing for First Communion takes place next 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

The monthly meeting of the **Glasnevin Grouping Committee** will take place on Tuesday 8th June at 7.00pm.

Following the easing of restrictions by the government, Archbishop Farrell has indicated that the **celebration of Baptism** may resume from **July 5th** 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.



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.**

We wish to notify parishioners that repair work on the roof of our church will commence early next week and continue for about three weeks. 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 envisaged that the work will cause minimum disruption to parishioners, and the contractors have given an undertaking to facilitate the celebration of church services.

World Mission Ireland would like to thank the parishioners of Iona Road for their contribution to World Mission Sunday in October 2020 of €180.00