

## REFLECTION...

*Lent is an annual invitation to renewal, a recognition that our lives easily get out of balance between the demands of work, home life or other responsibilities, where the important so often gives way to the urgent. Lent is an invitation to seek to redress the balance, to renew our relationships with God, self and significant people in our lives, to nurture our inner self through contact with nature, reading and reflection, and to appreciate what we have. The threefold practice of prayer, fasting and sharing with others are designed to facilitate this Lenten journey. The humanitarian crisis which is currently unfolding in Ukraine, forcing hundreds of thousands of people to not only flee their homes but their country, often leaving loved ones behind, awakens our Christian solidarity with those in need and brings home the value of this threefold practice. How often a crisis evokes our better self and shines a light in the darkness.*

*Fr Richard Sheehy*

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€200.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

There are two **Collection moments at Mass, the first after the homily, and the second while the parish notices are being read**. We thank parishioners for your contributions to the First and Second Collections at Mass. A **Tap and Go** machine at the back of the church facilitates parishioners and visitors who wish to contribute to the First and Second collections but who don't carry cash. Contributions to the parish can be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

**TAP&GO**



### Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	5th	6.00pm	Tom O'Reilly (A) Eoin MacGuill (Month's Mind) Francis McGrath (Month's Mind) George Rooney (A) Seamus & Vera Graham (A)
SUN	6th	11.00am	Josephine Hickey (Month's Mind) Paul Kane (1st A) Margaret Murray (A)
FRI	11th	10.30am	Jacinta Hurley (A)



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)

# PARISH



# LINK

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**PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days.  
Luke 4:1-13

**Jesus was led by the Spirit on a journey for forty days, we pray that as we set out on our Synodal Lenten journey we too will allow the Spirit to lead 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.**

The government has lifted most Covid restrictions, but parishioners and visitors may choose to continue to **hand sanitise** on entering the church and to **wear face masks** during the Mass. Communion is received in the hand only.



### Iona Active Retirement

Chair Yoga starting in Our Lady of Dolours Church  
Tuesday 15th March 2-3pm Cost €3 per class for 10-12 weeks  
REMINDER: General meeting Next Tuesday @ 11am at the back of the church

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday April 23rd**. For more information or any queries, please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)



There will be silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by candlelight In Our Lady of Dolours Church In solidarity with the people of the Ukraine. Between 6pm and 7pm on Tuesday 8th March. All are welcome to attend



**trócaire**  
Working for a just world.

**Trocaire** Lenten campaign packs are available at the back of the church.

**Work on extending the sanctuary steps is completed and it remains only to put the brass handrails in place. We will hopefully be back to normal soon!**



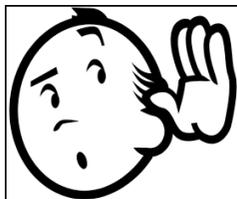
The Office for Mission and Ministry continue to offer daily reflections for the Lenten Journey. Focusing on themes around journeying, walking with, listening to each other and the Spirit. The reflections are posted each morning on their facebook page.

[www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry](http://www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry)

### LISTENING TO OUR YOUNG CHURCH DUBLIN DIOCESAN TEEN SYNOD

Young People of Dublin - Pope Francis wants to hear what you think or feel about our Church. We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod! Join us online  
**Thursday 31st March 6:30pm - 8pm.**

For more information, email: [synod@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:synod@dublindiocese.ie).



### Dates for your Diary .. Reminder!

*"We are all in the same boat"*

#### Dublin Archdiocesan Synodal Pathway Parish Gatherings

The gatherings will take place THIS Tuesday 8th and Monday 14th March from 7.00-8.30pm in St. Columba's National School. Each gathering will focus on two questions which will be introduced by the local animators and then discussed in small groups.

#### First gathering: Tues 8th March 7pm to 8.30pm

*When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy?*

*When you think of your experience of Church, what brings sorrow?*

#### Second gathering: Monday 14th March 7pm to 8.30pm

*When you think of your experience of Church, what brings hope?*

*When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?*

Everyone is invited – whether you feel connected to or distanced from church life and please invite at least one other person to come along; better still, bring them with you! As well as contributing towards the 2023 Synod in Rome, the feedback will also assist our parish in pastoral planning. If you are unable to attend on the dates listed above, you are welcome to attend any of the similar gatherings in the other parishes that make up the Glasnevin Grouping. Safeguarding and confidentiality guidelines will be in place.

#### Our Lady of Victories Church Ballymun Road

We are delighted to announce that after a long time away, the 6pm Sunday Young Adult Gospel Mass is returning.

The Young Adult Gospel Mass has played an important role in the parish life of OLV since it started in 2007. It was extremely important to us that we continued this special outreach once the Covid-19 pandemic allowed us to do so. Our mission is to enrich the Mass with gospel music and celebrate our faith as a community.

We have missed our weekly home so much and look forward to sharing our faith through music, song and friendship and helping our community to grow spiritually. We hope you spread the word about the return of the Young Adult Gospel Mass and join us at 6pm on Sunday 13th March 2022 for the first Mass back. **All are welcome!**

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from 2nd to 5th September. Given the present circumstances, all plans and the details are necessarily provisional. However, if you would like to take part, flyers with details and booking forms will be available at the back of the church from early next week. Please submit your booking form to ([ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com)) The deposit of €100 to secure the booking should be paid directly to Marian Pilgrimages (Tel. 01/8788159 )

**Contact Aware - Support & Self Care Groups** - in relation to your mental wellbeing. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**  
is open seven days a week,  
**8am - 8pm, call 0818 222 024.**