

Reflection

*We are on the cusp of Holy Week, the most solemn week in the Church year, when we relive the final days of Jesus of Nazareth, leading to his passion and death on Good Friday, and are called to reaffirm our faith that he is risen. The week begins with the blessing and procession with palms into the church on Palm Sunday and the reading of St. Luke's narrative of the Passion. On Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the commissioning of the disciples to service of one another. On Good Friday at 3pm, we gather for the solemn celebration of the Passion (this time St. John's account) and veneration of the cross. It is preceded by an outdoor Way of the Cross beginning at 12noon at the Margaret Aylward centre in the grounds of the Holy Faith convent on Glasnevin Hill. Stations of the Cross in the church will also be led at 7.30pm that evening. On Holy Saturday we gather at 9pm for our celebration of the Easter Vigil, beginning with the blessing of the Paschal fire outside the church. We are all too aware that our journey through Holy Week this year takes place in the context of the awful suffering being inflicted upon the country and people of Ukraine. How is it possible to proclaim Easter faith when we witness such inhumanity and depravity? For some of us too, our journey through Holy Week takes place against the background of more personal suffering: illness or bereavement. As we make this journey together, may we come to recognise the One who journeys with us. **Fr. Richard Sheehy***

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

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€314.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.



The Office for Mission and Ministry offer daily reflections for Lent. The reflections are posted each morning on the Facebook page of the office for Mission ministry, www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT 9th 6.00pm Elizabeth & John Frayne (A) Alice Sherry (A)
WED 13th 10.30am Seamus **Savage** (A)

Please pray for **David O'Hora** recently deceased
and all our recently deceased.



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

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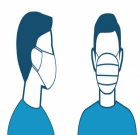
PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU

Today is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is also the beginning of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE. WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

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 are encouraged to continue to hand sanitise on entering the church and to wear face masks during Mass. Communion is received in the hand only.

Iona Active Retirement

General meeting on Tuesday 12th April at 11.00am in the Annex. All Welcome

Trip to Kilkenny 22nd April 2022. Leaving church grounds at 10.00am Cost €45.00. It is also open to non members.



The Clareville Day Centre is coming under extreme pressure to meet all the needs being sought on behalf of elderly persons from across the community in the post Covid environment. **We have identified the provision of a meals on wheels lunchtime service as being part of the solution. With this in mind we are looking for adult car-owning volunteers to deliver meals in the Glasnevin/Ballygall areas on Tuesdays from 12.00.** There will be 2 routes of 6/7 deliveries and each should be completed in about 90 minutes or less. A rota of 8 volunteers would mean one delivery per month per volunteer. with a somewhat greater commitment with a smaller number.



Expressions of interest can be made by phone or text to me at 0872253534 or by email to michael.icpe@gmail.com

Mick Brophy Chairperson Board of Management Clareville Day Centre



God is in control.
Let this hug be
of comfort to your
heart and bring
peace to your soul.
God comforts us
so we can comfort
others. Amen



What's happening.....

Holy Week begins this Sunday 10th April, Palm Sunday.

Our parish Easter card, with Holy Week timetable of services have been delivered around the parish.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with this.

The timetable for Holy Week is available at the back of the church and is also posted on the notice-boards.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered to clean the church on Saturday in time for Holy Week and Easter. It is greatly appreciated.

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

NEW TO THE AREA..... Join us in the Margaret Aylward Centre
Tuesday 12th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm

You will be very welcome for a cup of tea/coffee, to meet others living in the area and to make some connections which may help you to feel more at home in your new home. Please feel free to come along and bring a friend. Any children must be fully supervised at all times.



ADVOCATE COLLECTION

This Weekend 9th/10th April

The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is holding its annual collection after all masses this weekend.

Like all charities we have been unable to fundraise or operate properly over the last two years and so many children have missed out on a holiday. We still don't know if we will be able to hold residential holidays this year; but we still need support to look after the house and plan for our future.

The Advocate collection is the only way the Sunshine Fund can finance these activities. *With many other draws on your goodwill, we ask only for a small amount this year to help with maintenance. Anything you can spare will be appreciated.*



Around the Diocese...

THE IRISH RED CROSS has launched an online portal for offers of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees. Contact Íde Finnegan (ide.finnegan@dublindiocese.ie) or Patrick Nelson (patrick.nelson@dublindiocese.ie) for more information, or go directly to the Irish Red Cross portal: registerofpledges.redcross.ie

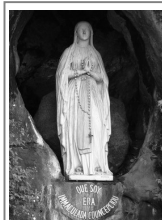
ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – THREE WEEKS TO GO!

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, will take place on Saturday April 23rd. Further information can be found on www.dublindiocese.ie

WAY OF THE CROSS IN PHOENIX PARK

The 17th annual Way of The Cross takes place in the Phoenix Park on Good Friday, April 15th, at 12 noon, beginning at the Wellington Monument and finishing at the Papal Cross. It will be led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. All are welcome.

Please see notices at back of church for other items of interest from the diocese as well as checking out www.dublindiocese.ie



A Glasnevin Grouping Pilgrimage to Lourdes is planned for 2nd-5th September.

Flyers with details and booking forms are available at the back of the church. Please submit your booking form to the Glasnevin parish office by Sunday 1st May (ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com). A deposit of €100 to secure the booking should be paid directly to Marian Pilgrimages (Tel. 01/8788159).