

**Reflection:**

*We have journeyed through Lent and are now entering the solemn days of the Easter Triduum (three days), as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery; the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. As Church we do this in the various Holy Week liturgies, culminating in the celebration of the beautiful Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. As individuals, we brush against the Paschal mystery in our ordinary lives as we come up against the unexpected: illness, accident, loss of independence, bereavement, disruption, break up of a relationship. These experiences test us, but Easter invites us to renew and proclaim our faith in the Risen Christ, who never abandons us but accompanies us with compassion, giving us strength for whatever challenges we have to face. This year we celebrate Easter against the backdrop of the devastating war in Ukraine. As people of faith we can only pray for an end to the suffering of the Ukrainian people and reach out in whatever practical way we can to assist the refugees who have come to Ireland seeking safety and shelter. After the past two years of lockdown, it is a real joy to be able to celebrate this year our full programme of Holy Week ceremonies, which began already last Sunday with the blessing and procession of palms into the church and our reading of the passion narrative. It means that parishioners can experience the richness of the Easter liturgies, whether attending in-person or participating via webcam from the comfort of their home. We are an Easter people. May our faith and hope in Christ be renewed as we celebrate together, and may it find expression in our lives and in our outreach to others. **Christ is risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!** Fr. Richard*

**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)

**THANK YOU** for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€685.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.



*No Mass Intentions during Holy Week and Easter*  
**Please pray for Tony Gannon of Lindsay Road and Gerard Palmer recently deceased and all our recently deceased.**



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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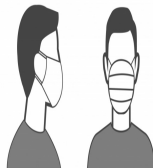
Parish of St. Columba

Easter 17 April 2022

***PLEASE TAKE THE LINK HOME WITH YOU***



**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.



**ADVOCATE COLLECTION**  
**The Vincent de Paul Sunshine House would like to thank parishioners for their generous donation of €1,115 at the Advocate Collection last week.**



LOURDES

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).

**ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN  
 PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**  
**The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday April 23rd.**  
**knock.pilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie**



Many thanks to all who helped to prepare and who participated in the liturgies for Holy Week. A particular thanks to

our sacristy and secretarial team who have put in a huge amount of work in preparing the church for our various Easter ceremonies.

A sincere word of thanks to all our parishioners who helped deliver our parish Easter card, timetable of Holy Week services and Easter Dues envelope around the parish over the past few weeks. It is greatly appreciated and means that as many parishioners as possible are made aware of our Easter ceremonies and can either choose to attend in person or follow them on the parish webcam.

**EUROVISION VOICES  
 ST MARY'S PRO-CATHEDRAL CHARITY  
 CONCERT**  
 St Mary's Pro-Cathedral is holding a charity concert on Monday 25th April at 7:30pm in aid of Peter McVerry trust, Blossom Ireland and Dogs Aid. Tickets are €30 available from Eventbrite.ie.



**Iona Active Retirement**  
**Trip to Kilkenny on 22nd April** leaving the church ground at 10.00am Cost €45.00. Outsiders are welcome. If interested contact Majorie Chawke.  
**Committee meeting on 4th May** (1st Wednesday of the month) at 11am in the Annex  
**General meeting on 2nd Wednesday** of the month @ 11th May at 11am in the Annex  
**Bridge starting Tuesday 26th April 2.30pm to 4.30pm All Welcome**

**Lough Derg 2022**  
 PILGRIMAGE SEASON RE-OPENS SUNDAY 1st MAY 2022

**THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE**  
 June, July & August

The Three Day Pilgrimages will commence on **Wednesday 1st June** and continue until **15th August 2022**  
 (Saturday 13th August 2022 is the last day for pilgrims to begin the Three Day Pilgrimage)

Admission €80 - Concessions available for students, seniors & groups. Booking advised.

[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) | [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) | 00353 (0) 74 986 1516

**Lough Derg in Co Donegal will reopen to pilgrims on 1 May after being forced to close for two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.**  
 It has been announced now that Lough Derg will return to its full programme this season with one-day retreats in May, August and September, and the traditional three-day pilgrimage from 1 June to 15 August.



**MANRESA SYNOD EVENINGS**  
 The Diocesan Synodal Steering Committee is grateful to the members of the Manresa Team who have created a series on Synodal prayer and discernment evenings which has immense potential for all of us who care about the future of handing on the faith in our country. You are warmly encouraged to explore and to take advantage of this generous offer.  
 The Synodal Pathway will be successful if we all try to listen deeply to each other and through each other to the Spirit of God. There is a discipline in this: often we listen "with our engine running". The Synodal process invites us to unself-centred listening, a true discipline for everyone involved. It is not an accident that the fundamental prayer of the Jewish tradition is "Hear, O Israel." Further details on notice-board at back of church and at <https://www.manresa.ie/synod>

