

Reflection: Christmas trees have appeared in people's homes earlier this year, and the light displays outside seem more colourful than ever. It's as if after the year we have all been through, we have a greater need to raise the spirits and celebrate. This Sunday we will light the third (pink) candle on the Advent wreath, reminding us that it is Gaudete Sunday, an invitation to rejoice as we look forward to the celebration of the Nativity. John the Baptist is the central figure in this Sunday's Gospel, who sees his task as bearing witness to the light, Jesus the Christ. Advent invites us to journey with a new pep in our step, to allow ourselves be touched by the symbols and colours of this season, and to be moved to hope and to joy by the beautiful words of Isaiah: 'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me...he has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken'. Can we allow Christ be born anew in us this Advent, so that we can bear the light of his love, compassion and healing to those who are suffering.—Fr Richard Sheehy

Our Lady Of Dolours conclude their three Advent moments in preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity with a short service based on the O Antiphons - readings and music for Advent - this Weds 16th Dec at 7.30pm. People can attend at the church or participate via the webcam at www.glasnevinparish.ie.



Ticket applications have been received for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

We are able to accommodate all applications received and applicants will receive their tickets before Saturday 19th December. Only ticket holders should attend in person services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Services will also be streamed online

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Mon.	14th	10.30am	Stella Lawless (A)
Sat.	19th	6.00pm	Sadie Chawke (A)



We thank parishioners who have been kind enough to drop in their contributions to the First and Second Collections and to the Family Offering each week. It is greatly appreciated. We also draw parishioners' attention to the 'Donate' button, on the Parish website which some parishioners may find an easier way to make their regular contributions, especially during this time of lockdown.

Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to info@ionaroadparish.ie

PARISH



LINK

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13th December 2020



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE or
REJOICE SUNDAY

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation, and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

*Opening Prayer,
3rd Sunday of Advent Mass*

- Catholics striving for Holiness -

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS;

AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

INDEED, THE LORD IS NEAR!

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.

Mass in the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes
AVAILABLE ON WEBCAM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The website for each of the churches webcam is the following

Iona Rd. webcam (www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam (www.rednuns.com)

Our Lady of Victories Ballymun Rd webcam (www.olv.ie)

Our Lady of Dolour's Glasnevin webcam (www.glasnevinparish.ie)

Out Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall webcam (www.ballygallparish.ie)

Corpus Christi, Drumcondra (www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie.)



Please support the St. Vincent de Paul Collection;
THIS Sunday 13th December 2020

SVP St Columba's Conference will be conducting their Annual Giving Sunday collection this Sunday. Each year our Conference makes approximately 300 visits to families & individuals in need in this community.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions currently we are unable to have the usual Monthly collections at the

Church door but you can donate directly to our Conference at svp.ie/support or calling 0818 176 176 giving our Conference Name (St. Columba Iona Road) or using the pre addressed Blue envelopes at the back of the church and placing them in the safe there. The funds raised will be spent IN THIS COMMUNITY helping those who need it most with food and education costs throughout next year and beyond.

We rely almost entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners of St. Columba. Thanks to you in advance for your continued support

SVP Iona Road Conference.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge receipt of 4 anonymous donations of €10 €20 €20 and €50

Something Different for Advent—I know this is, and is going to be a busy and uncertain time for so many – so we are just encouraging you to make sure to make a little space to look after yourself. Here is a little gift for you to help you to take a bit of time this Advent – Share it with all the other Busy people you know – Take from it what you need. You can download and print this free resource from [//www.clondalkinparish.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Advent-A-busy-persons-retreat-SDFA-2020.pdf?](http://www.clondalkinparish.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Advent-A-busy-persons-retreat-SDFA-2020.pdf)

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to parishlink@gmail.com or dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, marked 'Parish Link', by 5pm on the Thursday of week of publication. A contact name and phone number is required for each item. Ph: 8308257 or email ionaroadparish@gmail.com

Senior Line

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91

Each **Thursday** at a weekly Zoom meeting 7.30pm-8.15pm we read and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to contact the parish office or email Fr. Richard (richarddesheehy@gmail.com) for the meeting ID and password.

COVID-19 Support Lines for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024..

This year The Moving Crib will be 64 years old! It has been a key feature of Christmas in Dublin for so long that parents and grandparents, who visited The Moving Crib as children, are now bringing their children and grandchildren to enjoy and re-live this amazing Christmas experience. The only one of its kind built in Ireland, the Moving Crib is a historical and entertaining experience that winds its way downstairs in the stunning Georgian building. Once downstairs, you are greeted with a montage of many historical & fun stories, including Noah's Ark, Moses, Bethlehem and The Wise Men which are all sure to engage your little ones on the journey through to the Crib itself. It is located at St Martin's 42 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1. Booking must be made online www.stmartin.ie/moving-crib.



REFLECTIONS FOR THE TIME AND SEASON
Advent Reflection Online at olv.ie
17th December At 7.30pm
Facilitated by Fr. Paddy Sweeney
17th Dec 'Extravagant Abundance'