



Reflection - Joy (©Sacred Space)

Psychiatrists say they are their busiest in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The feast stirs up anxieties linked to memories of childhood and connections with family. It pushes us to difficult decisions about sending invitations, cards or gifts. No wonder people talk about ‘getting over Christmas’. But our real friends do not judge us by those decisions. They like us to be calm and contented in ourselves.

This reflection is an extract from the Dublin Diocese Advent service and can be viewed throughout Advent at [www.rednuns.com/webcam recordings](http://www.rednuns.com/webcam_recordings) (26/11/22) the service text is available on our parish website front page in the Updates

‘I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’

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. **A second Tap and Go device has been installed for the benefit of receiving parish contributions.** Contributions to the parish can also 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 **€482 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	10th	6.00pm	The Dempsey Family (A) Christopher Cooke (A) Stella Lawless & Peter Lawless (A) Niamh Ni Nualláin (A)
SUN	11th	11.00am	Mary Bennett (1stA)
MON	12th	10.30am	Mary Angela McCluskey (A)
SAT	17th	6.00pm	Dermot Cross (A)

Please pray for 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
St. Columba's Parish website : www.ionaroadparish.ie

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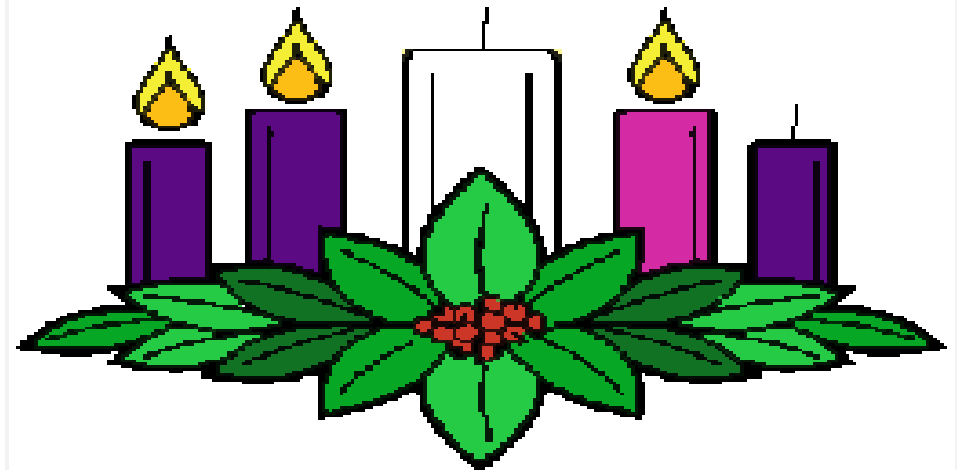
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11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete

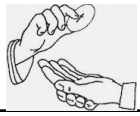
Joy



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

(Phil 4: 4-5)

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.



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.

Our Parish shop is now open on Sunday morning. It is a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts are available



Crosscare Christmas Food Poverty Appeal

This Christmas, Crosscare are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where they support families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families and individuals, including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service this year and demand is likely to increase in the coming months. Crosscare ensures they have a good supply of food while at the same time looking at all the issues that we have brought them into food poverty. Please donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011

Advent Letter: The Time Has Come. Archbishop Farrell's Advent Pastoral Letter entitled The Time Has Come can be viewed on the diocese website at <https://dublindiocese.ie/the-time-has-come-advent-2022>



Can You help us this weekend?

The Parish Christmas timetable and pack are available for distribution from this weekend and we would really appreciate it if you were able to take **your own road or a road near you** and deliver them for us?

'Many hands make light work' Thanking you in anticipation

The bundles of letters are available at the back of the church and we ask you to leave us your name when taking a bundle.

DECORATING OUR CRIB

All donations of Poinsettias for our crib will be gratefully accepted. Just leave them inside the crib and they will be displayed.

Many Thanks



There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 17th December

An Advent service of Reconciliation with the Franciscan Fathers will take place in the Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall on Wednesday 21 December at 7.30pm

IONA Active Retirement

Ceilé dancing in Botanic Hall will resume in the New Year

All other activities will also continue in the New Year.

Lunch in the Maples hotel was very good and well supported. Thanks to all who donated presents. Also thanks to Fr. Joseph and Fr. Paddy for coming and to the committee for organising it and to Marjorie for collecting the money

Monday 2.00-4.00 Bridge

Thursday 11.00am to 12.15pm Bible Group

Friday 11.00—12.15pm Writers Group



Join us here in St Columbas Iona Road for **'Christmas' in Song and Word**

With the combined voices of

The People's College Choir

St Columba's Church Choir (Cecilia Byrne – soloist)

The children of St Columba's National School

And Eoin Tierney - Organist

On Sunday 11 th Dec 2022 5.00 – 6.00pm

THE ANNUAL COLLECTON THE THE St VINCENT DE PAUL will take place this weekend, Your support as always will be very much appreciated.

Please Note there will be No Annual Clothing appeal but donations are always accepted in local Vincent's Shop

The Dublin Diocesan Music group led by Fr Pat O Donoghue presents an

Evening of Carols and Reflections

Join us in St Alphonsus Monastery on Monday 19th Dec at 8pm

Or online at www.rednuns.com/webcam



This years carol service will be in aid of Family Carers Ireland who work tirelessly to support the thousands of family carers in our parish and around Ireland, caring for a loved one at home. Please support this wonderful charity by donating on the night or online at <https://gofund.me/e358d19c>

Christian Meditation in St Alphonsus Monastery

Exception: the last meeting before Christmas will be Tuesday, 13th December, 7.30p.m. Concert of the 3. Choral Choir Wednesday 14th December, 7.30 p.m.