

## St. Columba (also known as St. Columcille)

This weekend we would normally be celebrating the feast of St. Columba our parish patron saint. Born in 521 in Donegal, he was a pupil of St Finnian of Clonard, and later studied for the priesthood under St Mobhi of Glasnevin. It was from here that he returned north in 546 to found a monastery in Derry.

He is credited, too, with later establishing another major Irish foundation at Durrow, Co Offaly. In 563, Columba and twelve companions sailed to the island of Iona to establish a new monastery there. This became a base for the conversion of Scotland. He died on Sunday 9 June 597. A man of deep prayer, he had a profound sense of the worth of each person and of the contribution each makes to society. At one with God, he was also at one with nature.

### Intentions for the coming Week

June	Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Monica Mulhall (A)
June	Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Michael Smyth (1st A)
June	Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
June	Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Maura Penston (Month's Mind)



Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.

### The Summer Dues collection for the support of priests will launch on the weekend of 15th/16th June

**Tap and Go machines** 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.

The **second Tap and Go** device is 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](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€771.00**. This is received in weekly envelopes.

An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

### PRAYER of St COLUMBA

*Be a bright flame before me, O God  
a guiding star above me.*

*Be a smooth path below me,  
a kindly shepherd behind me  
today, tonight, and for ever.*

*Alone with none but you, my God*

*I journey on my way;  
what need I fear when you are near,  
O Lord of night and day?  
More secure am I within your hand  
than if a multitude did round me stand.*

*Amen*

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)

# PARISH



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9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mark 3:20-35

**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.

### TWIN PILLARS – ST MARY’S AND ST ANDREW’S

In his homily for the Feast of St Kevin at St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral last Monday, Archbishop Farrell said:

- The Church is called to work actively towards **restoring a living heart to our cities**.
- The centre of a city – its heart – needs people, and people need worthy spaces to live and to be – to be with each other, and to be with ‘*the Other*’ – Our God who constantly creates us and recreates us.
- A living Church is a community that looks towards the other and goes out towards the other, not only to new generations in new places, but also in new ways in old places.
- In that spirit, **I am asking the Holy Father to designate St Mary’s as the Cathedral for Dublin** as part of a renewed pastoral and missionary strategy at the centre of our Diocese.
- This will involve having **St Mary’s and St Andrew’s (Westland Row) as twin pillars for the worthy celebration of Catholic life in Dublin** in its liturgical, pastoral and cultural dimensions.

### Gregorian Chant Workshop - Wednesday 26th June 19.30

Come learn from the director of the Sistine Chapel Choir at our public workshop! In 2023 the Palestrina celebrated its 120-year anniversary with a trip to Rome where it sang in St Peter’s Basilica on the Feast of Pentecost. During this visit, a meaningful connection was established with Monsignor Marcos Pavan, Director of the Sistine Chapel Choir. Mgr Pavan is now visiting St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, Dublin and has generously offered to share his knowledge and experience with anyone who is interested through this public workshop which will be followed with light refreshments.



**Iona Writers** Have published a new book for 2024, of their stories and poems with beautiful art work. It is on sale now at €10 from the chairperson Marjorie Chawke or any member of Iona Writers Group.

The monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul will take place this weekend 8th/9th June. Your support is always very much appreciated.



**OUR PARISH SHOP** is open on Sundays It is a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts are available.



Please follow, like and share our Parish Social Media  
**Facebook: Iona Road Parish**  
**Instagram: ionaroadparish**

### Active Retirement Activities

Chair Exercises with Pauline Pierce 2 Sessions €2 per person  
Mon 11-12 Class full 12-1. Newcomers Welcome

Annex Monday: Bridge 2—4pm

Annex Tuesday: Bingo/Cards 2—4.30pm

Annex Wednesday: Active Retirement Meeting 11am

Annex Thursday Game of 25 11—12.30pm

Annex Friday: Writers group 11am –12.15pm

**Pilgrimage to Knock** Sunday 23rd June 4 Nights B&B & 4 Evening Meals

€399 Per Person Sharing. €399 Single Room Book with Hotel on 094 9388088

(Say you are with Iona Active Retirement)

**Autumn Break** Galway Bay Hotel Sunday 20th October

3 Nights B&B & 3 4-Course Evening Meals

€315 Per Person Sharing €477 Single Room

Book with Hotel on 091 520520 - (Say you are with Iona Active Retirement)



This year the National Botanic Gardens are embarking on an ambitious project for Heritage Week. We hope with the help of visitors to the gardens to produce an exhibition for this year’s Heritage Week theme ‘Routes, Networks and Connections’ entitled ‘Stories from the Gardens’. We want to hear and document these stories to highlight the incredible social history a site like the Gardens can create over many years, illustrating its importance locally, regionally, and nationally.



The aim of the exhibition is to highlight the incredible social history a site like the Gardens can create over many years, illustrating its importance locally, regionally, and nationally and it will run for 6 weeks from 17<sup>th</sup> August to 6<sup>th</sup> October. We are currently in the call out stage looking for stories from people and the closing date for stories is the **16th June**. Contact the Gardens directly or use link.

[www.botanicgardens.ie/2024/04/15/stories-from-the-gardens/](http://www.botanicgardens.ie/2024/04/15/stories-from-the-gardens/)

A Beautiful celebration of Bloomsday will take place on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.

In Abbey Presbyterian Church Parnell Street. (Findlaters) With Harpist, Christina Tourin, Baritone & Actor, James Barry, Classical Dancer, Eileene McLoughlin and Guest Dancer, Roxanne Leonard.

Tickets are €10. and can be purchased at the door.

