

### EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD

There will be a Vocations Day “Exploring Priesthood” on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct**, in UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4, for men who wish to find out more about diocesan priesthood and how they may take steps to discern a vocation.

Further information can be found at [vocations.ie](http://vocations.ie).

This is open to all; however, those wishing to attend must register via the registration form on the web page above. Details of those who register will be shared with the relevant Vocations Director.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese is developing two Adoration Lay Committees in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting, 8pm-9.30 in one of three locations: Mon 14th October: Holy Child Centre, Whitehall; Wed 16th October: Parish Centre, Kilmacud; Thu 17th October: Holy Redeemer Hall, Bray. Light Refreshments served.

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 **€444.00**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

### Mass Intentions for this week

Sept	SAT	28th	6.00pm	Catherine & Lorcan O'Toole (A) William, Breda & Barry Nyhan & Pauline Moriarty (A) Anne McCarthy (A)
Sept	SUN	29th	11.00am	Mai & Stephen Caffrey (A)
Oct	SAT	5th	6.00pm	Mary Soroohan (A) Bill Ward (A)
Oct	SUN	6th	11.00am	



Please pray for all our recently deceased especially

**Jack O'Sullivan**, Drumcondra and **Nancy O'Lone**, Prospect Ave.

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

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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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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.

## Mater Hospital Volunteer Programme

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the hospital for a minimum of 4 hours per week and you are over 18 please contact the following for a friendly chat and more information; Email: [sdempsey@mater.ie](mailto:sdempsey@mater.ie) Or [Hazelphelan@mater.ie](mailto:Hazelphelan@mater.ie)



### The BLESSING of the ANIMALS

St Columba's Iona Rd  
A community service of celebrations and blessing of our pets in the week of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi Patron Saint of Animals  
All pets and owners are welcome,

### National Botanic Gardens Gallery

### Stories from the Gardens

Exhibition dates  
20<sup>th</sup> Sep 29<sup>th</sup> Oct



## ST BERNADETTE – RELIC PILGRIMAGE continues

In October, the relics of St Bernadette will visit Mary Immaculate Church Inchicore, Oct 23-24  
Adam & Eve's Church, Merchants Quay, Oct 25-26  
For more information, visit [www.stbernadette.ie](http://www.stbernadette.ie).

### Crafting for Beginners Needle Felting

2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October | 10.30am-12.30pm | Max 15 | Booking Essential | Cost €30 (All materials supplied)  
Learn the art of needle felting and create your own picture.



The next meeting of the Friday morning Film Club in the Margaret Aylward Centre is 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 11.00am-1.00pm  
This month we will be showing the film 'Moonstruck'  
**Booking Essential +| Suggested Donation: €5**  
For more details see [www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie](http://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie)

### Praying with St. Ignatius - An Evening for Young Adults

Monday, 30th September 2024 7-9 pm  
St Francis Xavier Church

Young adults from Gardiner Street are inviting other young adults from the Diocese to come and join them on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 7-9pm.

In this year of prayer, take some time to learn a little about the life of St. Ignatius, pray in the ways of Ignatian Spirituality and connect with fellow young people of faith. Fr. Kevin O'Rourke SJ will give a talk on the life of St. Ignatius and will lead us through the Examen prayer. We will have a social directly after. Bring a friend or two!  
We hope to see you there.

## ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES



### Chair Exercises with Pauline Pearse

Monday 11-12 & 12-1., €2 Per Person  
All Welcome

Annex Monday: Bridge 2-4pm  
Annex Tuesday: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm  
Annex Thursday: Bible 11-12



**Reminder:** Sports Day in Cabra  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Bus departing St. Columba's Church at 9am

Autumn Break  
Galway Bay Hotel  
Sunday 20th October  
3 Nights B&B & 3 Evening Meals  
€315 Per Person Sharing  
€477 Single Room  
Book with Hotel on 091 514645  
(Say you are with  
Iona Active Retirement)

### #YML...

A new and exciting opportunity is beginning with the establishment of the Diocesan Certificate in **Young Adult Ministry** – #YML. Running over six Saturdays, the aim of this Diocesan Certificate is to build up the capacity of Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry Leadership throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin. It is a highly practical course where participants are given new experiences & key resources, including gaining vital skills to put into practice in their local context, while also being grounded in key church documents such as *Christus Vivit*.

For information and queries, contact [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie).  
Cost is €120 for six modules

### TAIZÉ PRAYER

Holy Faith  
Convent Chapel,  
Glasnevin  
Friday 4th Oct  
2024  
7.30pm – 8.30pm



And Every first Friday  
of the month from Sep-  
tember to May



Monastery of  
St. Alphonsus  
Christian Meditation  
Wednesday,  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 7.30 pm

### Beginning Experience - Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss.

A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on:  
Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th October, 2024 (Advance Booking Essential)  
Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2.  
For further information contact **B E** 086 0877379, or mail: [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)