

GENERAL ELECTION – STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP FARRELL

“Let us pray for all those who have offered themselves for election, that they will engage with the public and with each other with respect, and will in turn receive the respect of those they canvas. Let us pray too that our society will vote into office leaders who will govern the people with integrity and wisdom and serve the common good with dedication and commitment.”

Archbishop Farrell’s statement can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/general-election-2024/>



And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.’

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

Thank you for your contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, amounting to **€213** this is received in weekly envelopes.

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

Mass Intentions for this week

Nov	SAT	30th	6.00pm	Vincent Quinn (Month's Mind)
Dec	SUN	1st.	11.00am	Dympna O’Gorman (Month's Mind)
Dec	MON	2nd	10.30am	Noel McHugh (1stA)
Dec	WED	4th	10.30am	Donal O Conchúir (Rec Dec)



**RIP Donal O Conchúir
15 Nov 1939 - 19 Nov 2024**

Donal passed away in the wonderful care of M.M.U.H Staff. His faith in Chaplet of divine Mercy and St. Faustina sustained him during his illness.

May he rest in peace.

RIP Thomas Doyle from Botanic Ave. whose requiem was held in St. Columba’s Church on 8th November had been a parishioner all his ninety years - his requiem was held in the church where he had been baptised. Tom was an active member of Iona Church and assisted with the church collections; he had the great ability to remain calm and defuse difficult situations however awkward the situation was. Tom also served on the local residents’ association and contributed to the neighbourhood watch. He is survived by his wife Mary and son Damien.

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 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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1st December 2024

The First Sunday of Advent, Year C

The Advent spirit of waiting and longing for the Lord reminds us of our daily call to holiness.

We are to be found blameless when he comes, living lives of honesty and integrity. We are to avoid the temptations to escapism from the true meaning of life.



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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.

OUR PARISH SHOP is open most Sunday mornings. It is a cash based system with lots of lovely cards and small gifts available. Christmas Cards available in the shop They are 100% Irish made cards with a beautiful sketch of our Church. They were sold out last year, so don't delay and get yours today. The cards are €2 each.

‘MAKING SPACE FOR HOPE’
Join our new Pastoral Worker, Pádraigín, for Advent Reflection. Each Thursday morning 11.15 -12noon (after mass) in the Annex or sacristy at St Columba’s. Nov 28th, Dec 5th , 12th , 19th. Céad Fáilte! All Welcome!

TAKE TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD
Each Friday in Advent, following morning mass, there will be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in front of the Blessed sacrament including quiet prayer for Peace and Healing. Concluding with the Angelus. December; 6th ,13th , 20th.

Help needed this weekend 30 Nov / 1 December to deliver the parish Christmas letter. The bundles of letters for each road in the parish will be available at the back of the Church.

We would gratefully 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.



Strength & Balance Class with Pauline Pierce Monday 11to 12 & 12 to 1.00 €2 Per Person All Welcome



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE CHRISTMAS CARDS
Once again, this year, we have Irish made Christmas cards for sale in aid of our Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We hope the sales of these cards will help to boost our resources for 2025 in bringing another group of Sick Pilgrims to Lourdes. The cards are available from the Pilgrimage Office priced at just €6 per assorted pack of 10 – your support would very much be appreciated. info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie. Fr Martin Noone, Pilgrimage Director

Hallelujah Concert will take place next **Wednesday 4th December in Ballygall church at 7.30p.m.**
It is a Classic Christmas concert for all the family full of the Christmas spirit and cheer. Tickets are priced at 19euros and 22 euros are available online at <https://hallelujahchristmas.com/> or from Ballygall church shop €17e/20e open Tuesday to Friday after 10a.m. Mass.

Well done to the Na Fianna Senior Hurlers in reaching the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship Final which takes place this Saturday evening in Croke Park

Best of luck lads



ACTIVE

Annex Monday: Bridge 2-4pm
Annex Tuesday: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm
Annex Thursday: Bible Game of 25 in the Annex Thursday 11-12:30PM



RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

Christmas Party The Maples Hotel
Wednesday 11th December
Time: 12:30 for 1PM
4-Course Dinner
Friends Welcome €26 Per Person (Please Pay Marjorie Chawke by 4th of December)



The annual **'Christmas in Song and Word'** will take place in Iona Road Church on Sunday 8th December (5 pm - 6 pm), featuring festive carols, readings and reflections. This event includes members of the People's College Choir and the Church Choir, the children's choir of St Columba's National School and our organist, Eoin Tierney. The choirs will be joined by Mary Flaherty (soprano). Admission is free and all are welcome to join with us in this celebration of Christmas.



Our Lady of Dolours Glasnevin, Christmas Market
Saturday 30th and Sunday 1st December 10am to 5pm
Crafts, Gifts, Decorations, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
Christmas Tree Blessing and Lighting
Friday 29th November at 7.00pm Holy Faith Past Pupils Choir
Special thanks to Dublin Dity Council for kindly lighting the Christmas tree and huge thanks to Glasnevin Village Tidy Towns for all their support



Monastery of St Alphonsus Christmas/New-Year Timetable
Tue 24 Dec Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 08.00pm
Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day Morning Mass 09.30am
Thursday 26 Mass 11.00am
Friday 27 Mass 11.00am
Saturday 28 Mass 11.00am
Sunday 29 Mass 09.30am
Monday 30 Mass 11.00am
Tuesday 31 Mass 11.00am
Wednesday 01 Jan New Years Day Mass 11.00am
Thursday 02 Mass 11.00am
Friday 03 Mass 11.00am
Saturday 04 Mass 11.00am
Sunday 05 Mass 09.30
Monday 06 we resume normal schedule.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus Christian Meditation Wednesday, 4th December 7.30 pm

Jubilee Year 2025
Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 to be a Jubilee or Holy Year
The Holy Father writes:
For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope.
God's word helps us to find reasons for that hope.
St Paul says
'Hope does not disappoint' Rom 5:5.
The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.