

'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.



His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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 **€409.00** this is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Mass Intentions for this week

Dec	SAT	14th	6.00pm	Gerry Bolger (1stA) Alena Pokorna (Rec Dec) Stella Lawless (A)
Dec	SUN	15th	11.00am	John Boyle (A)
Dec	SAT	21st	6.00pm	Mafra & John Sindole (A) Tom Tallon (A) Caroline Tallon (A)
Dec	SUN	22nd	11.00am	George Healy & John Healy (A)



Please pray for **Anita Leavy** (Iona Road) recently deceased and all our deceased relatives and friends.

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.

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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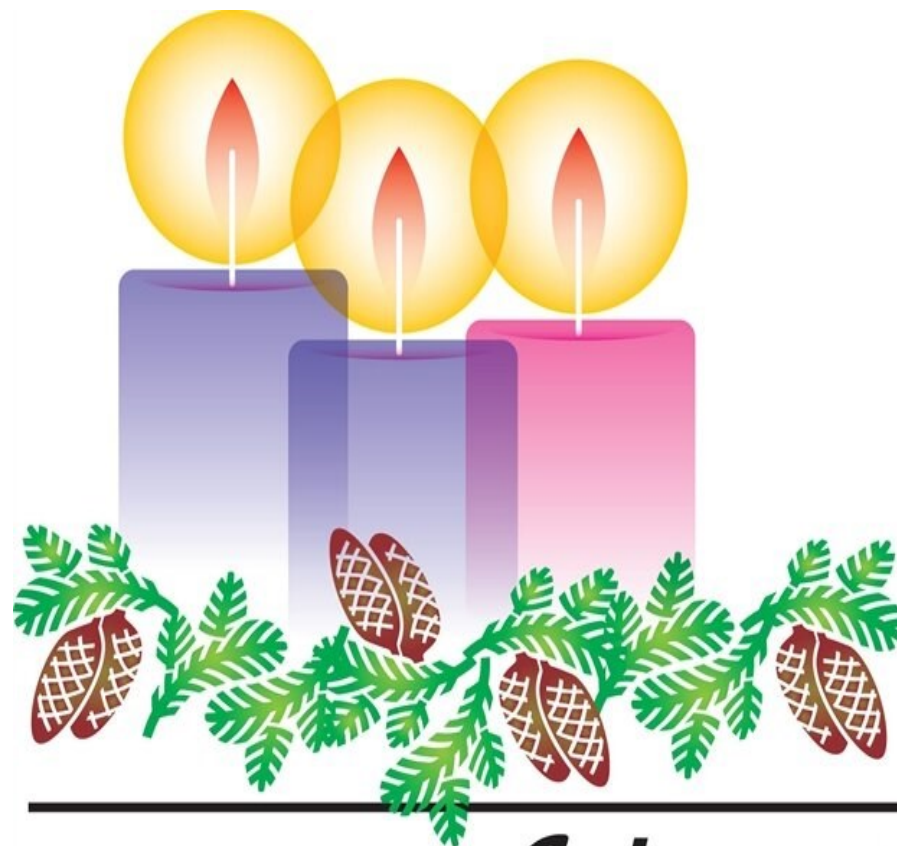


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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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.

‘ 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. 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.

Monday 16th December.

Strength & Balance supported by DCSWP and the Parish. First class after 10.30am Mass.

Second class at the earlier time of 11.45 sharp. Followed by a cuppa & mince pies @ 12.15. All Welcome



Christmas Sing-a-long

after 11am Mass

Sunday 22nd December

Enjoy mince pies and coffee, join with the choir as they sing festive tunes!



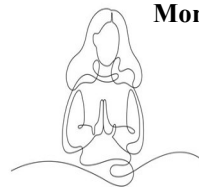
Best of luck to the Na Fianna Senior Hurlers in the All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Semi Final this weekend in Thurles



Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us
Open our eyes to see God’s grace around us

Monastery of St Alphonus 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
Mon 6th Jan we resume normal schedule.



Monastery of St. Alphonus Christian Meditation Wednesday, 18th of December @ 7.30 pm

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE CHRISTMAS CARDS are available from the Pilgrimage Office priced at just €6 per assorted pack of 10 – your support would be very much appreciated. info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie.

Open our ears to hear God’s voice within us
Open our hearts to welcome God among us
Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope

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

Our Christmas Party in the Maples Hotel on Wednesday 11th of December was enjoyed by all who attended. Everyone enjoyed the music & dancing. Our Last Game of 25 will be on Wednesday - 11-12:30 (Please Note Change of Day).



Blazing Sky

An Evening of Carols and stories In aid of the children of Gaza Monday 16th December 2024 @ 8pm With the Dublin Diocesan Music Group Join us in person or online Monastery of St Alphonus.com/webcam

CROSSCARE APPEAL

Crosscare, the social care agency of the Archdiocese, is once again asking for support for their Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. So far this year, almost 3,000 people, including 1500 children, have needed basic food supplies and support; over a quarter of those coming to Crosscare’s Food Poverty Service accessing food support are parenting alone. As families struggle to cope with the cost of Christmas, there will likely be a spike in the number of people seeking help in the weeks ahead. To donate online at www.crosscare.ie, or call 01 8360011, or send a cheque to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary’s Place North, D07 Y768.



took place last weekend in our church such a success.

Many thanks to all who helped make The annual ‘Christmas in Song and Word’ which



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

On 7 December the Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Eamon Martin represented the bishops and people of Ireland at the reopening Mass and ceremonies of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, following its devastating fire of 2019.

Reflecting in the restored Cathedral, Archbishop Martin said, “This place was made by God! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Archbishop Martin continued, “Here in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, I thank God for those who helped save this 850-year-old cathedral from total destruction, and to all those whose talents and resources have helped to restore it. Praise God for the gifts of artists, craftspeople and musicians whose skills truly enhance our worship and lift our eyes up to the Transcendent. “Today I am honoured to represent the bishops and people of Ireland, and I am joined by bishops from Europe and by civic leaders from around the world. On this day of renewal, I pray for the Universal Church. I pray for the faith to grow stronger in Ireland, in France and everywhere – beginning in our own hearts.

Notre Dame Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.”