



**Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year**

*Join the Diocesan Family,  
led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell,  
for Mass on the Feast of the Holy  
Family to mark the opening of the Jubilee  
Year in the Archdiocese of Dublin.*

*Mass in the Pro-Cathedral is at  
11am on 29th Dec  
All welcome!*

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 **€158.00** 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	21st	6.00pm	Mafra & John Sindole (A) Tom Tallon (A) Caroline Tallon (A)	
Dec	SUN	22nd	11.00am	Kathleen and Thomas Whelan (A) George Healy & John Healy (A)	

Please pray for 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](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)

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*We prepare for Christmas with the attitudes  
of Elizabeth and Mary.*

*Like Elizabeth we are open to receive Christ  
with wonder and Joy.*

*Like Mary we are ready to do the will of God  
as it is made clear to us.*

*That may mean standing by the cross before we  
come to the glory of the resurrection.*

**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.



**Christmas Sing-a-long**  
after 11am Mass  
**This Sunday 22nd December**  
Enjoy mince pies and coffee,  
join with the choir as they sing  
festive tunes!

**Christmas Day Dinner 2024 – 100 Years of Service**

The Knights of Saint Columbanus annual Christmas Day Dinner will take place again this year on 25<sup>th</sup> December in the Royal Dublin Society (RDS), Anglesea Road. This year will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Dinner held. Since 1924 the Christmas Day Dinner has supported many homeless, lonely and poor people from all over the world living in Ireland. This year we hope to reach and serve many more guests, to ensure everyone spends Christmas Day together.

**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

Mon 6th Jan we resume  
normal schedule.

**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](http://www.crosscare.ie), or call 01 8360011, or send a cheque to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, D07 Y768.



**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

**Very well done to the  
Na Fianna Senior  
Hurlers  
on reaching  
the  
All Ireland  
Senior  
Hurling  
Championship Final  
to be played in Croke  
Park in January**



**CAN YOU GIVE THE GIFT OF PRACTICAL  
HELP THIS CHRISTMAS?**

Christmas is a time of joy for many of us, however it can be a particularly challenging time for families in need, especially those with small babies. Community Connect's volunteers will make up BabyBoxes, MamaBags and Hospital Bags, and deliver them directly to the families who need them.

To sponsor, go o [www.communitytconnect.ie](http://www.communitytconnect.ie)  
or call 085 875 8366.  
Thank you for your support.

**The Pro Cathedral Annual Choir Service**  
with Selection of Carols and Readings  
Featuring Pallestrina Choir, Blanaid Murphy Director  
Aleksandr Niss Organist.  
Sunday 22nd December 3.30pm



**St. Columba's Church, Parish of Iona Road  
Christmas Timetable**

**Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th** December  
Family Mass for Christmas 5.00pm  
Christmas Night Mass 7.00pm  
**Wednesday 25th** December  
Christmas Day Mass 11.00am  
Night Mass in the Monastery on Christmas Eve 8.00pm  
Mass on Christmas Day in the Monastery 9.30am  
Thursday 26th December (St Stephen's Day)  
As a partnership of parishes  
a special combined Mass  
will take place in  
Our Lady of Victories Church,  
Ballymun Road at 11.00am  
Friday 27th December  
Mass in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus 11.00am  
Saturday 28th December Vigil Mass 6.00pm  
Sunday 29th December  
The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph: Mass 11.00am  
Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st December  
Mass in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus 11.00am  
Wednesday 1st January (Bk Hol)  
Mary, The Holy Mother of God—  
As a partnership of parishes  
a special combined Mass will take place in  
Corpus Christi Church, Drumcondra at 11.00am  
Thursday 2nd January & Friday 3rd January  
Mass in the Monastery of St Alphonsus 11.00am  
Monday 6th January  
The Epiphany of The Lord Mass 10.30am

There will be an opportunity to celebrate the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation following the 6.00pm  
Vigil Mass on Saturday 21st December.

Father, all-powerful God,  
Your eternal Word took  
flesh on our earth when  
the Virgin Mary placed  
her life at the service of  
your plan.  
Lift our minds in watchful  
hope to hear the voice  
which announces his  
glory and open our  
minds to receive the  
Spirit who prepares us  
for his coming.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord'  
Amen

Did you hear that  
**St Columba's N.S.**  
is turning 100 in 2025?  
As part of the celebrations, the  
Parents' Association are trying  
to raise funds for a new soft  
surface in our back yare. If  
you or anyone else you know  
wishes to help us achieve this,  
we would really appreciate it.  
Please go the the link [https://  
gofund.me/c069b791](https://gofund.me/c069b791) to make  
a much-needed donation  
Every little Counts!  
Go raibh mile maith agaibh.