

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



'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.

Many Thanks to all who helped deliver the Christmas Pack this week



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



Well done to the Na Fianna Senior Hurlers in winning the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship Final in Croke Park last weekend



Next weekend they play the All Ireland Semi Final in Thurles

Best of luck lads

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.dublindioocese.ie. Fr Martin Noone, Pilgrimage Director

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.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

Annex Mon Bridge 2-4pm
Annex Tues Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm
Annex Thursday: Bible Last Game of 25 will be on Weds 18th Dec 11-12:30 (Please Note Change of Day).



Christmas Party The Maples Hotel

Wednesday 11th Dec

Time: 12:30 for 1PM

4-Course Dinner, Free Raffle, Friends

Welcome €26 Per Person Please Pay

Marjorie Chawke ASAP (A Few Places Left)



The annual 'Christmas in Song and Word' will take place in Iona Road Church **This 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.



Upcoming Community Talk:

Protecting Yourself & Your Home

The talk will address: Scams, Financial Protection, Security Fraud, Personal Protection, Home Security.

09/12/2024, 2pm, Maples Hotel,

Christmas with the PALESTRINA CHOIR returns to the National Concert Hall, on Saturday Dec 14th at 3pm and 8pm.

Tickets from €28 at www.nch.ie or 01 4170000. This magical show will be

conducted by Blánaid Murphy



Monastery of St Alphonsus Christmas/New-Year Timetable

Tue 24 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 8.00pm
Wed 25 Christmas Day Morn Mass 9.30am
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
Weds 01 Jan New Years Day Mass 11am
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.

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.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL The process has begun to establish a Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Diocese, which will be commissioned at the beginning of Lent 2025. Following from the Synodal and Task Force listening exercises, having a Diocesan Pastoral Council was seen as an essential part of moving forward. Earlier this year Archbishop Farrell set up a group to look at the requirements, statutes and membership of the Council. The function of the Diocesan Pastoral Council is to be a consultative group which works co-responsibly with Archbishop Farrell in designing ways and means by which the Diocese can best fulfil the mission of Jesus Christ. It will be made up of the Archbishop and 21 laity, religious and clergy. The makeup of the membership will reflect the entire People of God with the good of the whole Diocese in mind. Those who will be on the Council will fulfill the criteria for membership that has been set down. Updates will follow.

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 **€1218** 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	7th	6.00pm	Annual Collection for VdeP
Dec	SUN	8th	11.00am	
Dec	MON	9th	10.30am	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
Dec	WED	11th	10.30am	Christopher Cooke (A) and Noel Cooke (A)
Dec	THUR	12th	10.30am	Thanksgiving Mass on behalf of the family of Noel McHugh
Dec	SAT	14th	6.00pm	Gerry Bolger (1stA) Alena Pokorna (Rec Dec)
Dec	SUN	15th	11.00am	John Boyle (A)



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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'Let the promise of your second coming inspire us to live with hope and purpose.

As we wait for your plan to unfold, give us the patience we need.

Remind us of the peace we can access when we take time to still ourselves before you and remember that you are God'

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.