

Reflection - Hope First Sunday of Advent

Advent is dotted with figures of hope – Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary. For all of us the experience of goodness gives rise to hope. Those in tune with their own hearts are aware of God's presence shaping and reshaping them and their world. Their hope knows where their staying power lies, namely in God. It overflows into taking responsibility for the world around them. People of hope know that they are shaped by their past but not imprisoned there, so they take on the responsibility of making society, including their church, a better place. In that way, the past is changed into the present. In Advent, we wait in joyful hope while continuing to build up the kingdom here and now.

This reflection is an extract from the Dublin Diocese Advent service and can be viewed throughout Advent at www.redmuns.com/webcam_recordings.



The **SHARE collection** this weekend from City Centre Churches is being donated to **The Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society** by kind permission of Most Reverend Dermot Farrell. A core principle of the Society is to target assistance towards helping people who are experiencing temporary difficulties and need once-off assistance to restructure their lives and achieve self sufficiency.

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€487 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

We thank parishioners for your contributions to the **First and Second Collections at Mass. A Tap and Go machine** 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. **A second Tap and Go device has been installed 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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SAT	3rd	6.00pm	John Neville (Month's Mind) Shay & Florence O'Connor (A)
MON	5th	10.30am	Mary Angela McCluskey (A)
SAT	10th	6.00pm	The Dempsey Family (A)
SUN	11th	11.00am	Mary Bennett (1stA)



Please pray for and all our recently deceased For Margaret Teresa Daly of Drumcondra and Noel O'Donnell of Cliftonville Road

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: 830 8257 or email ionaroadparish@gmail.com
St. Columba's Parish website : www.ionaroadparish.ie

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The First Sunday of Advent

Hope



“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.”

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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.



Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to continue to hand sanitise on entering the church and to wear face masks during Mass. Communion is received in the hand only.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, Nov 29, @ 7.30 pm
Christian Meditation Group is meeting in the Faith Centre in the Monastery grounds.



Our Parish Shop is now open on Sunday Mornings. It is a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts are available.

The Mater Hospital are holding a

Remember Me Walk in St Anne's Park on Sunday 27th at 10am, meeting at The Red Stables.

The walk is to celebrate and remember those that have gone before us and raise much needed funds for End-of-Life Care in the Mater Public Hospital.



Archdiocese of Dublin
Ard Deoise Átha Cliath

**Advent Letter :
The Time Has Come.**
Archbishop Farrell's Advent Pastoral Letter, entitled *The Time Has Come*. Can be viewed on the diocese website at <https://dublindiocese.ie/the-time-has-come-advent-2022/>



Please check out our website for all our Advent events @ www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/



Crosscare Christmas Food Poverty Appeal

This Christmas, Crosscare are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where they support families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families and individuals, including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service this year and demand is likely to increase in the coming months. Crosscare ensures they have a good supply of food while at the same time looking at all the issues that may have brought them into food poverty. Please donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011

Iona Active Retirement

Mon	11.00 – 12.00	Exercise
	2.00 - 4.00	Bridge
Tues	2.00 - 4.30	Bingo & Cards
Thur	11.00 - 12.15	Bible Group
Fri	11.00 - 12.15	Writers Group

Ceilé dancing in Botanic Hall Tuesday form 11.30am to 1.00pm
All Welcome

Christmas Lunch 8th December 12.30
Maples Hotel €25 to be given to Marjorie Chawke (In an envelope please)



A sale will take place in St Columba's this weekend in aid of our church and a donation will be made to our local St Vincent de Paul. Come along and see the array of previously loved clothes for men and woman, ladies shoes and Bric a Brac. There will also be a raffle with some lovely prizes. The sale will take place on Saturday 26th from 12—5.30pm and after the 6pm mass And Sunday 27th after 11am mass



Join us here in St Columbas Iona Road for **'Christmas' in Song and Word**
With the combined voices of
The People's College Choir
St Columba's Church Choir
(Cecilia Byrne – soloist)
The children of St Columba's National School
And Eoin Tierney - Organist
On Sunday 11 th Dec 2022 5.00 – 6.00pm



The Peter McVerry Trust Christmas Carol Concert will take place In St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Saturday, 3rd December

This year's fantastic line-up includes Paul Harrington, Dublin Male Voice and Dublin Youth Choirs. Doors will open at 7pm with performances starting at 7.30pm.

For more info. and tickets please visit webpage www.pmvtrust.ie/christmas-carol-concert/



PLEASE NOTE there will be NO Annual Clothing appeal but donations are always accepted in local Vincent's Shop