

## Reflection

Peace. The seed of it in every heart, every nation.  
The possibility of a life and a world of nonviolence.

But peace cannot be forced on anyone,  
not even by you who reign with ultimate authority.  
Peace evolves as individual minds and hearts change,  
willing to lay aside what causes dissension,  
open to discuss differences and divisive difficulties,  
ready to listen generously to another point of view.  
Prince of peace, may you reign in our hearts.

*This reflection is an extract from the Dublin Diocese Advent service and can be viewed throughout Advent at [www.rednuns.com/webcam](http://www.rednuns.com/webcam) recordings the service text is available on our parish website front page Updates*

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€281 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](http://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)
WED	7th	10.30am	Rickerby and Heffernan Families (A)
THUR	8th	10.30am	Ellen Reilly & Con Reilly (A)
FRI	9th	10.30am	Greta & John McGrath
SAT	10th	6.00pm	The Dempsey Family (A)
SUN	11th	11.00am	Mary Bennett (1stA)



**Please pray for and all our recently deceased  
For Edward Lynch of Carlingford Rd recently deceased.**

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: 830 8257 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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## *Second Sunday of Advent*

# Peace



“Advent is a time for people to think about what they can change about themselves so that they can sow the seeds of peace and justice in their daily lives”

*Pope Francis*

**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.

Help needed next weekend 10/11 Dec 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.



Please check the Margaret Aylward Centre website for all our Advent events including Book Folding on the 8th Dec from 10-1 pm



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



The Dublin Diocesan Music group led by Fr Pat O Donoghue present an Evening of Carols and Reflections Join us in St Alphonsus Monastery on Monday 19th Dec at 8pm Or online at [www.rednuns.com/webcam](http://www.rednuns.com/webcam)



This years carol service will be in aid of Family Carers Ireland who work tirelessly to support the thousands of family carers in our parish and around Ireland, caring for a loved one at home. Please support this wonderful charity by donating on the night or online at <https://gofund.me/e358d19c>



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

### Iona Active Retirement

Mon	11.00 – 12.00	Exercise	Ceilé dancing in Botanic Hall Tuesday form 11.30am to 1.00pm All Welcome  <b>Christmas Lunch 8th December 12.30</b> Maples Hotel €25 to be given to Marjorie Chawke (In an envelope please)
	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	



### 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](http://www.crosscare.ie) or call 01 8360011



Congratulations and a great big thank you to Clare Conlan, her team of helpers and all involved in last weeks fundraising sale. A total of €1300 was raised with €800 going to our Church and €500 to St Vincent de Paul. All remaining items have also been donated to St Vincent de Paul.



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/>



The annual collection for the St Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend the 10th/11th December. Your support as always will be very much appreciated.

Please note also there will be no Annual Clothing appeal but donations are always accepted in local Vincent's Shop