

Reflection

Love (St. Catherine of Siena)

If you have received my love sincerely without self-interest, you will drink your neighbour's love sincerely. It is just like a vessel that you fill at the fountain. If you take it out of the fountain to drink, the vessel is soon empty. But if you hold your vessel in the fountain while you drink, it will not get empty: it will always be full. So the love of your neighbour is meant to be drunk in me, without any self-interest.



This reflection is an extract from the Dublin Diocese Advent service and can be viewed throughout Advent at www.rednuns.com/webcam recordings (26/11/22) the service text is available on our parish website front page in the Updates

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

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€ 418.00 last weekend.** This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

THE ANNUAL COLLECTON for The St VINCENT DE PAUL Society last weekend amounted to **€3112.**
Huge thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT 17th 6.00pm Dermot Cross (A) Michael & Mary O'Sullivan (A) Paddy Cusack (A)
Mon 19 10.30am Sadie Chawke
FRI 23rd 10.30am Caroline Fallon (A) Mafra & John Sundole (A) Tom Tallon (A)

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Father, let your hope arise in our hearts!
Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year.
May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.

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.

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



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

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://dublindioocese.ie/the-time-has-come-advent-2022>

Christmas 2022 Timetable for Iona Road Parish

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve

Family Mass for Christmas 6.00pm
Christmas Night Mass 9.00pm

Sunday 25 December

Christmas Day Mass 11.00am
Monday—Friday

Mass in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus 11.00am

(When attending the Monastery please wear a face mask)

Night Mass in the Monastery

on Christmas Eve 8.00pm

Christmas Day Mass in the Monastery 9.30am

Saturday 31 December 6.00pm

Sunday 1 January
Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Mass 11.00am

Monday 2 January (Bk Hol) Mass in the Monastery 11.00am

Friday 6 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 **THIS Saturday 17 December.**

An Advent Service of Reconciliation with the Franciscan Fathers will take place in the Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall, on

Wednesday **21 December at 7.30pm**

All Masses are available via webcam on the parish website www.ionaroadparish



IONA Active Retirement wish everyone a very

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

All activities will resume in January

Our Prayer Tree

We invite anyone who would like to write a short prayer on the cards provided (beside the crib) and place them on the tree.



The Dublin Diocesan Music group led by Fr Pat O Donoghue presents an **Evening of Carols and Reflections**

Join us in St Alphonsus Monastery on **Tomorrow night Monday 19th Dec at 8pm**
Or online at 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>

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



ST MARY'S PRO-CATHEDRAL

There will be a free Carol Service in the Pro-Cathedral at **3.30 p.m. this Sunday, December 18.**

Advent vespers at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral takes place on Tuesdays at 5:30pm with St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir and Fridays at 5:30pm with the Palestrina Choir. During this season of Advent, attending the sung office of vespers is a very reverent way to prepare for the Christmas season.



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 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 2023 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. Fr Martin Noone, Pilgrimage Director