

**PARISH LINK TEAM** are looking for an extra hand or two to work on our weekly newsletter. Currently, the Link is published weekly for the parish by a group of 4 volunteers and generally, each volunteer produces the Link for 2 weeks in a row, which means the volunteer is on the rota for 2 weeks, every 6 weeks. Needless to say, the more volunteers on the team, 'the lighter the load' as it were! There would be some training in the art of publishing the Link. It is a template that is used and any volunteer would need to be able to use a computer. If you are interested in helping out please contact the Parish Office or email [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto:parishlink@gmail.com)



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)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€1718.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.



#### Mass Intentions for the coming week

Jan	SAT	28 @ 6.00pm	Mary Haugh (A) Stephen Caffrey (A) Timothy O'Leary (A) Thomas Hollywood (Rec Dec)
Jan	SUN	29 11.00am	Mary Molloy (Month's Mind)
Feb	WED	1 10.30am	Pauline Keys (1stA)
Feb	SUN	5 11.00am	Tina McGrath (Month's Mind)

**Please pray for all our 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: 8308257 or email [ionaroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)  
St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

# PARISH LINK



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*Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak.  
This is what he taught them.....*



*In proclaiming the Beatitudes, Jesus asks us to follow him and to travel with him along the path of love, the path that alone leads to eternal life. It is not an easy journey, yet the Lord promises us his grace and he never abandons us.*  
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.

**OUR PARISH SHOP** is open on Sunday mornings.

It is a cash based system.

Lots of lovely cards and small gifts are available



#### IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Ceilé Dancing in Botanic Hall continues

Tuesdays from 11.30am to 1.00pm

Committee Meeting Wednesday 1st Feb.

8th February outing to the Dáil in Kildare St.

Meet at 3.15pm outside.

We will be going for a cuppa with Senator Mary Fitzpatrick afterwards. All are welcome.

Buses No's 155 & 4 go there from Prospect Rd.

Mon	11.00 –12.00	Exercise
Mon	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

“Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands placed on us. But rest is also essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God’s voice and understand what he asks of us.”

*Pope Francis*

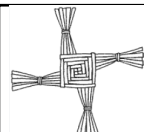
'Rest is not idle,  
not wasteful.  
Sometimes rest is  
the most productive  
thing you can do for  
your body and soul.'

*- Erica Layne*



The Dublin diocese office of Mission and Ministry are inviting people to gather in small faith sharing groups to journey with a number of 'People of Hope' from the Lenten Scriptures. Unfortunately the training dates have past but a variety of resources are available at <https://www.missionministry.ie/people-of-hope-lent-resource/> as we support the *Building Hope* initiative during the season of Lent.

#### St Brigid's Day 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.



As we celebrate our patron saint this week we remember the people who died during the Covid-19 pandemic, and recognise the enormous sacrifices made by our people, and by front-line workers in particular.

The first observance of the new public holiday is on Monday, 6th February 2023.

Have you ever dreamed of doing the Camino de Santiago.



#### Breakthrough Cancer Research

are taking on the Camino Ingles from the **15th-22nd May 2023**.

Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us **Make More Survivors**. For more information please contact [Mary@breakcancer.ie](mailto:Mary@breakcancer.ie)

## Building Hope

Archbishop Farrell explains what is next and moving forward with Building Hope in 2023 in a video interview with iCatholic. To view the interview please go to

<https://youtu.be/63uSgIhVZEY>

## Archdiocese of Dublin

**The Laudate Festival** brings a large choir of several hundred children together to raise the roof in songs of praise to God and to lead us in reflection. You are invited to add your voice to the gathered singers. The repertoire is suitable for parish choirs and congregational singing for all occasions. Entry is free and all are welcome. Join us in **Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road, on Tuesday, January 31st 7 - 8.15pm;**



On Friday 3rd Feb we celebrate the feast of St Blaise. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. The blessing of St Blaise will take place after mass on Friday and is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.



Join use for Tai Chi with Moira Langan every Wednesday from 2.30-3.30 pm Or come along to the screening of The Letter on Wednesday 1st Feb from 7—9 pm.

To book your place for these events and lots more go to <https://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/events/>



As part of the Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church of Ireland an initiative being made available in 2023 is a series of short video reflections on the Sunday Gospel. A new reflection will appear each Thursday on the Synodal Pathway website ([www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie)) and its YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@irishsynodalpathway3254>) on the theme of synodality in light of the upcoming Sunday Gospel.