

We are so bombarded by repeated messages of knowing it all, having it all, doing it all, we have almost forgotten what it is to have a sense of mystery, of wonder and amazement. Check out our new year courses etc. @ www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/

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 **€ 1351.00 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

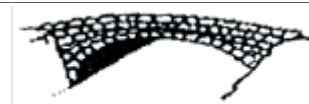
Jan	SAT	14	6.00pm	Patrick Slattery (A) Sheila Sweeney(A) Brenda O'Byrne (A) Cara Toolin (A)
Jan	SUN	15	11.00am	Josephine Hickey (1stA)
Jan	MON	16	10.30am	Gerry & Maura McMahon (A)

Please pray for Mary Molloy of Claremont Lawn and Tina McGrath of Iona Rd recently deceased and 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

PARISH



LINK

Issue No 30/2

Parish of St. Columba

15 January 2023

Here is the
LAMB OF GOD
who takes away the sin
of the world!
John 1:29



"A time will come when we will once again be called so to utter the Word of God that the world will be changed and renewed by it. It will be a new language, perhaps quite non-religious, but liberating and redeeming."

.....Dietrich Bonhoeffer...

On April 9, 1945, Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer is hanged at Flossenbug, only days before the American liberation of the POW camp. The last words of the brilliant and courageous 39-year-old opponent of Nazism were "This is the end - for me, the beginning of life."

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



DIOCESAN NOTES.....

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from January 18 to 25. This year's theme is Be-Longing.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Next week is Catholic Schools' week and on Sunday, 22nd January 10am, we will be marking it with the 'Do This In Memory' mass for children preparing for the sacraments of Penance & Eucharist. During this week there will be a number of different events including 'Grandparents Day. The theme for Catholic Schools week this year is "Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love".

LAUDATE FESTIVAL

The Laudate 2023 festival events will be celebrated as a follow-on from Catholic Schools Week in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Laudate Festival brings a large choir of several hundred children together. 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 for all. All are welcome.

Laudate 2023 Festival Celebrations:

Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road, on Tuesday, January 31, 7-8.15pm

Church of St Therese, Mount Merrion, on Wednesday, February 1, 7.00-8.15p.m.

Church of the Holy Spirit, Greenhills, on Thursday, February 2, Laudate Festival Night

ARTICLE IN THE TABLET

Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin has said the introduction of parish partnerships as part of structural changes in the Irish Church's largest diocese is "much more than 'managing decline'" The full article can be read at <https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/16311/dublin-plans-more-than-managed-decline-says-archbishop/>.

Other websites, including diocesan websites, where information and articles of interest can be obtained: www.dublindiocese.ie <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>



What if today, we were just grateful for everything?

IONA Active Retirement

We wish to thank Marjorie and Michael Chawke for all their help and support over the years. We are sorry to lose Marjorie as Treasurer as she has resigned and wish to thank her for all her hard work over the last few years.

8th February outing to the Dail in Kildare St. Meet at 3.15pm outside Going for a cuppa with Mary Fitzpatrick afterwards. Buses No's 155 & 4 go there from Prospect Rd. All welcome.

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

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



Marino Institute of Education will offer a series of 6 lectures on Responding to the Experience of the Mystery starting 24th January 2023.

Venue: Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Ave.

Time: 7 - 9:30pm

Apply now to mary.gao@mie.ie or ph: 087 4508 549

"PUBLIC INFO MEETING

'Protecting the vulnerable from the threat of legalised Euthanasia'.

Guest speakers, Professor Patricia Casey, Consultant Psychiatrist and Professor of Psychiatry, and Peter D Williams of Anscombe Bioethical Center.

Tuesday 24th January in Wynns Hotel, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1 at 7:30pm in The Abbey Room. The Luas stops directly outside the hotel and Connolly Station is a short walk away also."



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 or phone 021 422 66 55 for details.



The annual mass for deceased members and family members will take place today, Sunday 15th January in

Mother of Divine Grace Church Ballygall, at 4pm.