

ACCORD ANNUAL COLLECTION

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at Masses **THIS** weekend February 11 and 12.

Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers :

Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups;
Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone;
A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.
Please give as generously as you can this weekend.



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 **€684.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes.
An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE

The Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse is an initiative of Pope Francis and is held on the first Friday of Lent, which falls on February 24 this year.



Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	11	6.00pm	Michael Doyle (A) Mary Collis (A) Anne Kelly (A)
SUN	12	11.00am	Peter Gallagher (A)
MON	13	10.30am	Christine Brady (A) and remember William Brady
WED	15	10.30am	Betty Gentles (A)
SAT	18	6.00pm	John & Catherine Taylor (A) Thomas & Mary Taylor (A)
SUN	19	11.00am	Robert Conlon (A)

Please pray for **Carol Hedigan Daly** recently deceased and **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

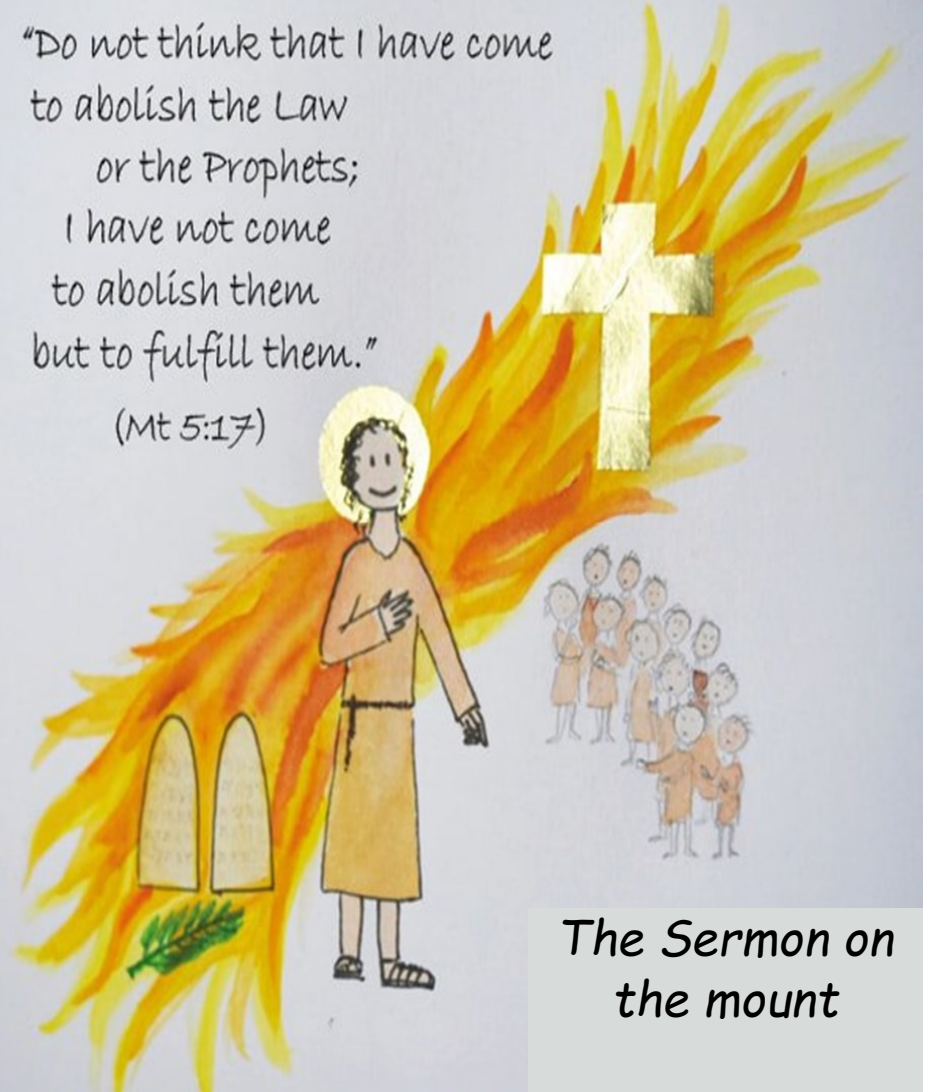
Issue No 30/6

Parish of St. Columba

12 February 2023

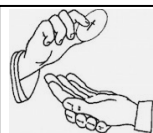
"Do not think that I have come
to abolish the Law
or the Prophets;
I have not come
to abolish them
but to fulfill them."

(Mt 5:17)



*The Sermon on
the mount*

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

Cards started 9th Feb 12.00-1.30 and will be fortnightly in Botanic Hall. Ceilé also in Botanic Hall Tuesdays from 11.30am to 1.00pm All Welcome

St Patricks Day 17th March lunch 12.30 Maples Hotel €30 per person. All Welcome (Please put money in Envelope with name and say for St Patricks Day, Marjorie is collecting)

Sincere thanks to **Freda Kane** for organizing the outing to the Dáil. 23 people attended, and a beautiful afternoon tea was given by Mary Fitzpatrick. A lovely and interesting evening was had by all.

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

ST VALENTINE’S DAY

Carmelites Whitefriar Street
Tuesday, February 14th
Mass: 11.30am & 3.00pm
Celebrant & Preacher
Fr. Simon Nolan, O.Carm.,
Prior of Whitefriar Stret



Who was St. Valentine?

We know very little for certain about the historical St. Valentine, but these three things are undisputed: That he was a bishop or a priest, that he lived under the 3rd century Roman persecution, and that he was martyred for being a bold witness of God’s unfailing love.

All the rest is legend, but they are good ones at that! Here are the two most popular stories explaining Valentine’s association with what we now celebrate as Valentine’s Day: As a bishop, St. Valentine secretly performed Christian weddings against the order of the then pagan Roman emperor, which is how Valentine’s day became associated with Romantic love. Another legend claims that after refusing to sacrifice to pagan gods, Valentine was imprisoned. While behind bars, Valentine evangelized the jailer, and then healed the jailer’s daughter of her blindness. On his execution day, he wrote the girl a note signing it, “Your Valentine.”

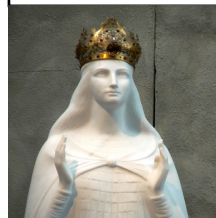


Church will remain open until the beginning of our Tuesday Night Perpetual Novena at 8.00pm



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>



KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Date for your diary: Our 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on **Saturday, April 29.**

Please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie if you have any queries.

ARISE! is the new name for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Including prayer, pilgrimage and faith exploration, **ARISE!** will support young adults in their faith, as well as those in parish who accompany young people. Sign up to the mailing list to be the first to hear all that is happening with **ARISE!** <https://forms.office.com/e/3rflFnUXjR> or contact natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

“Take Care of Him” *Luke 10.36*
World Day of the Sick 2023
Service of prayer, music, and reflection
Monastery of St Alphonsus
Monday February 20th @ 8.00pm
Presented by DCU Full time chaplaincy students with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group
“Go and do the same yourselves”
Luke 10.37

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

Emmanuel 2023 If you are looking for a wonderful night of uplifting music join in with the 60 schools, with over 2000 students (600+ per night) who are participating in the Emmanuel Concerts in the Helix. Booking is open now for the Emmanuel 2023 Concerts of liturgical music at the Helix. Join us on any of the three nights **February 28/ March 1/March 2 at 7.30pm.** Come with your music group/choir or friends for an inspirational night and some new ideas. Book now at 01 7007000 or www.helix.ie.

Women in the Church: How it Started How’s it going?....

A day of dialogue and discussion with inputs from: Baroness Nuala O’Loan, Dr Jessie Rogers, Dr Tony Hanna & Prof. Michael Conway
Friday 17 Feb @ 9.30am—3.30pm



Cost €40 (Max 40) **Booking essential**
Tel: 01 7979364 / info@macfd.ie

(participants should bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee available)