

The Turkey/Syria Collection will take place THIS WEEKEND

25/26 February, at 1st Sunday of Lent celebrations, and will replace the SHARE collection.

Archbishop Farrell has given approval for a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquakes on Monday 5th February.

The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area. They have the capability to ensure that any funds raised in Ireland will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those most badly affected.



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 €246.00 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

SAT	25	6.00pm	Philip Cahill (A) Marjorie Scannell (A)
SUN	26	11.00am	Liam Fox (1stA)
MON	27	10.30am	John Gibbons (A)
WED	1	10.30am	Peter & Eileen Doyle (A)
SAT	4	6.00pm	Dolores Giblin (A) Mary Dempsey (A) Pat Dempsey (A)



Please pray for James Padden Hollybank Road & Michael McEvoy also of Hollybank Road 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

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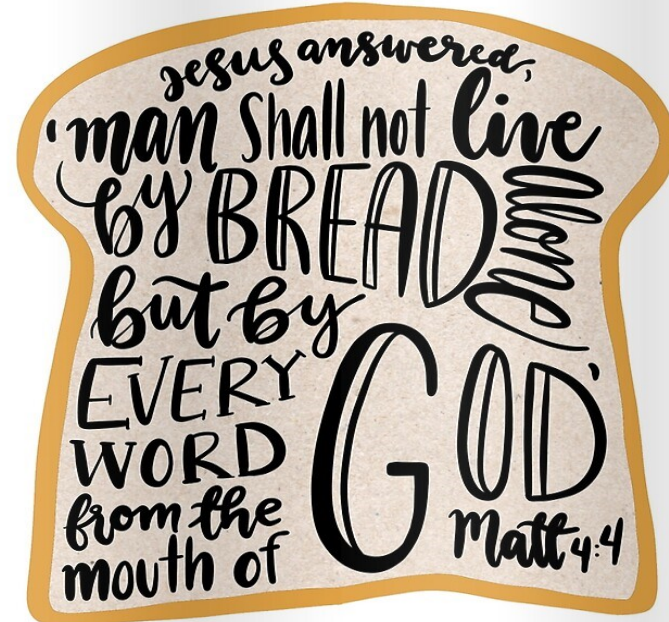


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First Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023

In the Gospel we see Jesus being tempted in the desert. We pray that those who are praying and discerning about a vocation to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life, may find the strength to overcome whatever may be tempting them away from God's call.

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.

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

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Iona Ceilé in Botanic Hall Tuesdays from 11.30am to 1.00pm All Welcome
Cards started 9th Feb 12.00-1.30 and will be fortnightly in Botanic Hall. €2 per game.

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)

Committee Meeting 1st March 11am in the Annex.

General Meeting 8th March in the Annex at 11.00am All Welcome

OUR PARISH SHOP is open on Sunday mornings.

It is a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts are available

Study looking for adults (70 + years) to take part in our Protein and Online Exercise classes for 12 weeks by PhD student Catherine Fallon from the University College Dublin. All appointments and classes will be done from your own home. For more information, please contact 0867240910 or Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie.

COURSES AT DCU

Theology, Philosophy, and Ethics at DCU: Open House Evening for Alumni, Friends, and Prospective Students – everyone welcome. Thursday, April 20, 6pm-9pm (drop in at any point). Refreshments served. Purcell House, Room PG01, DCU All Halls Campus Grace Park Rd, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. Inquiries: email mary.hayes@dcu.ie / phone 01 700 6100

CABRA AND CABRA WEST PARISH SECRETARY

The Parishes of Cabra and Cabra West wish to take on a Parish Secretary. For further details please contact Fr Paul Thornton at 087 7404729 or pauljoseph.thornton@dublindiocese.ie. The closing date is February 28.

The Catholic marriage care service **Accord**, which last year celebrated sixty years of supporting couples throughout the island of Ireland, is now recruiting **marriage preparation facilitators**.

Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find the Accord courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills.

If you are interested, contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie for more information.

GARDINER STREET PARISH The Novena of Grace in honour of St Francis Xavier begins on March 4 and continues until March 12. Preacher this year will be Fr Dermot Preston SJ. Mass times: Mon-Sat: 11am, 1pm & 6pm. Sunday 11am, 12.30pm & 3.30pm.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus Christian Meditation
on
Wednesday, 1st of March
7.30 p.m.

Archbishop Farrell explains what is next and moving forward with Building Hope in 2023 in a video interview

Building Hope

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.

ST PATRICK'S TESTIMONY A new modern version of St Patrick's wonderful Confession has been launched.

The word Confession has been changed to **Testimony**, which more accurately reflects what St Patrick meant in writing it.

Patrick, being pre-Reformation, is a potentially uniting figure among Christians and this is demonstrated by the wide range of Church leaders from all denominations, North and South, that have endorsed this pamphlet.

Archbishop Farrell said: "As we read Saint Patrick's Testimony we gain an insight into a man who was strong, courageous, deeply dedicated to Christ; a person not easily defeated or discouraged. By reflecting on his Testimony, let us allow ourselves to be touched, enchanted, fall in love with St Patrick's belief in the power of prayer, the convictions of his faith, and in the closeness of God."

It can be downloaded from

<http://www.evancat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/st-patricks-testimony-pdf-1.pdf>



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.

Archbishop Martin calls for prayers at the first anniversary of war in Ukraine

As Friday 24 February marks one year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, **Archbishop Eamon Martin** said, "Our hearts and prayers continue go out to the suffering people of Ukraine. During Lent let our acts of prayer, charity and fasting, each day, be dedicated to the plight of refugees, and for a global peaceful environment. We must always work for peace, pray for peace and make sacrifices for peace. All of us have the capacity to build peace by our words, our actions and our attitudes to others."

