

The Parish Link Team are looking for an extra hand or two to work on our weekly newsletter. Currently, the Link is published weekly 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. 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



Parish Office Opening Hours : From Feb 2023 the parish office will be closed to the public on Tuesday mornings. Opening hours will be Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

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 those who wish to contribute to the collections but who don't carry cash. **A second Tap and Go device has been installed for the benefit of receiving parish contributions.** During the month of December 2022 our Tap and Go machines collected €507.00 from 49 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share. The Share collection over the weekend of 10th/11th December was for the St Vincent de Paul and €24.80 from the above went there. 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 **€690 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by standing orders

The St. Vincent de Paul society would like to thank an anonymous donator of €10



Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT 4	6.00pm	Pauline Keys (1stA) Denis Boland Junior (A)
SUN 5	11.00am	Tina McGrath (Month's Mind)
MON 6	10.30am	Bank Holiday Mass in the Monastery @ 11.00am
SAT 11	6.00pm	Michael Doyle (A)
SUN 12	11.00am	Peter Gallagher (A)

Please pray for Joe Quinn 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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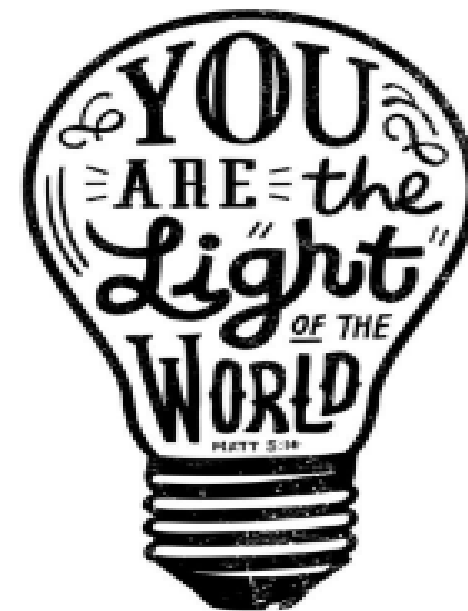
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5 February 2023

Fifth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

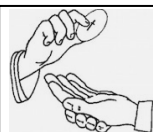


In today's gospel we find "a definition of a Christian: a Christian must be salt and light. Salt gives flavour, it preserves, and light shines"

"Jesus calls His disciples to be salt and light in the world. The person who lives and spreads the grace of Christ is salt. The person who lets the Gospel shine with good deeds is light."

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 in Botanic Hall Tuesdays from 11.30am to 1.00pm All Welcome

8th February Trip to Dáil. Buses 40 and 155. To be at Dáil for 2.15pm for Tea and Tour. **Please bring Photo I.D. (Passport or Driving licence)**

9th February starting Cards €2 per game 12.00 to 1.30pm. Will be fortnightly in Botanic Hall.

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 **Betty O'Brien** who is retiring from committee after long service We appreciate all her hard work and we wish her well for the future.



The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all masses on the weekend of February 11th and 12th. Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers marriage preparation courses – online and in small groups, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously on February 11th and 12th

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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. There will be a series of workshops for young adults during Lent on key areas of social justice and how we can get moving on areas that matter. Evenings take place in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, from 7pm each night. for more information, email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

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.

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/63uSghVZEY>



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) and its YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@irishsynodalpathway3254>) on the theme of synodality in light of the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

Ring found in the church
apply for information from
the Parish Office 8308257

Missio Ireland would like to thank everyone on behalf of Pope Francis and the missionaries for the very kind donation of €927 towards the Mission Sunday collection.



The outdoor collection of St Columba's conference of St Vincent De Paul will take place on the 11th & 12th of Feb. Also a special thanks from the conference for all donations received over the Christmas time.



Join use for Tai Chi with Moira Langan every Wednesday from 2.30-3.30 pm. Or come along to Knit and Natter on Tuesday 14th Feb from 2-4 pm To book your place for these and lots more go to <https://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/events/>

Building Hope through God's Word workshop, will take place Sat. Feb. 11th 10am to 1pm at St Paul's Centre for Mission & Ministry, Arran Quay. A morning workshop for those leading Adult Faith Sharing Groups and Children's Liturgy. It's an opportunity to explore Lenten resources and how to use them in your parish community led by Peter Siney and Patricia Carroll. To register please email peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie indicating your area of interest.