

NEXT Saturday come volunteer!

Church Clean UP for Easter. Can you help?



Our church needs cleaning, and this is our opportunity to have it clean and shining for Easter.

Saturday 25th March is Clean-up Day!

From 11.00am to 1.00 pm – can you spare 15 minutes? If so, leave your name either in the sacristy, or in the parish office.

If you could bring any favourite Cleaning materials ie Cloths/ Sweeping brushes/ Mops /etc (*some step- ladders would be a help!*) it would be a great.

If you feel you can give some time on Saturday, please give us your name.

Call the parish office @ 8308257 or email ionaroadparish@gmail.com with your details.

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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

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€622.00 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	18	6.00pm	Michael McEvoy (A)
SUN	19	11.00am	James Behan (Month's Mind)
SAT	25	6.00pm	Kathleen & Dermot Kelly & Betty Bowers (A) Sheila Foster (1st) Miley Doyle (A) Joey Doyle (A)



Please pray 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

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19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Laetare Sunday

Rejoice Sunday

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday – Laetare means 'Rejoice!' We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the usual Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.



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.



OUR PARISH SHOP is open on Sunday mornings.
It is a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts are available



Mother's Day is a special day to celebrate the love and sacrifices of mothers. It is a time to express our gratitude and appreciation for all they have done for us. Let us take this opportunity to honour and cherish our mothers both living and those who have passed away and all the mothers in our lives.

Family Prayer For Holy Week As the Dublin Diocese continue to develop family friendly resources for parishes, they are offering a simple way for families to connect to Holy Week through an easy prayer experience. It is suitable for all but especially those journeying together towards the celebration of sacraments. To view this resource go to www.dublindiocese.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/FAMILY-PRAYER-for-HOLY-WEEK.pdf

ARISE!

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

<https://forms.office.com/e/3rLFnUXjR>

Or contact

natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

Can You help us next weekend?

The Parish Easter timetable and Easter dues envelope are available for distribution from next weekend and we would really appreciate it if you were able to take your own road or a road near you and deliver them for us? **'Many hands make light work' Thanking you in anticipation**. The bundles of letters are available at the back of the church and we ask you to leave us your name when taking a bundle.



St Columba's conference of St Vincent De Paul would like to thank all those who contributed to the outdoor collection last week. Of €1172.10

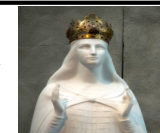
IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

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.

Mon	11.- 12.00	Exercise
Mon	2.00 - 4.00	Bridge
Tues	2.00 - 4.30	Bingo & Cards
Thur	11.- 12.15	Bible Group
Fri	11- 12.15	Writers Group

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.**



Knock Pilgrimage Choir



Would you like to participate in a Choir of Many Voices for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 29? Our pilgrimage choir will provide a unique opportunity for people from every corner of our Archdiocese to participate in our pilgrimage Mass. The choir will be led by Ciaran Coll and the mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. If you would

like to be part of the choir, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie with you name, your parish, the position you sing in and your phone number. Or phone 086 369 1217. A number of rehearsals will take place and we will provide further updates over the coming weeks.



KEEP WATCH WITH ME

Sr. Marie Dunne will lead a time of reflection at the Margaret Aylward Centre, Glasnevin, on March 28th at 7.30pm.

The evening will draw on scripture and music, and will

allow the opportunity to ponder as we journey into Holy Week and beyond.

To book your place call 01 7979364 | 0876649862



AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.