

Archbishop Farrell gave 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.

The Turkey/Syria Collection amounted to € 3339

THANK YOU!

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 **€455.00 last weekend.** This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Iona Road Parish thanks sincerely the anonymous donation of €500 to St. Anthony's shrine

Mass Intentions for the coming week

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| SAT | 4 | 6.00pm | Dolores Giblin (A) & pray for Tom Giblin Mary Dempsey (A) Pat Dempsey (A) |
| MON | 6 | 10.30am | Jacinta Hurley (A) |
| WED | 8 | 10.30am | Special Intention |
| SAT | 11 | 6.00pm | Tom O'Reilly (A) Joanna Heslin (A) |
| SUN | 12 | 11.00am | John McGuill (A) |



Please pray for **Frank O'Callaghan and Kathleen Lennon (Wigan 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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5th March 2023



*This is my Son, the Beloved;
he enjoys my favour.
Listen to him.'*

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

Thank you to Eoin and his quiz team 'The Dining Team' who raised €400 at a quiz in the Brian Boro and gave to St. Columba's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Mile Buichas, John Warde president



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.

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 Hallows 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.

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.
Committee Meeting 1st March 11am in the Annex.
General Meeting 8th March at 11.00am in the Annex

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| 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 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 .

If you are coming to the General meeting it would be helpful to bring the money then.)



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.



Do you want to fast this Lent?

Here are Pope Francis's suggestions:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.



Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill our heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

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.

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.

LENTEN SERVICES AT ST PETER'S, PHIBSBOROUGH

Masses: Monday - 10.30am & 7.00pm
Tuesday - Friday 10.30am & 6.00pm
Lenten Prayer immediately after 10.30am Mass on Thursdays (for 10/15 mins)
Stations of the Cross immediately after the 6.00pm Mass on Fridays approximately 6.30pm

NOVENA AT ST DOMINIC'S

Annual Novena of Grace to St Francis Xavier at St Dominic's, Tallaght, D24 T262. Saturday, March 4, to Sunday, March 12, at 10am morning Mass. Sunday the 12th, Healing Mass at 3pm. Preacher: Fr Damian Polly OP.

Recommended reading for Lent

The Office of Mission & Ministry recommended reading for Lent is Aidan Donaldson's book **The Beatitudes of Pope Francis**. (Available from Veritas €7.99)

This would be a great way to journey through Lent, either through personal reflection or by gathering with others to share your thoughts, guided by the book. Its handy six chapters would provide enough manageable material for each week in Lent.