

*The Cover Picture of this weeks link is
Emmaus By Ray Carroll*

One of the most beautiful features of St Mel's Cathedral before the fire of Christmas 2009 was the beautiful Ray Carroll (1930-1994) painting of Jesus breaking bread with the disciples at Emmaus. The disciples have just recognised Him, The Lord is pointing back at the road, as if to say 'It was me, I was with you on the road and you didn't recognise me.' But there is also a sense that he's pointing at the road back to Jerusalem as if going on to say, 'Now that we have met here, have courage to go back to the place where you were.' Pilgrims always go home and the homeward step of the two disciples from Emmaus is joyful and upbeat. They are transformed by their encounter with the Risen Jesus.

We bring our disappointments our struggles and doubts to the table of the Eucharist and we ask Jesus to transform us in the encounter with Him that we might bring what we celebrate here into our lives. That as we pray so we will live—transformed as the bread—to be the Body of Christ today!

We thank parishioners for your contributions at Mass last weekend
First collection €846 and Second Collections €520

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 also for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, .
Received in weekly envelopes. and Standing Orders.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

SAT	22	6.00pm	
SUN	23	11.00 am	William Paddle (A) Noel O' Malley (Months mind)
Mon	24	9.30 am	John and Charles Henry (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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While Jesus was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised 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



A date for your diary
Café Columba returns
on Sunday
7th of May

St Columba's conference of St Vincent De Paul would like to thank all those who contributed to the outdoor collection last week. Of €878.58



The Sacrament of Confirmation

Best wishes to all the children from St Vincent's, St Columba's and Lindsay Road national schools who will make their Confirmation here in St Columba's next week on Wednesday and Thursday. May this be a very special day for the children and all those who share the day with them .



Parish Social Media

We have some new posts on our Parish Facebook and Instagram accounts, including the work of the Flower Society, Easter Baptisms and The Easter Egg Hunt.

Please follow, like and share.

Facebook: Iona Road Parish Instagram: ionaroadparish



The Dublin North Bereavement Network are hosting a free information evening on loss and grief for people bereaved through any circumstance in the Axis Ballymun on Wednesday 15th May from 7.30 pm to 9 pm.. If you have experienced a bereavement this year or at an earlier time, or you are concerned about a child or friend who is grieving and wish to help, we encourage you to attend.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

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

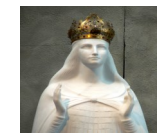
Trip to Epic—The Irish Emigration Museum Custom House Quay. Wednesday 26th April meeting 12 noon at Luas stop opposite Wynn's Hotel.

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

Who is She? A day-long conference for Our Lady, takes place on **Saturday, May 13** 9.30am – 4.30pm in DCU All Hallows campus. Join us for insightful talks, prayer, Mass, good food and great company. Discover what we can learn from early Irish Christians' Marian devotion? And how can we love Jesus as His mother loved Him? Cost €30. For more information or to book contact mariaassumptadublin@gmail.com.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

The 2023 Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on **Saturday, April 29**.
Please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie



Our Parish Flower Society are holding their annual collection after Mass this weekend Saturday 22nd April and Sunday 23rd April. This helps maintain a supply of fresh flowers in St Columba's throughout the year. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



The Margaret Aylward Centre will be closed for the two weeks of the Holy Faith Sisters General Chapter. It will reopen on Tuesday 2nd of May at 10am . For further information about up coming events please go to <https://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/>

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, self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.