

Canon Sydney MacEwan

Bring Flowers of the Rarest has been recorded by many artists, and perhaps most associated with Canon Sydney MacEwan.



He was born in a tenement in the Springburn district of Glasgow on 19 October 1908 into a poor family. His mother was from Portadown, Co. Armagh but was separated from his father when Sydney was very young and so he never met his father. But he had, in his own words, a warm and happy home and his mother managed to pay for music lessons. At the age of 18 he spent a short time with the Jesuits and later he was able to go to Glasgow University, when on 'Daft Friday', the last day of term before Christmas, he sang at a concert and the

audience went silent and listened. He began a singing career, including tours of North America and Australia, but gave this up to go to Bearsden seminary in Glasgow and later the Scots College in Rome. He was ordained priest in Glasgow on 29 June 1944. He resumed his singing in a limited way, serving as parish priest in Lochgilphead and Rothesay in the diocese of Argyll and the Isles. Proceeds from his concerts and recordings of Scottish and Irish songs went to charity and many parishes benefitted. On retirement he lived in Dunoon, in Argyll, assisting in the parish as needed and where at the age of 12, his brother had entered him in a talent show and he was a clear winner, gaining the prize of five shillings and half a crown! Canon Sydney MacEwan died in Dunoon on 25 September 1991, aged 82.

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 **€926.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Monthly collection for Saint Vincent de Paul will take place this week-end

Mass Intentions for the coming week

May	SAT	13	6.00pm	May Rickard (A)
				Patrick & Brigid Caine (A)
May	SUN	14	11.00am	Paddy Kearney (A)
May	MON	15	10.30am	John Prendergast (A)
May	SUN	21	11.00am	Amilia Punton 1st (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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Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love them and show myself to them.'

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

Localise Youth Volunteering has a vision where all young people have the opportunity to volunteer locally and become pro-active citizens and community leaders, and they are back in Iona Road. Last Tuesday, 9 May, Cat Scanlon from Localise and Aileen Cassidy from our Parish Council did a workshop about volunteering with the 5th class students in Iona Road School. They have been challenged with creating cards, care packages and singing for patients in the Mater and Fairview Step Down Unit on 30th May. We will hear more about their plans next Weekend

As a Parish, we love to support our young people helping our communities. We would be delighted if you could help us by donations of new, unused hand creams. These are available in places like Dealz, Lidl, and Penneys. There will be a collection box in the Church from 14th May until 21st May.

Find out more about Localise at www.localise.ie. Contact Aileen Cassidy for more information about this parish collaboration



Preloved Summer Labels

Clothes Sale Sat 10th June
@10.30 in Our Lady of
Dolours Parish Centre. All
monies raised are for
Maintenance of Church.

Please phone Kathleen 085 8721480 if
you have good quality stock to drop into
the Parish Centre. Thur- Fri 9.30am—
1pm

**Iona and District Residents’
Association
2023 AGM**

When: Wed. 24th May 2023

Where: Maples Hotel, Iona Road

Time: 7:30pm SHARP

New to the area or here a while?
Why not join our local Residents’
Association.

Let’s Gather Again –

Our Annual Evening of Reflection
for Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharist, will take place on
Monday, May 29, at 8pm in our
Lady of Victories Church,
Ballymun Road. No need to book.
All welcome.

Why not come along?

**GLASNEVIN BLESSING OF
REMEMBRANCE**

The Blessing of Remembrance takes place in
Glasnevin Cemetery at the Old Angels
Memory Garden on Sunday, May 28, at 3pm.
This special Blessing of Remembrance is for
all parents, family members and friends whose
baby is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, whether
through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a
baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a
warm invitation to families whose baby is
buried in other cemeteries and hope that they
will find some comfort in coming together to
remember their baby in a special way. For
further information, call 01 8829030.

The New Young

Adult Folk Choir @ St Columba’s

We are looking for new members. If
you are interested please ring or text
Anna at 085 2313188. We sing at 6 pm
Mass on Saturday evenings.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Ceilé dancing now being held in Clareville
Hall Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm **All Welcome**

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

Tour of the Boyne Valley 24th May 2023
€25 per person includes Bus and entrance fee
10.00am meeting outside the church. A few
places left. Money to Marjorie ASAP



Parish Social Media

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

Facebook: Iona Road Parish

Instagram: ionaroadparish

Monastery of St. Alphonsus

Christian Meditation

Wednesday, 17th of May, 7.30 pm

Small purse found outside the church last

week Contact the parish office at

01 8308257

BUILDING HOPE – PRAY, REFLECT, PLAN

You are warmly invited to join with every parish in the diocese in a
Novena to the Holy Spirit – a period of prayer, reflection and planning for
the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will
take place in the nine days from **21st to 29th May** beginning on the Feast
of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the
Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Resources – including **Suggested
Speaker Notes, Novena Prayer Booklet and Pastoral Planning Aid** –
were distributed to parishes by email this week and are available on the
diocesan website at <https://dublindiocese.ie/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/>.
The **Novena Prayer Card** was also delivered to parishes this week.

Launch of Novena to the Holy Spirit 2023 – Building Hope

A Prayer Service will take place in the Monastery of St Alphonsus on Monday, May 15, at
8pm and will include the resource material and music suggestions for the Novena. The
Sisters will join with the Diocesan Music Group in leading the music. Come in person or
join online at www.rednuns.com.

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