

**Ascension of the Lord**  
 "And know that I am with you  
 always; yes, to the end of time."



**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. We will hear more from the girls about their plans this 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 Penney's.

**There will be a collection box in the Church from 14th May until 21st May.**

Find out more about Localise at [www.localise.ie](http://www.localise.ie). Contact Aiden Cassidy for more information about this parish collaboration

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](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€733.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

**Last weekends monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul amounted to €699.54.**

**Many Thanks**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

May	SUN	21	11.00am	Amilia Punton 1st (A)
May	THUR	25	10.30am	Sean Fanning (A)
May	FRI	26	10.30am	Frank Mahon (A)
May	SAT	27	6.00pm	Owen McEnroe (1st A) Patrick Cleary (1stA)



**Please pray for John Brehony (recently deceased)  
 and all our recently deceased**

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)  
 St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

**PARISH**



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**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.



**Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit for  
 the renewal of the church in the  
 Archdiocese of Dublin**

**Come Holy Spirit,  
 revive and renew us  
 Come, Holy Spirit,  
 inspire and enthuse us  
 Come, Holy Spirit,  
 unbind and release us**

**Open our eyes to see  
 God's grace around us  
 Open our ears to hear  
 God's voice within us  
 Open our hearts to  
 Welcome God among us**

**Send us out with joy  
 to live the Gospel  
 Send us out with peace  
 to act as one  
 Send us out with love  
 to build up hope.**

**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

# Iona Fun Day Festival

Will You help? Just an hour or two on the Day

**SUNDAY 11TH JUNE**

CAFÉ COLUMBA — BARBECUE—SALAD BAR—  
ICE CREAM & CREPES—TUCK SHOOP—  
PIG ON A SPIT—CHESS—BINGO—ART TENT—FACE  
PAINTING—DRAWING & PAINTING—DOG SHOW—  
GAMES— INFLATABLE GAMES



Get Involved - Contact us - [ioafunday@gmail.com](mailto:ioafunday@gmail.com) if you can help in any way.

## Preloved Summer Labels



Clothes Sale Sat 10<sup>th</sup>  
June @10.30 in  
Our Lady of Dolours  
Parish Centre.

All monies raised are for  
Maintenance of the  
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.



## 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.



## 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?

**World  
Communications  
Day** will be  
celebrated this  
weekend May 21.



Pope Francis' theme for WCD is a call  
for a peaceful dialogue that allows for  
uncomfortable truths to be spoken of  
without resorting to contentious  
and hostile debate.  
Speak with the heart:  
Veritatem facientes in caritate  
(Speaking the truth in love).

## IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

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

**Tour of the Boyne Valley 24th May**  
FULLY BOOKED  
10.00am meeting outside the church.

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



## Parish Social Media

We have some new posts on our Parish Facebook  
and Instagram accounts,  
Please follow, like and share.

**Facebook: Iona Road Parish Instagram: ionaroadparish**

## JOHN SULLIVAN



was born in Eccles Street, Dublin on 8 May 1861 and baptised in  
St George's Church of Ireland, Temple Street and was brought up  
in the Christian tradition of his father. He went to Portora Royal  
School in Enniskillen and then studied classics and law at Trinity  
College, Dublin and at Lincoln's Inn, London. Having been  
nourished by Anglican spirituality for 35 years, he was received  
into the Roman Catholic Church at Farm Street church and  
returned to Dublin, living a very simple life style. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1900,  
ordained priest in 1907 and then spent the greater part of his life at Clongowes Wood  
College, Co. Kildare. His reputation for holiness and as a person of prayer spread rapidly  
and he was always available to the sick, the poor and anyone in need. He died 19  
February 1933.

His mortal remains lie in a shrine in St Francis Xavier church, Gardiner Street. Mass in  
thanksgiving for his life is celebrated there at 1 o'clock on the third Saturday of the month.  
A blessing with his crucifix takes place after Mass, recalling his devotion to Christ  
crucified. It is there also that his declaration as blessed took place on 13 May 2017, the  
first ever beatification celebrated in Ireland. His memorial is observed on 8 May, his day  
of birth.

*God, Father of mercies, who taught your Priest, **Blessed John Sullivan**, to contemplate  
Christ crucified and imitate his compassion, grant that we may follow his example  
and grow every day in loving you above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## 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.  
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.