



The Blessing of Remembrance takes place in Glasnevin Cemetery at the Old Angels Memory Garden on Sunday, May 28th, 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.

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

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 **€517.00 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

May SAT 27th - 6pm Owen McEnroe (1st A) Patrick Cleary (1st A)

Agnes Callagy (1st A)

May Mon 29th - 10.30am Sean Fanning (A)

Jun Thur 1st—10.30am Frances Fearon (Rec Dec)

Jun Fri 2nd—10.30am Altar list of the dead.



Please pray for John McNulty Drumcondra Rd and Joseph Gallagher also from Drumcondra Rd 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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PENTECOST

Sunday

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*for the renewal of the Church
in the Archdiocese of Dublin*

May 21 to 29, 2023

**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**

*Building Hope through
Prayer, Reflection and Planning*

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.

Iona Fun Day Festival

Help Needed. Just an hour or two
on the Day

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

CAFÉ COLUMBA , BARBECUE, SALAD BAR,
ICE CREAM & CREPES, TUCK SHOP,
PIG ON A SPIT.

CHESSE, BINGO, ART TENT, FACE PAINTING,
DRAWING & PAINTING, DOG SHOW, GAMES,
INFLATABLE GAMES



Get Involved. Contact us at ionafunday@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

Let's Gather Again



The Dublin Diocese annual evening of pray, song and reflection for all ministers of the Eucharist will take place on Monday 29th May at 8pm in Our Lady of Victories Church Ballymun Road. Fr Pat O' Donoghue and the Dublin Diocesan Music Group will lead the music on the night. All are welcome to attend.

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.



Join us for Christian Meditation
In The Monastery of St Alphonsus
on Wednesday 31st May at 7.30 pm

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

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

Our Boyne Valley trip was a great success. A great big thank you to everyone involved for making it such a special day.

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

Our Church Calendar

In the days when every kitchen had on display what we called a 'Church Calendar', several things would catch our eye this week.

Pentecost, the word is Greek for 50, and our feast is the 50th day and end of the season of **Easter**, with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Some times and in the past called Whit or white, this might have referred to the new gift of the Spirit or to the colour of dress of the baptised or of the vestments used on that day. There is also the Jewish feast of **Shavout**, originally a thanksgiving for the wheat harvest but observed as the commemoration of the giving of the Torah, the Law, at Mount Sinai. Also called the **Feast of Weeks**, it is seven weeks after the Passover, celebrated on the following day, the 50th.

The next day, Monday after Pentecost, is the memorial of the **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**. It is a new feast, established by Pope Francis in 2018, but an old title of Mary, the Mother of God. The gospel of the day is of Jesus on the cross entrusting Mary to his disciples as their mother, they are her children. St Augustine wrote of Mary as the mother of the members of Christ and St Leo the Great wrote of the Mother of Christ and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church. **Pope and Saint, Paul VI** declared Mary as the Mother of the Church in 1964. His memorial is 29 May but not celebrated this year since it is also the Monday after Pentecost.

We then move into Ordinary Time but yet, as we proclaimed at the Easter Vigil, all time belongs to Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. No time is just ordinary!

Wednesday next is the feast of the **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, to Elizabeth.

Thursday is the memorial of **St Justin**, martyred in Rome around 165. He gives us a marvellous description of Sunday Mass, from around the year 150. Saturday next is the feast of our diocesan patron, **Kevin of Glendalough**.