

At Sunday Mass during the month of May we sing one of the best loved hymns, **Bring flowers of the rarest**. It is a very popular recessional song and nobody leaves until it is over. Often published without any information of its composition, but an American musician Mary E. Walsh is credited with the date around 1871. Crowning hymn is given as a title recalling the image of Mary wearing a crown, which is found in the 5th century, both East and West. Later images have Mary, seated on a throne, dressed like a queen and surrounded by angels and saints. Christ is sometimes seen placing a crown on her head. The words are about spring, flowers and blossoms, in the pastoral setting of woodland, hillside, dale and vale – and, above all, about the Queen of the May. The hymn brings memories of going to the May devotions each evening of the month and having a May altar at home and in school. Words may vary slightly; the two verses here are as sung by Canon Sydney McEwan.



*Bring flowers of the rarest,
bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland
and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
Flowers of the Flower of the vale.*

*Their lady they name thee,
their mistress proclaim thee,
ah! grant that thy children
on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure
shall keep its bright hue.*

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May

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 **€940.00 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	6	6.00pm	May Doyle (A)
May	WED	10	10.30am	Dick & Kate Nolan & Nellie Prendergast (A)
May	SUN	14	11.00am	Paddy Kearney (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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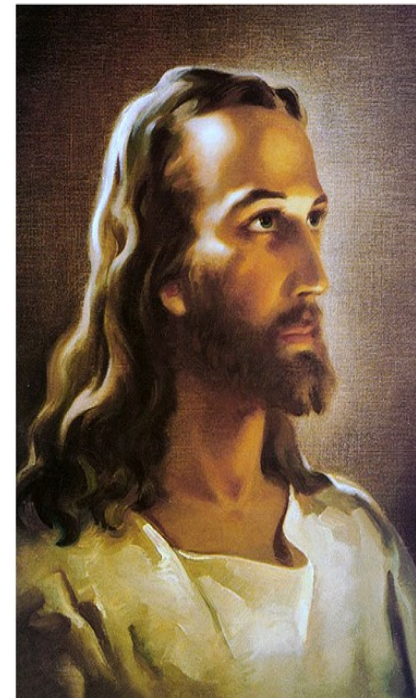
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7th May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Way

Truth

LIFE

Alleluia, alleluia.

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Cafe Columba



Sunday 7th May
(After 11am Mass)

Donations of homemade cakes welcome !!

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

Let's Gather Again – Change of Date – Our Annual Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, not held since Covid, will take place on **Monday, May 29**, at 8pm in our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. This is not a ‘training’ evening for new ministers but an opportunity to gather, reflect, pray and sing in the light of this special calling. The Dublin Diocesan Music Group will lead the music. It is hoped that the evening will nourish and deepen our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist while affirming this aspect of the baptismal vocation to which so many have been called throughout the Diocese. OLV Church has a webcam too. Spread the word about the date change. No need to book. All welcome. Why not come along?

Courageous Conversations



Massey Bros. present a free thought-provoking evening on planning for the future, funeral planning and to answer questions that may be on your mind and help you have those courageous conversations that ultimately bring peace of mind and give you the confidence to discuss these things with loved ones.

Join us on Monday 8th May 2023 in Erin's Isle Finglas at 6 pm – 8 pm

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 Weds 1st May from 7.30 pm to 9 pm.. If you have experienced 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

Ceilé dancing from next Monday 8th May changed from Botanic Hall.

General Meeting next Wednesday 10th May 11am in the Annex All Welcome 11th May Botanic Hall Cards

Tour of the Boyne Valley 24th May 2023

€25 per person includes Bus and entrance fee 10.00am meeting outside the church. Money to Marjorie ASAP

Mon	11.– 12.00	Exercise
Mon	2.00 - 4.00	Bridge
Tues	2.00 - 4.30	Bingo & Cards
Thur		
Fri	11- 12.15	Writers Group

Lay Ministry Collection

The Lay Ministry Collection will take place **this weekend of May 6/7**. This collection will replace the usual Share collection.



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

The New Young Adult Folk Choir @ St Columba's We are looking for new members. We sing at 6 pm mass on Saturday evenings.

We would love you to join us, You don't need to be able to sight read but Enthusiasm and a sense of humour is essential. If you are interested please ring or text Anna at 085 2313188 .



Back to Back Bach !!!

ORGAN RECITAL

Dr David O'Shea plays your favourite organ hits from the 18th Century. Back to back baroque beltors in the lovely surrounds of All Saints Church. Phibsborough rd at **7pm, Friday May 12th** - Tickets €10 at the door, or at phizzfest.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.