

SUMMER DUES

The Summer Dues collection for the support of priests takes place again this year. It began last weekend 10th/11th June. (Envelopes are available at the back of the church).

Now that the emergency phase of the pandemic has been officially declared over, this is an appropriate time to remind ourselves of the centrality of coming together as a Christian community to celebrate Sunday, the Lord's Day. Though we are many we are all one body in Christ (see 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). As we pray for a new beginning for the Church in the Archdiocese, and encourage renewed and active participation of all parishioners, please continue to support your priests in all the ordinary ways, and through this

Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable; our gratitude can never be fully expressed. Your donations may go further at no additional cost to you due to the availability of tax relief on charitable donations. With your help the parish can claim a tax refund to the value of 45% of your contribution from Revenue from those who contribute €250 or more in any given year, subject to the taxpayer having paid at least the amount of tax being claimed by the parish. The parish can reclaim the tax no matter whether you are either PAYE or Self-Assessed. This tax rebate from Revenue is now an important source of income for the parish.

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

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 **€291.00 last weekend, and €577.00 the previous weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes.

An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

June	SAT	17	6.00pm	Jim Curtin (A)
June	SUN	18	11.00am	Frances Quinn (Month's Mind)
June	MON	19	10.30am	Sp Intention
June	TUE	20	10.30am	Pilgrimage Tour Mass
June	SAT	24	6.00pm	John McNulty (Month's Mind) Rita & John Hadley (A)
June	SUN	25	11.00am	



Please pray for **Michael Smyth, Lindsay Rd.** and **Joan Ward of Claremont Court** 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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'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest'

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

Iona Family Fun Day was a huge success last weekend. Many thanks to all who gave their time and effort to make it such a great day.



ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE ANNIVERSARY

The Archbishop of Rouen has invited the Archbishop of Dublin and the people of the Dublin Diocese to join him in the town of Eu in Normandy in May 2025 for the celebration of the 800th anniversary of St Laurence O'Toole's canonisation with the Diocese of Rouen. Those interested in participating in, or organising a group for, this pilgrimage celebration, can contact Fr Ivan Tonge, Ringsend (ivan.tonge@gmail.com), or Fr John Flaherty, Portmarnock (john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie). This visit will be co-ordinated by Marian Pilgrimages.

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.



Know your Faith – Come to Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm). Places are limited so early application is advised.

Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited.

For more information please visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Ceilé dancing in Clareville Hall
Finished till September

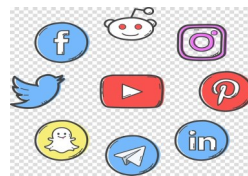
Tour to St Mel's Cathedral on Wednesday 21st June by train
Leaving Drumcondra station at 9.10am-
Returning to Dublin 4.16pm-
Anyone interested contact
Clare Earley @ 087 9663140

Mon	11.- 12.00	Exercise Cancelled
Mon	2.00 - 4.00	Bridge. Because of growing interest we will continue for month of July
Tues	2.00 - 4.30	Bingo & Cards
Thur	11-12.15	Bible Group Cancelled
Fri	11- 12.15	Writers Group Finished till September



OUR PATRON SAINTS

Last week on the 9 June, the day he died in 597, we celebrated our Parish Patron, **St Columba**, Born in Gartan, Co. Donegal on 7 December 521, he studied at the great monasteries of Moville, under St Finnian, at Clonard, under another St Finnian and in our area of Glasnevin, in the monastery of St Mobhí. He founded monasteries in Derry, Durrown, Kells, and above all, Iona. From there he converted many to Christianity, including Northumbria. Sometimes there is an obvious reason for the patronage as it was the birthplace of the saint, or where they died, or where they were active; in our case where the saint spent time as a student., becoming a monk and great missionary. But it may also be a very tenuous or unknown link. Today, countries, cities, and all sorts of places have their patrons, as well as activities, professions and occupations, all sorts of causes, conditions and illnesses, communities and individuals. People have their favourite saints and they become their protectors on earth and advocates in heaven. Most of the patron saints are probably not known at all. For example, every illness has its patron. To help us through a flu season, we have the archangel Raphael, whose name means 'God heals us' and many others, including St Luke, who was a doctor, St Blaise, invoked especially against ailments of the throat, St Vitus, again, a martyr -the neurological disorder in children Sydenham chorea is also called St Vitus's Dance. Because of this name, he is also patron of dancers and actors. Gereon, died a martyr at beginning of 4th century, can be invoked against headaches -he was beheaded! Agathius of Cappadocia may also be invoked -he, too, died a martyr by beheading. And St Teresa of Avila, who suffered with migraines.



Parish Social Media
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Instagram: ionaroadparish

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Church Gate collection this weekend.