

**Prayer for World Youth Day
Lisbon 2023**

The official prayer for World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 was presented on Saturday, 21st of November, Memorial of the Presentation of Mary.

Our Lady of the Visitation, you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and wellbeing is the best wellbeing. Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth

Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did. Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace. Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!



Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, which is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders. **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 Contributions to the parish can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website: www.ionaroadparish.ie **During the month of June 2022** the Tap and Go machines in Iona Road Parish collected €461.00 from 48 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share. We thank parishioners who have already contributed to the **Summer Dues** collection, which supports the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

Mass Intentions for the month of August (at time of print)

Aug	THUR	3rd	10.30am	Mary Morrissey (A)
Aug	MON	7th	10.30am	Mass in the Monastery @11am
Aug	FRI	11th	10.30am	Gretta Mahon (A)
Aug	SAT	12th	6.00pm	Betty O'Doherty (1stA) Elizabeth & John Frayne (A)
Aug	TUE	15th	10.30am	Feast of the Assumption
Aug	SAT	19th	6.00pm	George Cosgrave (A) James Farrell (Month's Mind)
Aug	SAT	26th	6.00pm	Patrick & Dermot Flaherty (A)

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to parishlink@gmail.com or dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, marked 'Parish Link', by 5pm on the Thursday of week of publication. A contact name and phone number is required for each item. Parish Link contact:

Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.
Ph: 8308257 or email ionaroadparish@gmail.com

PARISH LINK



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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.



MESSAGE FROM CROSSCARE

You may come in contact with people who experience food poverty through your work. We help families and individuals with food supplies, and through our caseworkers, with any other issues that have brought them into poverty, for example, the rising cost of living, debt, illness, increasing rents or lack of access to social welfare. We have food collection and casework centres across Dublin – in Finglas, Ronanstown, Jobstown, Nutgrove,

Bonnybrook, Blanchardstown, and Dublin 1 – with plans to establish more where needed. Close to 500 families and individuals, including 300 children, have needed help with food from us since the start of the year, and we know many more need our support. Please share details of this service (below) through your networks so we can reach as many people in need as possible.

Email: foodcaseworkservice@crosscare.ie.

Phone: 01 8913022.

**From Yvonne Fleming,
Senior Manager at Crosscare:**



SEASON OF CREATION

A Message from Bishop Martin Hayes: In recent days, Met Eireann released statistics to say that the past month of June was the warmest June in 83 years. We are being impacted by global warming which is having a particular effect on Europe. We may feel overwhelmed by these scientific facts and that we can do nothing to reverse this global trend of rising temperatures. However, as individual Christians and as parish communities we take actions to address the impact of the current climate crisis. The Laudato Si' Working Group and Animators have prepared two sets of resources; firstly, to return 30% of our parish grounds to nature and secondly, those for the 2023 Season of Creation (1st Sept – 4th Oct) in accord with the theme of 'let justice and peace flow'. In his message for the 2023 Season of Creation, Pope Francis highlights our interconnectedness with God, with each other, with ourselves and with all of creation. These resources offer the opportunity for parishes to pray, discuss and take practical actions to address global warming at a local level. Our little actions together can have a global impact for the future of our Common Home.

Camino 2024 Plans are currently being made to host a Young Adult Camino in Summer 2024 for the Archdiocese of Dublin. It will be the final stage, walking the 110kms from Sarria to Santiago, with a day trip to Finisterre. Upon reaching the Cathedral in Santiago, those walking will get their Compostela. Three preparation sessions will be held in March, April and May. Register your interest now by filling in the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/q4xqzF4Vwv/>. All queries can be sent to natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

TOWARDS PEACE

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The Towards Peace office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am - 4pm and Wednesday 9am - 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie or <https://www.facebook.com/TowardsPeaceSpiritualSupportService/>.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT
Activities will resume in September

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.



Over the past few weeks, you might have seen Trócaire's ad on tv about the One Day Campaign. For over fifty years, Trócaire have been working with supporters, Irish Aid, partners, and communities to create positive and lasting change. Our One Day campaign highlights the profound impact of these collective efforts, working together for a just world. To parishes across the island of Ireland, Trócaire would like to say 'thank you' for making "One Days" happen. To learn more, go to www.trocaire.org/oneday/

WEEKLY EZINE

Sharing the Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in Sharing the Good News to info@catholicbishops.ie.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 9.30am Mass in the monastery of St Alphonsus on Saturday, the 19th of August.

'UNDER MARY'S MANTLE' CONFERENCE

Young Adult Catholic Conference – Saturday, August 19, and Sunday, August 20. 'Under Mary's Mantle' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-35) with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops, food and social in the historic All Hallows campus, DCU, Dublin. A chance to build your faith in friendship with young men and women from across the country. Keynote speakers include poet and convert Sally Read, a one-time radical feminist who embraced the Faith, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Cistercian Fr Aelred McGee, Marian theologian Professor William A Thomas and many more. The talks and workshops range widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the Liturgical Year. Mass and Confessions take place both days. Two-day ticket (Saturday & Sunday) – €60. Day rates – Saturday €40; Sunday €30. Students get a 10% discount – contact deusetpatria@gmail.com for discount code. There is a limited amount of accommodation available in DCU, contact deusetpatria@gmail.com or call 085 1442423 for rates and more information.

A Preloved Labels Pop Up Charity Shop in our Lady of Dolours Parish Centre is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10AM - 1PM until Sat 26th August. We look forward to welcoming the parishioners from Iona Road.

The St Vincent de Paul collection takes place on the 11/12 August this month