



The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the gift and beauty of God’s creation and encourages initiatives to protect our Common Home. This year’s theme **“Let Justice and Peace Flow”** is inspired by the Prophet Amos. *“Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”* (Amos 5: 24). Friday, 1st September, was the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and offered and continues to offer individual believers and the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of the Day on the same date as the Orthodox Church gives us a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our orthodox brothers and sisters. We live in a time where all Christians are faced with identical and important challenges and we must give common replies to these in order to appear more credible and effective (Pope Francis). For resources and further information please go to www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/ and click on Season of Creation 2023.

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 **€945.00 last 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

Sept	SAT	2nd	6.00pm	Mary O 'Toole (A) Charlie Earley (1stA)
Sept	MON	4th	10.30am	John Hyland (1stA) & Margaret Hyland (A)
Sept	SAT	9th	6.00pm	Maureen & Con Woodley (A)



Please pray for Margaret O’Brien Iona Ave. and all 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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Jesus said to his disciples 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me'.

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

It's that time of year again, the time to welcome all our children back to school. Our schools have already reopened and so we pray for all children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with, joy at seeing and making new friends, excitement at new experiences and a love of learning. We pray also for their teachers grant them wisdom, patience and joy as they begin the school year too. We pray for all students preparing for college or starting a new path in life that the Lord will guide them on their journey.

We must also remember the 4 young people who died tragically on the night of the Leaving Cert results and a week later another crash near Cashel resulting in the deaths of a couple and their 3 year old grandson . Our prayers can only be for the couple in hospital and all who are closely connected to the families.

We can but turn to the scriptures for some consolation. Sunday's gospel sees Jesus rebuking Peter, "Get behind me Satan" as Peter tries to 'mind' Jesus using the human process of thinking rather than the Divine. Jesus goes deeper and tries to prepare his disciples for the cross ahead of him and in turn ahead of them too. To be a follower of Jesus we too must be ready to take up our cross. For many families this cross has indeed been landed squarely on their shoulders. Like Simon and Veronica we too can lend a hand or wipe the brow of someone struggling with their cross today.

Fr. Joseph Ryan

Parish Social Media

Please follow, like and share.

Facebook: Iona Road Parish

Instagram: ionaroadparish

Sunday Evening Mass will resume in
Our Lady of Victories Church
on Sunday 10th September with our
Gospel Choir at 6.00pm.



Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership are delighted to announce a new 8 week chair based exercise programme. It will start on Monday, 11th September, from 11am to 12 noon and take place in the quietness of the side aisle of St Columba's Church. There is no charge and the exercises are suitable for older adults. Some members of Active Retirement are familiar with these exercises but they are open to everyone. Just come in the main door of the church and our space will be on the right hand side. Our coach will be our parishioner, Pauline Pierce.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Ceilé dancing resumes Monday 4th in Clareville centre 3.30-4.30pm

Game of 25 in Botanic Flats every 2nd Thursday starting 7th Sept. 12 –1.30pm

All Are Welcome

Committee meeting in annex on Wed 6th at 11am

Mon	2 –4pm	Bridge
Tues	2 - 4.30pm	Bingo & Cards
Thur	11-12 noon	Bible Group
Fri	11- 12.15	Writers Group

Young Adult Folk Choir @ St Columba's

We are looking for new members. If you are interested

please call or text Anna at 085 2313188.

We will be singing at 6 pm Mass on Saturday evenings.



Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry Programme

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course. run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper

Drumcondra Rd, September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application is now open. **Early application advised.** Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie. For further info go to www.dublindiocese.ie/pathways-2023/



The outdoor collection of St Columba's conference of St Vincent De Paul will take place after each mass next weekend 9th & 10th Sept. Your support is always very much appreciated.

Christian Meditation returns to the Monastery of St. Alphonsus on Wednesday, 6th of Sept. at 7.30 pm. All those who enjoy silent prayer are welcome to attend.



Celebrating the Season of Creation. Join us on Tuesday 5th Sept. from 11am—1pm for the first of a series of centre run events celebrating the gift, the act and the fruit of creation. Through meditation, visualisations, sharing and ritual we understand that creation is a great thought and a great act of love by God the Source of all that is. To book your place call us at 01 797 9364 or go to <https://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/events/>