

NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR



We are happy to announce that we are finally getting this off the ground following changes in musical personnel.

Children are invited to come on Saturday 9th December at 5:20pm and sing at the 6pm Mass. Our Saturday music team of Cecilia and Joe will rehearse lots of new music, and have the choir ready to sing at the Christmas liturgies. It is hoped that they will sing every second week in the New Year. Please approach the musicians after either Mass if you're interested, or contact: Cecilia 086-7780385

Annual indoor collection and appeal on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December



PARISH



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First Sunday **ADVENT** of



'This holy season of Advent is an opportune time for each one of us to look into our lives and see how we stand with God. Christmas should remind us of the second coming of Christ, which will be very soon for all of us'.

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.

Please follow, like and share our Parish Social Media
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.

The second Tap and Go device is 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 **€378.00 last weekend**, This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Many thank for the contributions of €927 for the Sick & Indigent Room Keepers Society collection last weekend.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Dec	SAT	2nd	6.00pm	1st Sun Advent
Dec	FRI	8th	10.30am	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
Dec	SAT	9th	6.00pm	Dempsey Family (A)
Dec	SUN	10th	11.00am	2nd Sun Advent



Please pray for **Paddy Cullen of Mannix Road** recently deceased and 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

OUR PARISH SHOP is open on Sunday mornings.

It is a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts, Including beautiful Irish made Christmas Cards. The cards are printed from an original drawing of our Church and have greetings in Irish and English. The cards are 100% Irish made and all raw materials sourced in Ireland. The cards are €2. Pack of 5 for €10.

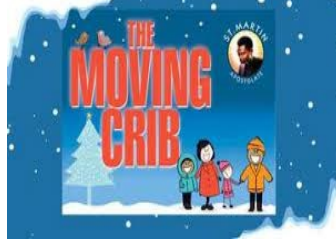
CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

Crosscare, the Archdiocese's social care agency, is seeking support for its Christmas Food Poverty Appeal at this challenging time for many families and individuals. This year, they have worked with almost 1,000 families and their children, not just giving them essential food and supplies but advising them and guiding them out of food poverty in the long term, giving them a hand up, not just a handout. You can **donate online at www.crosscare.ie**, call 01 8360011, or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 St Mary's Place North, D07 Y768.



Best of luck to the Na Fianna Senior Hurling Team playing in the Leinster SH Championship Final this Saturday in Croke Park

Moving Crib opened on Tue Nov 28th and runs until Sun Jan 7th in Parnell Square West.



Christmas Market **Our Lady of Dolours** would like you to join us for a great weekend on Saturday & Sunday 16/17 December from 9am - 4pm Get your locally sourced Fresh vegetables, Wreaths Jewellery, Gifts, Crafts, Cakes, Puddings, Music,

Tea & Coffee and Delicious Treats!

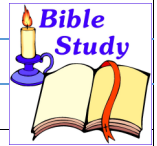


PALESTRINA CHOIR Do not miss this joyous evening of well-known and festive carols and Christmas music at The Palestrina Christmas concert in the National Concert Hall **next Weds, Dec 6th** at 8pm. Tickets from €28 available from www.nch.ie or 01 4170000. Experience the magic and sparkle of Christmas with the boys and gentlemen of the Palestrina Choir for their one-night-only carol concert. This magical show will be conducted by Musical Dir. Blánaid Murphy, produced by Noel McDonagh, accompanied by resident organist Aleksandr Nisse, Dublin Brass, and the compere for this festive evening will be RTE's Mary Kennedy. The youngest children, the girl and boy junior probationers will also make their debut singing together.



ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon	11-12	Chair Exercises with Pauline Pierce
Mon	2-4pm	Bridge (Annex)
Tue	2-4.30pm	Bingo and Cards (Annex)
Thur	10am	Lectio Divina (in the church)
Thur	11-12pm	Bible Group (Annex)
Thur	12-1.30pm	Game of 25 Botanic Flats
Fri	11-12.15	Writers Group (Annex)



Dates for your diary Christmas dinner Wednesday 6th December Maples Hotel €25 pp to Marjorie Chawke ASAP. 12.30 for 1pm Croke Park Christmas Dinner on 10th Dec 2-6pm to book contact any Committee member.

Christmas Miscellany

An evening of nostalgic miscellaneous Christmas music and party pieces performed by *Afternoon Miscellany* and *the Clarvevillians* Clareville Day Centre, Clareville Court Thursday 7th December commencing at 7.30. Admission, by way of €10 donation to the Clareville Bus replacement Fund includes mulled wine & mince pies For Information Mick Brophy Chairman, Clareville Day Centre michael.icpe@gmail.com 0872253534



Help needed this weekend 2/3 December to deliver the parish Christmas letter. The bundles of letters for each road in the parish will be available at the back of the Church. We would gratefully appreciate it if you were able to take your own road or a road near you and deliver them for us 'Many hands make light Work' Thanking you in anticipation.

St Alphonsus Monastery shop will be open every day until next Thursday 7th of December. All day Saturday and Sunday until 4pm.



If no one answers at the shop please come to the main reception door.

Our Advent Journey with Mary

This time of reflection will be led by Marie Dunne CHF Thurs December 7th from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in the

Margaret Aylward Centre, Glasnevin.

