



**From the LitMus office: Rejoice..Gaudete  
Fr. Pat O'Donoghue.**

I have been using the streaming facility at the Monastery of St Alphonsus to broadcast Prayer services on a variety of topics throughout the Diocese and beyond for years. It's like an extension of the LitMus Office.

Apart from the intrinsic element of prayer, templates are offered that can be adapted for use in any location. Our Carol Service had 1400 viewers while the Remembrance Service attracted 1600 participants apart from those who were physically present.

Hybrid is the way to go.

Mark Brady opened up a whole new world for evangelization at our Autumn Liturgy Seminar by demonstrating how we can use the tool of technology in workshop and prayer.

Watch out for details of more workshops and services to come. Through simple use of screens and camera, liturgies can be enhanced and teaching moments facilitated. It could be 'Radharc' for 2024. Keep in mind the idea of sharing prayer styles and resources in the Partnerships for the **Year of Prayer 2024**

**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](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€599.00 last weekend**, This is received in weekly envelopes.

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

**Many thanks for generous support to annual collection both in St Columba's and Redemporistine Monastery which amounted to almost €4000.**  
*PP conference of St Columba*

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

Dec	SAT	16th	6.00pm	Tommy & Kathleen Whelan (A) Dermot Cross (A) Michael & Mary O'Sullivan (A) Paddy Cusack (A) Tess Ayton (A)
Dec	SUN	17th	11.00am	Connell Anne Kelly (Month's Mind)
Dec	MON	18th	10.30am	Sadie Chawke (A)
Dec	WED	20th	10.30am	Eddie Brennan (A)
Dec	SAT	23rd	6.00pm	Thomas Tallon (A) Caroline Tallon (A) Mafra McGrann(A)



Please pray for **Gerry Bolger, Iona Villas, and Louise Maher, Drumcondra Rd** recently deceased and all our recently deceased.

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)  
St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

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**Third Sunday  
of Advent**

**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, 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](http://www.crosscare.ie)**, call 01 8360011, or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 St Mary’s Place rth, D07 Y768.

Christmas Market  
**Our Lady of Dolours** would like you to join us for a great weekend This 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!

**Help Needed with deliveries!**  
 We would gratefully appreciate it if you were able to take your own road or a road near you and deliver them for us  
 Thanking you in anticipation.



**DECORATING OUR CRIB**

All donations of Poinsettias for our crib will be gratefully accepted. Just leave them inside the crib and they will be displayed. Many Thanks

**SHARE YOUR CRIB ON SOCIAL MEDIA** During their Winter General Meeting in Maynooth last week, the Bishops of Ireland offered prayers of thanksgiving as 2023 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi constructing the first Christmas crèche in a cave in Greccio, Italy.

To mark this special anniversary in our faith history, bishops invite everyone to share a picture, or video, of their crib whether it is at home or in the workplace, along with a message.

As every crib has its own story, sharing Christmas memories of the crib would provide inspiration to many people during this season of goodwill and celebration for Christian families. To help spread the spirit of Christmas, why don’t you tag us in your crib post on Facebook at Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference; Instagram at @catholicbishops; and X/Twitter at @CatholicNewsIRL.

The bishops reiterated Pope Francis’s words that a key message of the Nativity scene is that the mystery of Christmas ‘loves to hide within what is infinitely small ... [the Nativity] is like a living Gospel overflowing from the pages of Holy Scripture’.



Please follow, like and share our Parish Social Media

Facebook: Iona Road Parish

Instagram: ionaroadparish



**ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

Mon	11-12	NOTE: An extra pre Christmas "Adult Seated Exercise Class" 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)	

**Christmas Timetable 2023**

Saturday Vigil 23th December 6.00pm  
 Sunday 24th December (4th Sunday of Advent) 11.00am  
**Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December**  
**Family Mass for Christmas 6.00pm**  
**Christmas Night Mass 9.00pm**  
**Monday 25th December**  
**Christmas Day Mass 11.00am**  
 Night Mass in the Monastery on Christmas Eve 8.00pm  
*Mass on Christmas Day in the Monastery 9.30am*  
 Tuesday 26th December (St Stephen’s Day)  
 As a partnership of parishes a special combined Mass will take place in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road at 11.00am  
**Tuesday—Friday 26th-29th December**  
**Mass in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus 11.00am**  
 Saturday 30th December Vigil 6.00pm  
 Sunday, 31st December  
 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: Mass 11.00am  
 Monday 1st January (Bk Hol)  
 Mary, The Holy Mother of God—As a partnership of parishes a special combined Mass will take place in Corpus Christi Church, Drumcondra at 11.00am  
 Saturday 6th January  
 The Epiphany of The Lord: Mass 11.00am  
 There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 16th December.  
**An Advent Service of Reconciliation with the Franciscan Fathers will take place in the Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall, on Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm**

**40 Hours Adoration** is taking place in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road from **Monday 18th to Thursday 21st December 12.00pm to 10.00pm.** We hope you will take this opportunity to spend some quiet time in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We especially ask you might use you moments to Pray for Vocations for our Diocese, during this Year of Vocations.

**Many Thanks to all who took part in our ‘CHRISTMAS’ in Song and Word last Sunday**

A voluntary collection was held at the end of the service which amounted to **€1240.**



All proceeds will go to ‘An Saol Foundation’ (supporting those living with severe acquired brain injury) and ‘Merchants Quay Ireland’ (supporting those affected by homelessness and addiction).