

Sunday 14th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 15th - Memorial of St Ita, patron of Limerick, 'foster mother of the saints of Ireland died 570. Her monastery at Killeedy attracted many young people.

Tuesday 16th -Optional memorial of St Fursa, Irish missionary who lived the monastic life in East Anglia and later in France, died at Mézerolles in 650.

Wednesday 17th -Memorial of St Anthony of Egypt, 251-356.known as the father of monasticism. From an early age, he sought the austere life and solitude of the desert

Thursday 18th -Week of prayer for Christian Unity begins

Friday 19th—2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 20th—Optional memorial of St Fabian, was Pope from 236 until he died as a martyr in 250; Optional memorial of St Sebastian, martyred in the persecution of Diocletian.

Tap and Go machines 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 **€878.00** 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

Jan	SAT	13	6.00pm	Gerry Bolger (Month's Mind) Frank McMahon, Catherine McMahon & Kathleen McMahon A) Graham Fitzpatrick (A) Brenda O'Byrne (A)
Jan	SUN	14	11.00am	BAPTISMS
Jan	MON	15	10.30am	Gerry & Maura McMahon (A)
Jan	SAT	20	6.00pm	Síle Sweeney (A)



Please pray for **Rita Joyce, Claremont Crescent** 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

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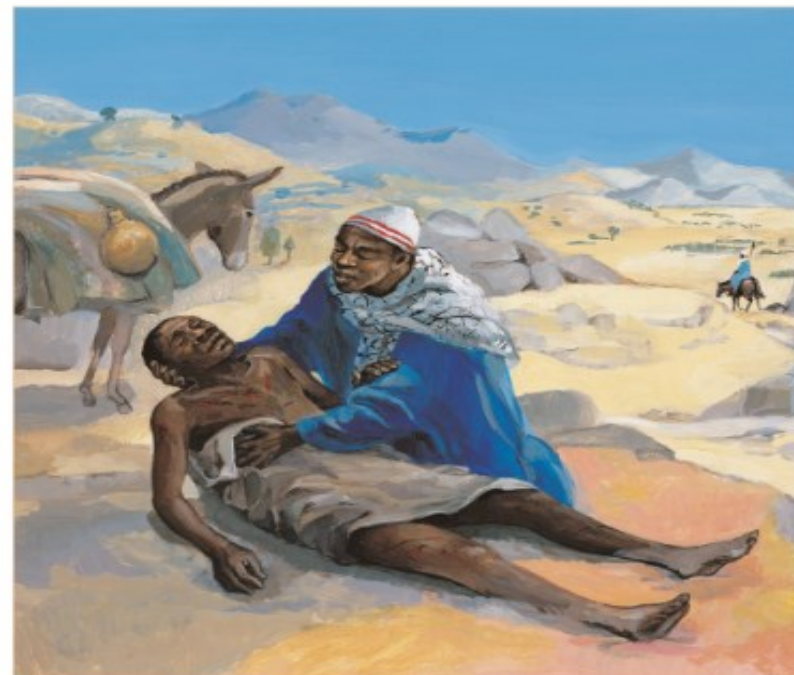
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Parish of St. Columba

14th January 2024

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024
Go and do likewise



Dos, a gwna dithau yr un modd.

Imigh leat, agus dean féin mar an gcéanna.

Imich thusa, agus dean mar an ceudna.

churches together
IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

18-25 January 2024 www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

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. There are lots of lovely cards and small gifts available.

Please follow, like and share our Parish Social Media

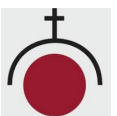
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Congratulations to Sr. Deirdra Redemptoristine sister who celebrated her Temporary Profession in the Monastery of St Alphonsus on Thurs. 11th Jan. The Sisters were joined by Sr Deirdra's family and friends both in person and online for this joyous occasion. Mass was celebrated by Fr Dan Bargarry C.Ss.R, several Redemptorists confreres and clergy-friends of the community. We wish Sr Deirdra every blessing on this her very special journey .



Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership are delighted to continue to support the Seated Resistance Exercise class for older adults on Monday mornings from 11am to 12pm at the side aisle of the church. There is no charge for this class. All are welcome.



Save The Date : Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on **Sat, April 27**. If you would like to take part in the choir or have any other queries, **please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie**

An engagement ring was lost in the Drumcondra area on the 1st Jan. between Claude Road and Skylon Hotel/Wellpark Ave Via Gartan Ave Hollybank Road Botanic Ave route.



The Na Fianna Annual Mass for deceased members and friends will take place in the clubhouse on Mobhi Road this Sunday the 14th at 4pm.



A date for your diary.

Monday 29th Jan

Journeying in Prayer with the Desert

Mothers and Fathers. In the Monastery of St Alphonsus at 8.00 pm. Join us in person for this service of reflective music and prayer or online at www.rednuns.com Music led by Fr Pat O Donoghue and the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

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

Draiocht will present John B Keane's play 'The Field' Thursday the 18th January at 8pm in Clareville Day Centre, Clareville Court, Glasnevin, Dublin 11. Admission €5. All welcome.



Young Adult Camino 2024

We are delighted to launch our Young Adult trip to the Camino June 2024. Completing the last 110km of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago, this is a pilgrimage not to miss! Places are limited . If you wish to book, Contact: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25 January 2024

You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself (Luke 10:27)

The theme for this year is based on a text from the Gospel of St Luke, with material prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso as they reflect on what it means to love one's neighbour in the midst of an unstable political and social situation, with many threats to peace and social cohesion. The theme, leading to the parable of the Good Samaritan, helps us to recognise that the love of Christ unites all Christians and is stronger than their divisions.

Burkina Faso, in the Sahel region of West Africa, is a country of 22 million people, with a Christian population of 26 percent.

Resources for the Week, published by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, can be downloaded from the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (www.ctbi.org.uk). Archbishop Dermot Farrell writes, 'The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognise and receive the richness and value that are present in the other, the different and to ask God for the gift of unity.'

The inauguration of the Week in Dublin takes place this year at a service in Our Lady Mother of the Church Castleknock on Thursday 18th January at 8pm