

Sunday 21st	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God. Catholic Schools Week begins
Monday 22nd	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Optional memorial of St Vincent, deacon in Saragossa, Spain, martyred in Valencia in 304
Tuesday 23rd	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 24th	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Memorial of St Francis de Sales, 1567-1662, bishop of Geneva, worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation.
Thursday 25th	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends today
Friday 26th	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, missionary companions of St Paul. Timothy was bishop of Ephesus and Titus bishop in Crete.
Saturday 27th	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Optional memorial of St Angela Merici, 1474-1540 founded the Ursulines

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 **€753.00** 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	20	6.00pm	Sile Sweeney (A)
Jan	SUN	21	11.00am	Sr Myra McDonagh (Month's Mind)
Jan	MON	22	10.30am	Michael Chawke (A)
Jan	SAT	27	6.00pm	Mary Haugh (A) Desmond & Elizabeth Roxburgh (A) Timothy O'Leary (A)
Jan	SUN	28	11.00am	Joe Quinn (1stA) Una & Joe Quinn (A)



Please pray for 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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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



Remain In My Word

(John. 8:31)

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 join us on Monday 29th Jan for *Journeying in Prayer with the Desert Mothers and Fathers*. In the Monastery of St Alphonsus at 8.00 pm. You are welcome to 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.



Young Adult Camino 2024
Dublin diocese are delighted to launch their 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.

Or scan the QR code
To express an interest



Fifth Sunday Of The Word Of God

The Sunday of the Word of God is an annual commemoration in the Catholic Church taking place on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Pope Francis' associated *motu proprio*, *Aperuit illis*, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". Pope Francis wants to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign. The theme chosen for this year is taken from the Gospel of St John: "Remain in my Word" (John 8,31). For resources please go to www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/parola/2024.html



Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? If so Family Carers Ireland can support you. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon	11-12	Chair Exercises with Pauline Pierce (In church)
Mon	2-4pm	Bridge (Annex) New members always welcome
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)



Christian Meditation will take place in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



Knit and Natter

An informal knitting group gather together to knit and socialize in the Margaret Aylward centre every Tuesday from 1.30 -3.30pm



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



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)



Catholic Schools Week 2024
Sunday, 21 January – Saturday, 27 January
Catholic Schools: Serving Our Communities

Catholic Schools Week began twenty years ago at the end of January 2004. This is a week when we pray for our schools, students, teachers, staff, boards of management and parents associations. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools : Communities of Service** - and a short reflection and prayer is given for each day. (see link below) We celebrate and recognise the unique contribution our schools make to the service of our pupils, our communities and our Church. A highlight of the week is the primary schools' invitation to grandparents to visit the school on Wednesday. For resources please go to <https://catholiceducation.ie/catholic-schools-week-2024-communities-of-service/>