



St Brigid's day Thursday 1st Feb

Bank holiday Monday 5th Feb.



On Thursday 1st Feb we celebrate our great patron St Brigid. Brigid captures our imagination as a woman of great generosity, enormous courage, and extraordinary sensitivity. She was a woman of peace and brought harmony where there was conflict, light to the darkness and hope to the downcast. May the mantle of her peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

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.

Sunday 28th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 29th 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 30th Optional memorial of Blessed Margaret Ball and Francis Taylor,. Also optional memorial of St Aidan, founded a monastery at Ferns and was later bishop, died 626. Patron of Ferns diocese.

Wednesday 31st Memorial of St John Bosco, 1815-88,

Thursday 1st Feb Feast of St Brigid, secondary patron of Ireland. Founder of the monastery of Kildare, renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. Died 524, 1500 years ago.

Friday 2nd Feb. Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after Christmas, remembering the child Jesus brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Known as the Feast of Meeting in the East, as they met Simeon and Anna. It is also Candlemas, as people with candles go to meet Jesus, in Simeon's words, who is 'a light to reveal God to the nations.' World Day for Consecrated Life.

Saturday 3rd Optional memorial of St Ansgar, patron of Scandinavia. Optional memorial of St Blaise, bishop, died a martyr in Armenia, in 315. Through his intercession, we ask God to deliver us from ailments of the throat.

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 **€2014.00** 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	27	6.00pm	Mary Haugh (A) Desmond & Elizabeth Roxburgh (A) Timothy O'Leary (A) Denis Boland (A)
Jan	SUN	28	11.00am	Joe Quinn (1stA) Una & Joe Quinn (A)
Jan	MON	29	10.30am	Heffernan Family (A)



Please pray for Joan Callahan O'Byrne Boardman 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. There are lots of lovely cards and small gifts available.

Archdiocese of Dublin

The Laudate Festival brings a large choir of several hundred children together to raise the roof in songs of praise to God and to lead us in reflection. You are invited to add your voice to the gathered singers. The repertoire is suitable for parish choirs and congregational singing for all occasions. Entry is free and all are welcome. Join us in **Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road, or online www.olv.ie/webcam/**

On Tuesday, January 30th from 7 - 8.15pm;

Creation: A Sacred Gift.—St Brigid/ Imbolg/ Celtic. Join us for the first of a series of Margaret Aylward Centre-run events celebrating the gift of creation, St Brigid and the beginning of Celtic Spring. On Wednesday 31st Jan from 11am—1pm. This event is free of charge but booking is essential. **Contact (01) 797 9364 or www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/events/**



Please follow, like and share our Parish Social Media
Facebook: Iona Road Parish Instagram: ionaroadparish



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 :

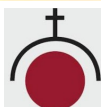
Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on **Sat, April 27**. If you would like to take part in the choir or have any other queries, **please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie**



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.

A Prayer Journey With The Desert Mothers & Fathers

Music led by
 Fr Pat O Donoghue
 and the
 Dublin Diocesan Music Group.



Please join us on Monday 29th Jan for
A Prayer Journey 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



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



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)