

**They set out;
and there,
ahead of them,
went the star
that they had seen
at its rising,
until it stopped
over the place
where the child was.**

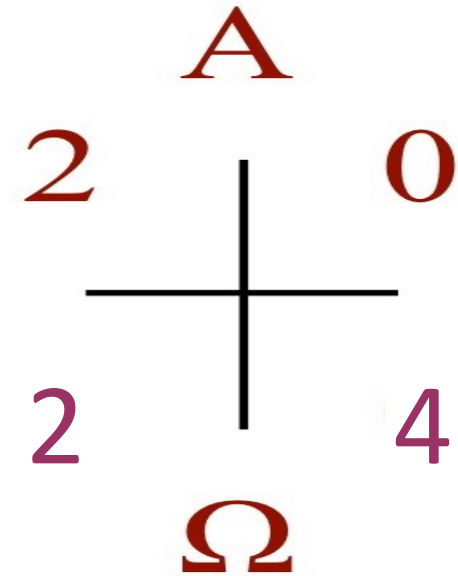
Matthew 2.9



**Athbhliain faoi
shéan is faoi
mhaise dhíbh -**

Happy New Year!

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 **€2548.00 over the Christmas period**, 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	6	11.00am 6.00pm	Epiphany of the Lord Baptism of the Lord John Gavin (A) Mary O'Reilly (A) Eoin McGuill (A) Colette Hudson (A) Patrick Slattery (A)
Jan	SUN	7	11.00am	Baptism of the Lord Tina McGrath (1stA)
Jan	MON	8	10.30am	Joseph Thomas (A)
Jan	SAT	13	6.00pm	Gerry Bolger (Month's Mind) Frank McMahan, Catherine McMahan & Kathleen McMahan (A) Graham Fitzpatrick (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

**Christ, yesterday and today,
the Beginning and the End
The Alpha and the Omega,
All time belongs to him and all ages.
To Him be Glory and Power
through every age and forever
Amen**

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.

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.

Monastery of St Alphonsus

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 5.45pm Mass on Thursday 11th January in the monastery

Christian Meditation in the Monastery
Wednesday, 10th of January 7.30 p.m.

Monday 29 January - Journeying in Prayer with the Desert Mothers and Fathers
Monastery of St Alphonsus – 8.00p.m.
In person and online www.rednuns.com
reflective Music led by
Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone..
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with the flocks,
Then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal those broken
in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release
the oppressed, to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...
And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do
and in all that we say

Then the work of Christmas begins.

Active Retirement

Annex Monday: Bridge 2-4pm
Annex Tuesday: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm
Annex Wednesday:
Active Retirement Meeting @ 11am
Lectio Divina Thursday at 10am
Annex Friday: Writer's Group 11-12:15pm

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 12midday at the side aisle of the church. Everybody is welcome.

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

CHOIR WIN TG4 COMPETITION

OLV Gospel Choir have won the TG4 choir competition show Curfá. The choir, who sing every Sunday evening at 6pm Mass in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road, progressed through the various stages of the competition, which aimed to find "Ireland's best choir". This TV show has highlighted the joy of choral singing, and OLV Gospel Choir have loved the opportunity to share the joy of Gospel music throughout. The grand prize was €5,000 and the chance to sing on stage with popular country singer Nathan Carter. OLV Gospel Choir were amazed to be crowned the winners, and want to thank parish priest Fr Frank Reburn and all the parishioners of OLV for their ongoing support and encouragement.

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Proclamation of Easter 31 March 2024

In some countries, there is a custom on the feast of the Epiphany (6th January) of announcing the date of some of the feasts of the new year, In particular, the date of Easter is proclaimed as the central event of our faith:
Christ's paschal mystery, dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored life.

Know, dear brothers and sisters that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the fourteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the thirty-first day of March you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, The Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twelfth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the nineteenth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the first day of December, the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever .

Amen

January 2024

Sun 7th

The Baptism of the Lord

Mon 8th to Saturday 13th First week in Ordinary Time

Optional memorial of St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

He was born in Poitiers, France about 315 and died on this day in 388. He is known as a great teacher of our understanding of the person of Christ and made a significant contribution to our understanding of the Trinity

Sun 14th

2nd Sunday in ordinary Time

18th –25th January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

21st January

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God -
Catholic Schools week

A Call for old copies of The Messenger

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