

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lent then and Lent now

In the past, there would be a poster in the church porch with the title Lenten Regulations for the diocese of Dublin. The year was stated and in the year 1956 when the Easter Vigil took place at night, as now, but before 1956 for hundreds of years, it was taking place early on Holy Saturday morning. As well as the poster, they would be read at Mass on this Sunday, called then Sexagesima Sunday, sixty days before Easter.

THEN. Every day, except Sundays and St Patrick's Day, were fast days—for everyone between 21 and 60. One full meal and a light repast morning and evening. Milk, butter, cheese, an egg or fish allowed at repast. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent were days of abstinence as use of flesh meal or any soup made from meat or meal extract were forbidden, though lard or dripping may be used for purpose of cooking or give relish to food on all days. The Lenten fast ended at mid-night on Holy Saturday.

NOW. Ash Wednesday, a fast day everywhere, is the beginning of Lent, the forty days concluding before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Then the Paschal or Easter Triduum begins, with the Easter Vigil, its entire celebration at night, as its centre and ends with vespers or evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Lent prepares us for the celebration of Easter as we recall our baptism and do penance, along with the catechumens who celebrate baptism, confirmation and eucharist, the sacraments of Christian initiation at Easter.

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 **€488 .00** last weekend. This is received in weekly envelopes.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Feb	SAT	10	6.00pm	Christine & Bill Brady (A) Michael Doyle(A)
Feb	SUN	11	11.00am	James Behan (1stA)
Feb	MON	12	10.30am	Mary Collis (A)
Feb	WED	14	10.30am	ASH Wednesday Day of Fast and Abstinence Peter Gallagher (A)
Feb	SAT	17	6.00pm	Michael McEvoy (1st A) Robert Conlan (A) Kathleen Kelly (A) Dermot Kelly (A) Betty Bowers (A) Ann Kelly (A)



Please pray for Fr Peter Kilroy and Anthony (Sid) Flynn 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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'On this Sunday we are struck with amazement at the compassionate hand of the Lord who touches and heals a leper.'

Like the leper in today's Gospel, we should always turn to the Lord, in good times and bad. In so doing, we trust that God will fill us with peace, joy and salvation'

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

Facebook: Iona Road Parish Instagram: ionaroadparish

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.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

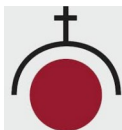
Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on **Sat April 27**. This year is celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879.

Our Lady of Victories Church have organised a bus for anyone interested in travelling to Knock. The bus will leave Our Lady of Victories Church at 7.45am on April 27th and make one quick stop for 10 minutes on route.

Arriving at Knock in time to participate in the programme.

You are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee will be available in Knock.

We will depart after the Mass leaving at 4.30pm. The cost is €25.00 per person. If you are interested please contact Grainne 8420346 in Our Lady of Victories Church, between 10 and 1pm Monday to Friday to book and make arrangement of payment.



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.

Daring to Hope -
Photographic exhibition of the Life and Work of Irish Religious Sisters since the foundation of the state will be in Church of the Most Precious Blood, Cabra. From Weds 21th Feb- Sun 25th (times vary) for Info : pauljoseph.thornton@dublindiocese.ie



			ACTIVE RETIREMENT	
Mon	11-12		Chair Exercises with Pauline Pierce	
Mon	2-4pm		Bridge in the Annex	
Tue	2-4.30pm		Bingo and Cards (Annex)	
Wed	11.00 am		Iona Retirement Meeting	
Thur	11-12.30 pm		Game of 25 (Annex)	

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 26-28 April and 20-22 September 2024.

Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

Grásta is a voluntary group of Married Couples based in Ireland, who for over 25 years have been facilitating Pre-Marriage Courses for couples getting married in the Catholic Church

JUST LENT 2024

This year the Office of Mission & Ministry is inviting you to use the **Just Lent** Resource with a strong focus on social justice. This initiative is in conjunction with the emphasis at the moment, in parishes and partnerships of parishes, on the Social Justice quadrant of the **Building Hope** Framework for Renewal.

The Just Lent Resource can be used for individual reflection, as a parish leaflet and for small group reflection.

Each week there is the same prayer and a connection with the Sunday scriptures, with a short reflection. There is also a key quote connecting to the theme. This is followed by questions for reflection following the method of see, discern and act. The resource also includes a guide page on how to use it.

This resource is attached and can be found [on the Mission & Ministry website](#).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place on February 16, the first Friday of Lent. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. Blessed candles will be lit in parishes across the country as a reminder to the faithful of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance; light in the darkness and hope. These 'Candles of Atonement' will be lit in diocesan cathedrals and churches on the Day of Prayer, and thereafter during the celebration of Mass and other liturgies. The lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement', and the following prayer, are based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the 9th World Meeting of Families on August 26, 2018 in Dublin when the Holy Father implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness.