

## ACCORD ANNUAL COLLECTION

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at Masses **THIS** weekend February 17 and 18.

Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers :

Marriage Preparation courses - online, small groups;  
Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone;  
A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.



Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.  
Please give as generously as you can this weekend.

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

The St Vincent DePaul society monthly collection amounted to €1062 last weekend.  
Many Thanks for your continued support.

**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](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to € 358.00. 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

Feb	SAT	17	6.00pm	Michael McEvoy (1st A) Robert Conlan (A) Kathleen Kelly (A) Dermot Kelly (A) Betty Bowers (A) Ann Kelly (A)
Feb	SAT	24	6.00pm	Philip Cahill (A) Marjorie Scannell (A) Liam Fox (A)
Feb	SUN	25	11.00am	Paddy O'Donohoe (1stA)

Please pray for **Mary Bowler** (Lindsay Road) recently deceased and all our recently deceased.



Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)  
St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

# PARISH



# LINK

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18th February 2024



'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand.  
Repent, and believe the Good News.'

**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.



## Just LENT 1

There is no life without water. We cannot survive without it. Sometimes we call Planet Earth, the Blue Planet. Salt water accounts for 97.5 per cent of all water in the earth; the remaining 2.5 per cent is fresh water. This 2.5 per cent sustains human life on earth – our life. In a real sense it is the foundation of all human civilisation; however, because it seems to be in such abundance, we appear to take water for granted. While fresh water is a global concern, it is always a local issue. Most people drink from the well in their own yard. In the past one hundred and fifty years, with the significant industrialisation of society and of agriculture, the demand for fresh water has increased exponentially, and the effects of vastly increased urban living can be seen in our rivers, lakes and oceans.

### “ #2.1 The Cry of the Earth, The Cry of the Poor ” Archbishop Dermot Farrell

- SEE** What effects of flooding are you noticing in our country and world?  
**DISCERN** How much water does your household use for cooking, bathing and cleaning?  
**ACT** What could you do differently this Lent to preserve water?

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday 1st March 2024  
 Theme: “I Beg You Bear with one another in Love” The service is prepared by the Palestinian WDP Committee in St Joseph’s Rosmini Church Grace Park Road at 2.30pm



**ALONE in Action**  
 Our Vision is an Ireland where older people can age happily and securely at home and are strongly connected to their local communities.

We work with older people, including those who are lonely, isolated, living in poverty, or are facing other difficulties and support them to age safely and independently at home. We help with coordinating services and helping older people address any challenges they face and assist with finding solutions. We also provide Visitation Support & Befriending & Telephone Support & Befriending.

**NATIONAL SUPPORT & REFERRAL LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE 0818 222 024** If you are in need of advice, support or information, please call our National Support and Referral Line, seven days a week from 8am – 8pm.

### Adoration

Our Lady of Victories Church

Every Monday during Lent from 12.00pm to 9.00pm

We hope you will take this opportunity to spend some quiet time in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

**OUR PARISH SHOP** is open on Sunday mornings. It is a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts.

Please follow, like and share our Parish Social Media

Facebook: Iona Road Parish

Instagram: ionaroadparish



### Improve Strength and Balance.

The Parish and Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) are pleased to continue to support the Resistance Exercise Classes for older adults on Monday mornings at 11am to 12 midday at the side aisle of the church.

Thanks to the Parish and DCSWP there is no charge for these classes. All are welcome.

Chair Exercises with Pauline Pierce  
 Monday 11-12. All Welcome  
 Annex Monday: Bridge 2-4PM  
 Annex Tuesday: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm  
 Lectio Divina Thursday at 10am  
 Annex Thursday 11-12: Bible  
 Annex Friday: Writer's Group 11-12:15pm  
 Day Trip to Banbridge & Newry Wed. 20th March. More information next week.

### Monastery of St. Alphonsus

### Christian Meditation

### Wednesday

### 21st of February

7.30 p.m.



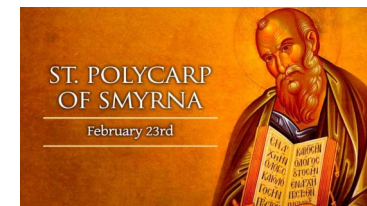
**Fr. Peter Kilroy**, who had been Curate in Iona from 2006-2012, was laid to rest in Deans Grange on Saturday 10th February. His Requiem was held in St. Teresa’s Church, Mount Merrion and the homily was given by Fr. Jim Caffrey who had been in Rathmines with him. Aged 86, Fr. Peter was very musical and in his youth had been one of “The Singing Priests”.

### Thursday, 22 February The Chair of St Peter

This ancient feast relates to the early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

### Friday, 23 February St Polycarp, bishop and martyr

St Polycarp was bishop of Smyrna, Izmir in modern Turkey. The account of his trial and martyrdom in the year 155 is our earliest surviving account of Christian martyrdom outside the New Testament.



A 4 week community Chair Based Exercise, Mobility & Meditation Programme commences at The Faith & Dialogue Centre, Monastery of St Alphonsus Road, Dublin 9. Every Tuesday from the 20th February-12th March Inclusive from 4pm- 4.45pm, Cost €30. Benefits include fall prevention, improved balance, improved stress management & core strength. Everyone welcome. To book contact Kay, Yoga & Mindfulness teacher on 085 1094 553 or email kframeofmind@gmail.com

**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! If you wish to book, please contact: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.