

**CONGRATULATIONS,  
FR DONAL**

On, Tuesday, the Holy Father Pope Francis appointed Fr Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese. At <https://dublindiocese.ie/fr-donal-roche-appointed-auxiliary-bishop/> you can find an overview of the life and ministry of Fr Roche as well as the statements of Archbishop Farrell and Fr Roche. Further photographs from the announcement at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral can be found on the Archdiocese's social media pages.



**PARISH**



**LINK**

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Parish of St. Columba

10th March 2024

The Monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul takes place THIS weekend on 9th /10th March

**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 **€269.00**. 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**

Mar	SAT	9	6.00pm	Tom O'Reilly (A) Peter Redmond (A)
Mar	WED	13	10.30am	Mary Bowler (Month's Mind)
Mar	THUR	14	10.30am	C C Anthony (A)
Mar	FRI	15	10.30am	Frank Farrell (A)
Mar	SAT	16	6.00pm	
Mar	SUN	17	11.00am	St Patricks Day
Mar	MON	18	11.00am	Bank Holiday Mass in the Monastery



Please pray for Ita O'Looney (Clareville) and Ann Lyons (Iona Crescent) 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)



**John 3:16** - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

**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.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus came into the world not just to save some people but all people. This salvation is freely given to every generation no matter the colour of our skin. The second reading reminds us that all human beings are 'God's work of art' created to live the good life of God. It is not because we are from a particular place or country or family that God saves us. It is simply because God is generous with his mercy and shares his grace with all. This helps us to remember that all people are equal in the eyes of God



*“Every brother or sister in need, when abandoned or ignored by the society in which they live, becomes an existential foreigner, even though born in the same country. They may be citizens with full rights, yet they are treated like foreigners in their own country. Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting.”*  
#97 Fratelli Tutti Pope Francis

- SEE** What changes in Irish society are you noticing?
- DISCERN** How are people from other cultures integrated into parish life?
- ACT** What could you do to celebrate racial diversity in the parish?



**Emmanuel 2024**

Each year over 2000 secondary school students gather in Our Lady of Victories Church over 3 days (600+ per day) for faith based workshops before heading to The Helix for a wonderful performance of uplifting liturgical music. Please come along and support them on **12/13/14 March 2024 at 7.30pm**. Tickets available from the helix [www.helix.ie](http://www.helix.ie) 01 700 7000

**ACT – LOVE – WALK AT MONASTERY OF ST ALPHONSUS**

The third service for the **Year of Prayer** will take place on **Monday 11 March at 8.00 p.m.** in the Monastery of St Alphonsus. The service is inspired by Micah 6:8 and so the title. The hope is that those who participate will take the opportunity to prepare themselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in their parishes or to use the ideas to plan such a service in their own communities. The text will be prepared by the full-time chaplaincy students of DCU with accompanying music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. Join us in person or online at [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com).

**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**



**ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES**

Chair Exercises with Pauline Pierce  
Monday 11-12.  
All Welcome  
Annex Monday: Bridge 2-4PM  
Annex Tuesday: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm  
Annex Wednesday:  
Active Retirement Meeting @ 11am  
Annex Thursday 10: Bible  
Game of 25 in the Annex  
Thursday 11-12:30PM  
St Patrick's Day Get Together  
Tea & Sandwiches in the Maples @ 12 Noon

**Day Trip to Banbridge & Newry**

Change of Date...  
Tuesday 19th  
March  
Bus is fully booked.  
Bus departs Iona



**Living Well programme-  
St Clares, Griffith Avenue**

There is a Living well programme starting in St Clare's Integrated care hub starting on Friday 5th April for 6 weeks from 10:30am-1pm. The Living Well programme supports you to develop and enhance the skills that help you to live well with a long-term health condition. Two trained leaders run the workshops; one of the leaders lives with a long-term health condition. To register or for further enquiries please contact:

**Louise Potter, Living Well Coordinator**  
**Email: [LivingWellDNCC@hse.ie](mailto:LivingWellDNCC@hse.ie)** or  
**Phone: 01-8976171**



St Columba's Flower Society would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Flower Collection last weekend. A total of €859 was collected. We are sincerely grateful and appreciative of your generosity.



**Friday 22nd  
March 3:30pm**

There will be a short 45 minute organ concert in association with Pipeworks to celebrate

J.S. Bach's birthday week.  
Dr David O'Shea will play Bach's best loved works and will be joined by our own organist, Eoin Tierney.  
Come along to hear a mix of relaxing and uplifting classics which will put the organ through its paces.  
Admission free.

**CITY QUAY**

First Fridays @ City Quay. Praying for the Safety of our City and for Peace in the World. Timetable for the day as follows: Mass 8am; Rosary at 10am and 12 noon. (Any Parish Rosary Group is welcome to lead the Rosary at any other hour – just send an email from our website [www.cityquayparish.com](http://www.cityquayparish.com)). Benediction @ 1pm. Church open for prayer and adoration throughout the day. Mass at 7pm. Dates for First Fridays: 5th Apr, 3rd May, 7th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary). For updates become a subscriber on our website [www.cityquayparish.com](http://www.cityquayparish.com).

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, April 27**. This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879. We are glad to say that the Choir of Many Voices from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. A series of workshops with interesting and thought-provoking speakers are being planned, more details to follow. As in previous years, parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.45am. If you have any other queries, please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie).