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St Columba Iona Road  
Glasnevin Dublin 9

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# WE ARE HIRING

## Faith Development Worker

For a Vibrant Parish of  
St Columba Iona Road

For full Job Description Please  
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Send your CV to [pastoralcolumba@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralcolumba@gmail.com)

Closing date: 5pm Friday 5th April 2024

**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 **€360.00**. 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	16	6.00pm	John McGuill (A)
Mar	SUN	17	11.00am	St Patricks Day
Mar	MON	18	11.00am	Mass in the Monastery
Mar	THUR	21	10.30am	Thomas Joseph (2ndA)
Mar	FRI	22	10.30am	Lily & Mat McManus & family (A)
Mar	SAT	23	6.00pm	Johanna Heslin (A)
Mar	SUN	24	11.00am	Palm Sunday

Please pray for 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)

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# PARISH



# LINK

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17th March 2024

*Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh*



**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.



# Fifth Just LENT 5

## SUNDAY IN LENT

Like St Patrick, the people of Israel were enslaved. They were migrants in a foreign land. Just like Patrick, their experience was harsh, as was their return to their homeland. This is still the experience of many migrants today. When we allow the Law of God's love to be our driving force then we realise that we are all God's people. This is why we need to take the Gospel message into our hearts. This Lent we are called to die to old ways of thinking and embrace the seeds of new life within us and around us.

*"Here we perceive the deeper roots of the migration crisis that touches many regions of the world. It is not only because of war that people flee their land. The flight to more prosperous regions is also due to the lack of hope in being able to have a life that offers an acceptable level of freedom, well-being and dignity in their own country. The 'tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from growing poverty' is profoundly linked to 'environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to [and sometimes cynicism in the face of] such suffering" (Laudato Si', 25) The Cry of the Earth, The Cry of the Poor Archbishop Dermot Farrell*

- SEE **What are you noticing about migrants and refugees in our towns and cities?**
- DISCERN **How can our parishes be places of welcome and support?**
- ACT **What one action could be implemented to make a difference?**



### 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



**Christian Meditation** will take place in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**OUR PARISH SHOP** is open on Sunday mornings.

It is a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts available.

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



### ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

Monday 18th March Chair exercise  
**10-10:45am** All Welcome  
 Thursday at 10am Lectio Divina Annex  
 Thursday 11-12: Bible Annex  
 Friday: Writer's Group 11-12:15pm Annex

**PLEASE NOTE...**

Change of time for Chair Exercise for this week and there will be no bridge on Monday 18th.



The active retirement St. Patrick's day get together will take place in the Maples House Hotel at 12 noon. Tea and sandwiches will be served.

Day Trip to Banbridge & Newry: Change of Date...Tuesday 19th March  
 Bus is fully booked and will depart from St Columba's Church at 9:30am.

DCSWP and the Parish continue to support the Strength and Balance Seated Exercise Classes on Monday mornings in the church. There is no charge and newcomers are always welcome



**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.

Mobility Items. A local family would like to offer some mobility items free of charge to anyone in need of them. Please see list on Church notice board and / or contact 086 1215520



Thank you to all those who contributed to our St Vincent De Paul collection last weekend. A total of €780 was donated and a €50 donation lodged to our account. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Living Well programme- St Clare's, Griffith Avenue**  
 Is starting on Friday 5th April for 6 weeks from 10:30am-1pm. This programme supports you to develop and enhance the skills that help you to live well with a long-term health condition. To register or for further information please contact: **Louise Potter, Living Well Coordinator**  
 Email: LivingWellDNCC@hse.ie or  
 Phone: 01-8976171