

We continue to welcome in a particular way those children who are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time later this year. Our focus this month is on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which all members of our parish family are invited to celebrate, particularly during Lent.

Pope Francis urges us to 'Be courageous, and go to confession'. He tells us, 'Jesus [will be] there, and ... he will receive you with so much love!'

VOCATIONS A webinar, on Tuesday, March 5, is entitled 'The Last Priest in Ireland? It Depends on You'.

It is a follow-up to the RTE documentary broadcast in January. The keynote speaker will be Breda O'Brien. There will be a panel of responders. The webinar is a Church response to the programme and an opportunity for dialogue about the future of vocations to the priesthood in Ireland. The provocative title hopefully promotes a desire to create a culture of vocations for which we are all responsible. The initiative is part of the year of prayer and promotion to the diocesan priesthood 'Take the Risk for Christ'.

To register for this webinar simply email: thehookoffaith@gmail.com

The Monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul takes place next 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

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€234 .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	2	6.00pm	Mary & Pat Dempsey (A)
Mar	SUN	3	11.00am	Betty McQuillan (Month's Mind)
Mar	SAT	9	6.00pm	Tom O'Reilly (A)
Mar	SUN	10	11.00am	



Please pray for Ann Lyons (Iona Crescent) 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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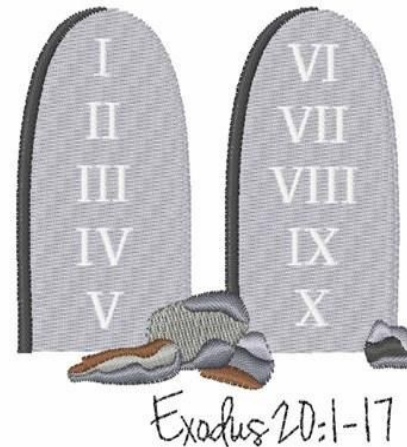
Parish of St. Columba

3rd March 2024

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the person who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'



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 3

We know this Sunday's Gospel story well and often ask ourselves 'Why did Jesus get so angry?' The animals in the story were sold so that those on pilgrimage could make their symbolic sacrificial offerings to God.

Jesus realised that the poor were being manipulated by the money changers. He replaced all of this by the sacrifice of his own body, given for others. Many believed in him

because he was on the side of the poor, the lost, the disadvantaged, the downtrodden and wanted to set them free from oppression.

Followers of Jesus are called to do likewise; to be on the side of the poor. The needy generally "practise the special solidarity that exists among those who are poor and suffering, and which our civilization seems to have forgotten or would prefer in fact to forget..."

Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money". *#116 Fratelli Tutti Pope Francis*

SEE What are you noticing about the cost of living?

DISCERN How can you live more simply so that others can simply live?

ACT What lifestyle changes can you make this Lent?

<p>Adoration</p> <p>Our Lady of Victories Church</p> <p>Every Monday during Lent from 12.00pm to 9.00pm</p> <p>We hope you will take this opportunity to spend some quiet time in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>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.</p>
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St Columba's flower society are holding a collection after 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd March and 11am Mass on Sunday 3rd March. Your continued and generous support in helping the society to maintain a supply of fresh flowers in our Church is very sincerely appreciated we thank you in advance for your generosity. "



<p>OUR PARISH SHOP is open on Sunday mornings. It is a cash based system. Lots of lovely cards and small gifts.</p>	<p>The Novena of Grace in honour of St Francis Xavier in Gardiner Street begins on march 4th and continues until March 12th. Fr Michael Simone SJ is our preacher this year.</p> <p>Mass Times Mon-Fri 11.00am / 1.00pm / 7.30pm Sat 11.00am—1.00pm / 6.00pm Sun 11.00am / 3.30pm / 7.30pm</p>
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ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

Monday	11.-12	Chair Exercises with Pauline Pierce	Church Annex
Monday	2.-4.00	Bridge	Annex
Tuesday	2.-4.30	Bingo/Cards	Annex
Wednesday	11.-12.00	Committee Meeting	Annex
Thursday	10.00am	Lectio Divina	Church Annex
Thursday	11.-12.00	Bible	Annex
Friday	11.-12.15	Writer's Group	Annex

Day Trip to Banbridge & Newry Wednesday 20th March 16 Seater Bus: €400 €25 Per Person, but will be subsidised by €10. Food not Included. Names & €15 to be given to Marjorie ASAP to reserve your seat on the bus. Bus departs Iona Church @ 9:30am.

Justly...Tenderly...Humbly: 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.

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 encouraging Parishes/Parish Partnerships to book buses and to share the date with parish groups. 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 and being planned, more details to follow. As in previous years, parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.45am. If you would like to take part in the choir or have any other queries, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie.

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 01 700 7000



Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April

Holy Hour 3.00pm
Holy Mass 4.00pm

From St Faustina's diary it is clear that this day is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces—complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and faith

Venue: St VINCENT DE PAUL Church Marino Celebrant Fr. Pat O'Donoghue

Confessions will be available from 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Collection is for Capuchin Day Centre for homeless people.

BISHOPS' STATEMENT The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference's statement on the upcoming Family and Care referendums is available at <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/02/25/irish-catholic-bishops-conference-statement-on-the-family-and-care-referendums/>.