



Dear parishioners of St. Columba Iona Road thank you for your generous response to my appeal for funds to pay a debt on an x-ray machine at the Diocese of Tanga Tumaini Health Center in Tanzania. Your contributions at the church doors amounted to €1,300 and online donations on the GoFundMe site : **Provide an xray machine**

brings the total to **€3025** to date

A special Thanks to Frs. Joseph Ryan and Paddy Jones who were so welcoming and did everything they could to ensure the success of this appeal, as did Sheila the parish secretary. I found to be true what your Mission Statement says: “St. Columba’s is a vibrant and welcoming community of faith, continuing to give practical witness to the Good News of Christ... through Christian service to the community “. **Fr. Michael O’Shea I.C.**



**Monastery of St. Alphonsus  
Christian Meditation  
Wednesday, 17th of April  
7.30 pm**



**Many Thanks to  
Sean and Maura for our  
lovely Easter Garden  
It’s a joy to stop there  
for a few moments and  
reflect.  
Thank You MC**

**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 **€1897.00**. 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**

APRIL	SAT	13	6.00pm	Jim Ward (A) Tony & Helen Gannon
(A)APRIL	SUN	14	11.00am	Helen Leogue (Month's Mind)
APRIL	MON	15	10.30am	Frank Conroy (A)
APRIL	FRI	19	10.30am	Nuala Loman (Burial of ashes)
APRIL	SAT	20	6.00pm	Elizabeth Boland (A) Ann Walsh (A) Maureen Fox (Month's Mind) and pray for Seamus Kiernan



**Please Pray for 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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**Peace be with you!’**

**In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed.**

**Touch me and see for yourselves;**

**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.**

**Cardinal Mario Grech** will lead the Sunday celebration at in St Columba's  
**at 11.am next Sunday the 21st April with Archbishop Farrell.**

As Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops, Cardinal Grech is leading the conversation worldwide about synodality in the Church – listening, discerning together, and called to action.

Cafe Columba will be open after Mass that morning to allow everyone mingle and chat.

Can You Help?

**With Café Columba??? On the day??? to set up and clean up. Or if you can bake a cake or provide other tasty things to eat it will be most appreciated. Call Trish on 086 601 3824 if you can help.**

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

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



Join us for Four Evenings of Reflection and Connection in the **Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue**, as we delve into the profound wisdom of Barbara Brown Taylor's timeless classic, 'An Altar In The World.' Uncover the sacred in the everyday, and let the pages of this enlightening book guide you on a journey of self-discovery, mindfulness, and a deeper connection with the world around you.

**16, 23, 30 April & 7 May 2024 | Tuesdays: 7.15 -9.00pm | Cost: €10 per session | Booking Essential**

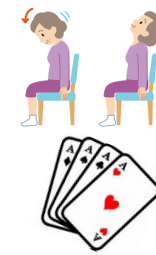
As we move through April, summer is already on the horizon with all its abundance of growth and life. On a spiritual level, we are moving through the Season of Easter towards the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which also holds the promise of new life. During this time, we are delighted to offer an online book club featuring Barbara Brown Taylor's "An Altar in the World", which "reveals the countless ways we can discover divine depths in the small things we do and see every day." This New York Times best seller "shows us how heaven and earth meet in such ordinary occurrences as hanging out the washing, doing the supermarket shopping...losing our way...[and so] will transform our understanding of ourselves and the world we live in and renew our sense of wonder at the extraordinary gift of life." In addition to powerful material for reflection, Barbara Brown Taylor offers practices and practical exercises to enhance the experience of reading the book and absorbing its contents.

As a conclusion to the book club, we are thrilled that Barbara will join us for an online conversation, and to hear and share some thoughts on the reality of being, building and recognising all the various "altars" in our world.

**All in the April Evening.** An evening of song to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue, Glasnevin, featuring the Holy Faith past pupil choir directed by Marie Dunne CHF, will take place in the centre on Wednesday 17th April 7.30pm-9pm. Booking is essential as places are limited. Donations of €5 will go to Solidarity with South Sudan To book please call 01 7979364 or email info@macfd.ie

**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 Thursday: Bible Game of 25 in the Annex Thursday 11-12:30PM



**Day Trip to Avondale House,**

Meeting of the Waters and Avoca  
 Wednesday 24th April  
 €25 Per Person to be given to Marjorie  
 23 Seater Bus  
 Only a few Spaces left, so book asap.  
 Bus departs Iona Church @ 10am.



Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the Dublin diocese pilgrimage to Knock on **Sat, April 27.**

If you would like to take part in the pilgrimage or be in the Choir Of Many Voices please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

**Draíocht Drama Group present The Field**

Doors open at 7.30pm  
 Thursday 25th April 2024  
 Halla Scoil Chaitríona, Mobhí Rd  
 Cost €10 For tickets contact Ann Ryan 086 340 0387



**Our Lady of Dolours Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Sunday 18th to Thursday 22nd August.  
 €769 per person sharing (Half board, Breakfast and Dinner)  
 €795 per person sharing (Full Board , Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.a 4\* Hotel Eliseo Price includes return flights Single Supplement €40 per night  
 Please phone 01 7979153 or email ourladyofdoloursparish@gmail.com if you would like to book your place.



**“Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino.**

Join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the Camino Ingles walking from Ferrol to Santiago in Northern

Spain. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary,morrish@mscmisions.ie

**Ladies Stretch Classes.**

Slow yet intense body toning, posture alignment and muscle Easing.  
 Wed Eve 7pm to 8pm  
 St Peters Church garden Clubhouse call 087 9614 933 to register Ladies of all ages welcome

**Spring by Malcolm Guite**



With each unfolding seed, with every Spring, He breathes the rumour of his resurrection, As birdsong calls your hidden heart to sing. So may this season be his benediction, To lift your love, and bid your prayer take wing, To thaw your frozen hope, to warm your mind, For Spring has come! Can Heaven be far behind?

**All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock June 1st 2024**

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on **Saturday, June 1st** in Knock. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3 pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the sick. Confessions are available throughout the day. For more information please visit [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)