

**The Lay Ministry Collection** which replaces the usual Share collection this weekend will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future: Roles includes:

Working in parishes as part of a parish team.

Supporting and resourcing faith development.

Enabling people in parishes to work alongside each other to effect renewal.

Helping people to find their place by actively participating together in the life of their parish.

Building teams to accompany the moments that matter, especially in sacramental preparation for baptism, communion and confirmation, as well as supporting families at funeral time.

Building communities that are faith-filled, co-responsible, active in social justice, welcoming and inclusive.

These lay ministry roles are crucial for the road ahead in the Diocese.

I thank the parishioners who have left donations in the parish office this past week amounting to €155 towards paying the debt on the x-ray machine at the Diocese of Tanga Tumaini Health Centre in Tanzania. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Michael O'Shea I.C

**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 **€214.00**. 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

SAT 27	6.00pm	Chris & Tom Leen (A) Marie Winston (A)
MON 29	10.30am	The Cowan Family (A)
<b>May</b>		
WED 1	10.30am	
	12 Noon	Confirmation St Vincent's
THUR 2	10.30am	
	12.00am	Confirmation Iona Road
SAT 4	6.00pm	Laurence Hudson (A) May Doyle (A)



**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)  
St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

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**I AM THE VINE,  
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.  
HE WHO ABIDES IN ME,  
AND I IN HIM,  
BEARS MUCH FRUIT;  
FOR WITHOUT ME  
YOU CAN DO NOTHING.**

**-JOHN 15:5**

**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.**



Many thanks for all the work done in preparation for and during the visit of Cardinal Grech. He was very pleased to celebrate Sunday at a local parish, and was quite taken with how aware people were of the synodal discussion.

Please pass on my thanks to Maura, Trish and Des and all at Café Columba, to all the members of the choir, to Seamus and members of the parish pastoral council, and all involved. As always St Columba's was at its best for a special occasion. Best wishes and thanks, Very Rev Gareth Byrne, VG

Thanks to Team for the successful Cafe Columba after Sunday celebration last week lead by Cardinal Mario Gech with Archbishop Farrell.

**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.  
 at 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.

**Botanic Garden Mindfulness**

guided walking session  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May  
 At 11.00 am  
 National Botanic Gardens  
 Booking essential 085 1247125  
 Mindfulness teacher Emma from the Mindfulness Institute will guide you on a walking session with takeaway tools for wellbeing Fee 10 euro



**Tai Chi with Moira Langan**

**May 1st and 8th 2 - 3 pm** The ancient Chinese art of Tai Chi with self-paced gentle movements known as "Meditation in Motion". Moira has had an interest in holistic therapies for many years. She is qualified as a Reflexologist, Indian Head Massage Therapist. To book please call 01 7979364 or email info@macfd.ie

On Monday 13th May 8pm in conjunction with the Novena of the Holy Spirit, at 8pm all are invited to join the Sisters at the Monastery of St Alphonsus in Dublin 9, or via their webcam on [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com), as they lead us in prayerful reflections drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet and including music from the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

As and from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 St. Francis Xavier Church in Gardiner Street will cease to be a parish and will revert to being a public church attached to the Irish Jesuit Province.



The Church of St. Francis Xavier only became a parish in 1974 when Archbishop Dermot Ryan established Gardiner Street Parish.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on **Sat June** in Knock. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)

**Active Retirement Activities**

Monday: Chair Exercises 11-12  
 Chair Exercises 12 –1pm  
 Annex Mon: Bridge 2-4pm  
 No Bridge B/Hol Mon  
 Annex Tues: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm  
 Annex Weds: Comm Meeting @ 11am  
 Writer's Group 11.30  
 Annex Thurs: Bible Reading  
 Game of 25 11– 12.30pm

Day Trip to Avondale House, Meeting of the Waters and Avoca was thoroughly enjoyed by the 22 people who travelled last Wednesday

**Improve Strength and Balance.**

11 am class on Mondays is now full.

We have a **NEW** class at 12midday to 1pm Mondays. **Newcomers are welcome to this new 12 midday class.**



No need to register. Just arrive. Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership are now charging €2 per person per class. This charge is in place for each class. Thank you to the Parish for continuing to support this initiative.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus Christian Meditation Wednesday, 1st of May 7.30 pm



**Director of OLV Gospel Choir.** Our Lady of Victories church invites applications for the position of Director of OLV Gospel Choir.

This is a part-time fixed term contract. The person undertaking this post will work collaboratively with the parish to lead the OLV Gospel Choir at Sunday evening mass, with one evening rehearsal. This post requires availability for Sunday evenings and one evening practice during the week with a break during summer months.

Closing date for applications is Friday, May 3. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/olvgospelchoir/> for more details.



**Confirmation for children in St. Columba's and St Vincent's schools will take place this week on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd of May at 12.Noon**

**Watch and Pray**

There will be a Holy Hour on First Friday 3rd May after the 10.30am Mass from 11.00am to 12.00am.

All are welcome.



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

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**Facebook: Iona Road Parish**  
**Instagram: ionaroadparish**

