

Fr Joseph Ryan Farewell Mass Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 6.pm  
 In recent weeks we learned that Fr Joseph will be leaving our parish.  
 In appreciation for his work and dedication the PPC are inviting parishioners  
 who would like to contribute to a parting gift to do so. Envelopes are available  
 at the end of the church and can be returned to the parish office or the safe.

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**DAY FOR LIFE – SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the  
 Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.  
 It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep  
 value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition.

This Sunday, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the  
 theme: **The Lord is my shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.**

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather  
 He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing  
 as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end  
 and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into  
 assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the  
 companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care,  
 so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

**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 **€301.00**. 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**

|      |     |    |         |                                     |
|------|-----|----|---------|-------------------------------------|
| June | FRI | 21 | 10.30am | St. Columba's 6th Class Graduation  |
| June | SAT | 22 | 6.00pm  | Francis & Mary Angela McCluskey (A) |
| June | SUN | 23 | 11.00am | Maura Penston (Month's Mind)        |
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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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16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*



[Mark 4:26-34](#)

**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.

## Iona Family Fun Day Has been postponed until September.

email: ionafunday@gmail.com

## Gregorian Chant Workshop - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 19.30

Come learn from the director of the Sistine Chapel Choir at our public workshop! In 2023 the Palestrina celebrated its 120-year anniversary with a trip to Rome where it sang in St Peter's Basilica on the Feast of Pentecost. During this visit, a meaningful connection was established with Monsignor Marcos Pavan, Director of the Sistine Chapel Choir. Mgr Pavan is now visiting St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin and has generously offered to share his knowledge and experience with anyone who is interested through this public workshop which will be followed with light refreshments.

### TWIN PILLARS – ST MARY'S AND ST ANDREW'S

In his homily for the Feast of St Kevin at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Monday 4th June, Archbishop Farrell said:

- The Church is called to work actively towards **restoring a living heart to our cities**.
- The centre of a city – its heart – needs people, and people need worthy spaces to live and to be – to be with each other, and to be with *'the Other'* – Our God who constantly creates us and recreates us.
- A living Church is a community that looks towards the other and goes out towards the other, not only to new generations in new places, but also in new ways in old places.
- In that spirit, **I am asking the Holy Father to designate St Mary's as the Cathedral for Dublin** as part of a renewed pastoral and missionary strategy at the centre of our Diocese.
- This will involve having **St Mary's and St Andrew's (Westland Row) as twin pillars for the worthy celebration of Catholic life in Dublin** in its liturgical, pastoral and cultural dimensions.

Full homily: <https://dublindiocese.ie/st-kevin-2024/>



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



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



**Monastery  
Of  
St. Alphonsus**

**Christian Meditation  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm**

## Active Retirement Activities

Chair Exercises with Pauline Pierce  
Monday €2 Per Person

11-12 Class full

12 - 1 Newcomers welcome

Annex Monday: Bridge 2-4pm

Annex Tuesday: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm

Lectio Divina Thursday at 10am

Annex Thursday: Bible Group 11-12pm



### Summer Outing

10<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am

Dublin Castle Grounds Meeting at Main

Gates opposite the Olympia Theatre

We will visit, Garda Museum,

Revenue Museum,

Coach House Gardens

Chester Beatty Library

Free of Charge

### Autumn Break

Galway Bay Hotel Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

3 Nights B&B

3 4-Course Evening Meals

€315 Per Person Sharing

€477 Single Room

Book with Hotel on 091 520520

(Say you are with Iona Active Retirement)

### SUPPORT FOR BIRTH MOTHERS

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinfor.ie](http://www.birthinfor.ie) or by calling the relevant section of Tusla at 0818 445500.

**SENIORLINE** Would like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm.

**TOWARDS PEACE** is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/ church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The Towards Peace office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am - 4pm and Wednesday 9am - 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or Visit [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) or [Facebook.com/TowardsPeaceSpiritualSupportService/](https://www.facebook.com/TowardsPeaceSpiritualSupportService/).