

Welcome to Fr. Kevin Bartley who will be the new Moderator of our partnership of parishes with special care of Iona Road.

Pope Francis's July prayer intention: For a Eucharistic life

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of July, which is dedicated to the Eucharist, and asks that we place the Eucharist at the centre of our lives.

Botanic Bridge Club play bridge every Wednesday evening at 7.15 in Clareville Day Centre in Clareville Court. We welcome all visitors during July. We also welcome new members at any time. If you have any queries please contact Emer at 086 2546 987

On the weekend of 6/7 July there will be a church gate collection for Sybil Hill. Little Sisters of the Poor.

This months St Vincent de Paul collection takes place on the weekend of 13/14 July

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, This is received in weekly envelopes.

An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Mass Intentions for the coming weeks (at time of print)

July	SAT	6th	6.00pm	Austin Mulhall (A)
July	THUR	11th	10.30am	Shay McManus (Rec dec)
July	SAT	13th	6.00pm	Rita & John Hadley (A) P.J.Doyle (A) Edmund Costelloe (A)
July	SAT	20th	6.00pm	Eileen Greenan(1stA)



Remember in your prayers all our recently deceased.

Happy Summer

The Parish Link will be printed once a month for July and August.

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

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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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.

For Parishioners

Message from Archbishop Farrell about the **Summer Dues** initiative

The mustard tree emerges from the tiniest of seeds. We do not yet know what will emerge for the Church locally, but “we are always full of confidence” (2 Corinthians 5:6) We are full of prayer too—it is the Lord’s work, the work of the Holy Spirit who calls us to mission.

Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we sow seeds for a future harvest, trusting always in God’s plans for us.

Tax on donation scheme The generosity that people show towards their priests is very reassuring. Your contributions can go further without any additional cost to you thanks to the tax relief available on charitable donations.

With your help the parish can claim a tax refund from Revenue to the value of up to 45% of your identifiable contributions amounting to €250 or more in any given year.

Please use the envelope provided, giving your details so that the parish can contact you, to process the tax rebate from Revenue.

The parish can reclaim the tax no matter whether you are PAYE or Self-Assessed.

This tax rebate from Revenue is now an important source of income for the parish.



Pathways

Have you ever wanted to know more about your faith? Are you looking for a course that can help you grow in your ministry?

Pathways is an Adult Faith formation programme run by the Archdiocese aimed at all adults, members of PPCs and those in parish ministry.

It is a 2 year course running on Thursday evenings from September to May (excluding holidays) from 7pm-9.30pm in DCU, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

The course has a number of modules including input on Images of God, Discipleship, Scripture, Liturgy, Church,

Vatican II, Sacraments and Parish.

The Second Year has a more intentional focus on Ministry.

Each evening includes a presentation on the topic as well as small group sharing and discussion and there is no written work or assessments.

The cost is €400 per year (Some parishes may help to cover some of the cost or you can contact us to discuss the possibility of a bursary)

For more details, and to complete the online application form, please visit www.missionministry.ie/pathways or email peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.

Visit

www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

ST THÉRÈSE INTERNATIONAL DAY Knock, Sunday, July 14 10.00am to 5.30pm

2.30pm Anointing of the Sick at Knock Basilica

3.00pm Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica followed by Benediction and Rosary Procession
Highlights include: Blessing with Relic—
St Thérèse —Veneration of Relic—
Films on St Thérèse



ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

Chair Exercises with
Pauline Pearse
Monday 11-12 &
12-1.00pm
€2 Per Person



All Welcome

Outing - 10th July

Dublin Castle Grounds Garda Museum
Revenue Museum Coach House
Gardens Chester Beatty Library
**Meeting at Main Gates opposite the
Olympia Theatre Time: 10:30am**
Buses: 13 & 83 Free of Charge

Autumn Break

Galway Bay Hotel
Sunday 20th October
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)



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2024

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the fourth time in **2024 on Sunday 28 July** - the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9).

The Catholic Grandparents Association has been at the forefront in campaigning for a greater recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. The announcement of a new Church-wide celebration for Grandparents and the elderly came in answer to our prayerful request to the Holy Father Pope Francis.

This new worldwide celebration in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the Elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.



Prayer of St. Columba

Be a bright flame before me, O God
a guiding star above me.
Be a smooth path below me,
a kindly shepherd behind me
today, tonight, and for ever.
Alone with none but you, my God
I journey on my way;
what need I fear when you are near,
O Lord of night and day?
More secure am I within your
hand than if a multitude did
round me stand.

Amen

“Behold your Mother (John 19:27)

Holy Mass at 3.30pm / Confessions available
10.00am—4.30pm Sunday 7th July
Bonington Hotel Swords Road
Cost €15—lunch included A Legion of Mary Event