

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD

There will be a Vocations Day “Exploring Priesthood” on **Saturday, 12th Oct**, in UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4, for men who wish to find out more about diocesan priesthood and how they may take steps to discern a vocation.

Further information can be found at vocations.ie.

This is open to all; however, those wishing to attend must register via the registration form on the web page above. Details of those who register will be shared with the relevant Vocations Director.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese is developing two Adoration Lay Committees in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting, 8pm-9.30 in one of three locations: Mon 14th October: Holy Child Centre, Whitehall; Wed 16th October: Parish Centre, Kilmacud; Thu 17th October: Holy Redeemer Hall, Bray. Light Refreshments served.

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 **€258.00**. This is received in weekly envelopes.

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

Mass Intentions for this week

Oct	SAT	5th	6.00pm	Mary Sorohan (A) Bill Ward (A) John Leogue (A) Tess & Tom Ayton (A) Mary O'Hagan (A)
Oct	WED	9th	10.30am	Mass for all Deceased
Oct	SAT	12th	6.00pm	Tom & Dolores Giblin (A) Sean O'Connor (A) Seamus Heslin (A)
Oct	SUN	13th	11.00am	Jack O'Sullivan (Month's Mind)

Please pray for all our recently deceased



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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6th October 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.**

**I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome
the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'
Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them
and gave them his blessing.'**

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.



The BLESSING of the ANIMALS

St Columba's Iona Rd
A community service of celebrations and blessing of our pets in the week of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi Patron Saint of Animals
All pets and owners are welcome,
This Sunday 6th of Oct at 3pm

National Botanic Gardens Gallery
Stories from the Gardens

Exhibition dates
20th Sep 29th Oct



ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES



Seated Exercise Strength & Balance classes for Older Adults.
Monday 11-12 & 12-1.00,
€2 Per class. Newcomers welcome to 12 class.

Bridge in the Annex on Mondays from 2— 4pm. Please let us know if you are interested in playing.



Autumn Break
Galway Bay Hotel
Sunday 20th October
3 Nights B&B & 3 Evening Meals
€315 Per Person Sharing
€477 Single Room
Book with Hotel on 091 514645
(Say you are with Iona Active Retirement)



EXHIBITION
DARING TO HOPE
Irish Religious Sisters Embracing the Unknown (1923 – 2023)
Tuesday 22nd October to Thursday - 10am to 5pm
Friday 25th October 10am to 12.30 pm
Venue
School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies,
Trinity College Dublin – Room G16
All Welcome
For more details, please visit www.tcd.ie/religion.

#YML...

A new and exciting opportunity is beginning with the establishment of the Diocesan Certificate in **Young Adult Ministry** – #YML. Running over six Saturdays, the aim of this Diocesan Certificate is to build up the capacity of Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry Leadership throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin. It is a highly practical course where participants are given new experiences & key resources, including gaining vital skills to put into practice in their local context, while also being grounded in key church documents such as Christus Vivit.

For information and queries, contact natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.
Cost is €120 for six modules

MILLMOUNT 125 ANNIVERSARY
DTRA & DCU SCHOOL OF HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY
A History of Lemons Pure Sweets
BY CORMAC MOORE
THURS 17 OCT @ 7.30PM
F203 DCU St. PAT'S CAMPUS
drumcondratriangle@gmail.com



ABIDE in His Love Women's Conference. 15th-17th Nov
Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Donegal
Join us for an inspiring weekend with guest speakers including Lisa Cotter (Colorado), the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr. Barry Braum (London), Kathleen Nichols & Celine Kelly (Magdala, Israel), Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), and Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR, among others. This conference will celebrate the beauty and dignity of women in the Church and the world today. It offers a wonderful opportunity to come together, form new friendships, be uplifted by powerful talks, and experience the transformative presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We encourage you to invite a family member or friend to join you. To register, visit Eventbrite.ie and search for "Abide in His Love."

Collection last month was €705.
We offer sincere condolences to John our President whose wife Catherine passed away. May she Rest in Peace.



Mater Hospital Volunteer Programme

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the hospital for a minimum of 4 hours per week and you are over 18 please contact the following for a friendly chat and more information; Email: sdempsey@mater.ie Or Hazelphelan@mater.ie

Beginning Experience - Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss.

A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on: Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th October, 2024 (Advance Booking Essential)
Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2.
For further information contact **B E** 086 0877379, or mail: bedublin@gmail.com