

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Pope Francis has chosen the motto "The prayer of the poor rises up to God (cf. Sir 21:5)" for the Eighth World Day of the Poor, November 17, 2024.



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World Day of the Poor emphasises the importance of prayer and action for the poor, highlighting the fact that God listens to the prayers of the poor and is eager to bring justice to them.

The Pope encourages everyone to pray for, and with, the poor, and to engage in charitable actions that reflect the authenticity of their prayers. The 2024 occasion will include a Eucharistic celebration at St Peter's Basilica and a lunch with the poor, organized by the Dicastery for Charity. Communities are also called to focus on the needs of the poor in their local areas through various initiatives.

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 €466.00. This is received in weekly envelopes.

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

### SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY

Share Appeal Sunday will take place **THIS weekend November 9/10.**

#### Mass Intentions for this week

Nov	SAT	9th	6.00pm	Tom & Chris Lean (A) Teresa Ryan (A) Nancy, Eric & Michael O'Toole (A)
Nov	SUN	10th	11.00am	BAPTISMS
Nov	WED	13th	10.30am	Botanic Bridge Club Mass for Deceased Members
Nov	SAT	16th	6.00pm	
Nov	SUN	17th	11.00am	Connel Kelly (1stA)



#### OUR PARISH SHOP

is open most 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](https://www.instagram.com/ionaroadparish)

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)

## PARISH



## LINK

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Parish of St. Columba

10th November 2024



Then he called his disciples and said to them,  
'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in  
than all who have contributed to the treasury;  
for they have all put in money they had over,  
but she from the little she had has put in everything  
she possessed, all she had to live on.

**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.

## Solemn Novena Monastery of St Alphonsus

Novena through the intercession of our Mother of Perpetual Help.  
The Novena will be led by Fr. Ivan Mendana C.Ss.R.

### Masses at 10am and 8pm (There will be no Mass in Iona Road for the weekdays during the Novena)

Confessions will be available after Mass  
Email : rednunsweb@gmail.com Tel 01 305723  
**5th to the 12th November 2024**

#### Please Note:

**There will be no Mass in the monastery on Saturday, the 16th of November.**

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR PRIESTHOOD

Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift of Priesthood organised by the Vocations Society of St Joseph (formerly known as St Joseph's Young Priests Society). The homilist will be Fr Paul Glennon. Fr Séamus McEntee is the society's Chief Chaplain. Dr John O'Keeffe from Maynooth with a number of seminarians will provide the music. Sunday, November 24, Feast of Christ the King, 3.30pm, St Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin 2.

### Teachers' Musical Society presents 'Festive Favourites'

The acclaimed Teachers' Musical Society will be hosting their first annual Christmas Concert in the beautiful surroundings of All Hallows Chapel, Dublin 9, on December 5th at 8pm. Performances on the night will be courtesy of the Teachers' Musical Society Choir, stunning soloists, and some groups of very talented local school children. This will be a lovely opportunity for the whole family to get into the Christmas spirit, and maybe even sing along! Tickets are €12 and available from [www.gr8events.ie](http://www.gr8events.ie).

<https://www.gr8events.ie/festivefavouritesconcert>



Mother of Perpetual Help Pray for Us.

### Chair Exercises with Pauline Pierce

**Monday 11-12  
& 12-1.  
€2 Per Person**

**All Welcome**



### WEEKLY EZINE

Sharing Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in Sharing Good news to [info@catholicbishops.ie](mailto:info@catholicbishops.ie).

### Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith & Dialogue

Reading the Bible with Leonard Cohen with Séan Goan 16/11/2024 10am 3pm  
Booking essential Cost €30  
Packed lunch required

The second of two days exploring the legendary singer/songwriter's lyrics and spirituality  
0876649862  
[www.margaretayulwardcentre.ie](http://www.margaretayulwardcentre.ie)

## ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

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

Annex Wednesday:  
**Active Retirement Monthly Meeting @ 11am New Members Welcome**  
€20 Annual Subscription  
Annex Thursday: Bible Group



**Christmas Party**  
The Maples Hotel  
Wednesday 11th December  
Time: 12:30 for 1PM  
4-Course Dinner  
Friends Welcome  
€26 Per Person (Please Pay Marjorie Chawke by 4th of December)

**Parables and Pets!** Have you something special you would like to share with others about your pet (past or present)? A memory, a story, a poem, a picture - a moment of wonder for you! As a follow up to our blessing gathering we would like to invite you (with or without your pet) to join us in listening, sharing and reflecting on the mystery of God's creation in our lives.  
**Saturday November 9th at 2pm for 30 minutes in St Columba's Church Iona Road. Fáilte Roimh Cách - All Are Welcome!**



### REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November begins with the feast of All Saints and then, the following day, All Souls' Day. We remember our departed sisters and brothers at Mass on All Souls', the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed as we do at all Masses.

We visit the cemetery and final resting place of deceased family and friends. We include everyone in our prayers. We place the names of our dead on the Altar List of the Dead, for whom Mass is offered on the First Friday of each month. Kindly take an envelope and slip of paper on which you write the names of those for whom you wish to be on the Altar List. Return the envelope to the safe at the back of the church or to the sacristy or parish office.

### SHALOM HOPE CONCERT

Annual Hope Concert  
on Saturday,  
November 23  
at 7pm.  
in St Mary's  
Pro-Cathedral



### Christmas Fair 23 November 10.00am to 2.30pm

A variety of crafts and gift ideas will be available including baked goods Christmas decorations hand-knitted items and handmade crafts  
Admission is free and light refreshments will be available for a small charge  
Margaret Aylward Centre

Holy Faith Convent Grounds 0876649862

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