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. 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

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.

Please Note:

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

Mass Intentions for this week

Nov SAT 16th 6.00pm

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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

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 : <u>www.ionaroadparish.ie</u>



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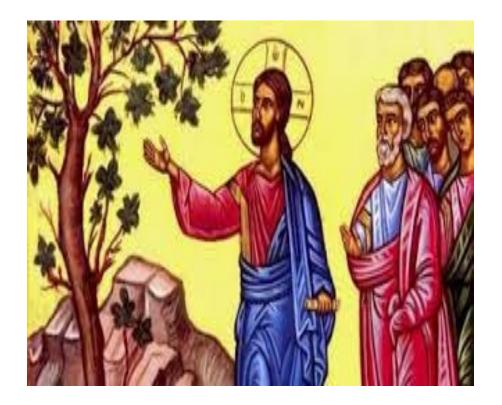




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'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates.'

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.

Travelling Monstrance for Vocations - Blessed by Pope St John Paul II

A special monstrance, one of six that were blessed by Pope John Paul II on Nov 24, 2004, for the purpose of praying for an increase in vocations, is being brought to Ireland and will be visiting 12 dioceses around Ireland between Monday, Nov 18, and Friday, November 29. The monstrance will be in St Patrick's Church in Monkstown next Monday 18th and will be available for Adoration between 2:30pm and 5pm and then later that evening for a Holy Hour from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR PRIESTHOOD Sunday Nov 24, 3.30pm Feast of Christ the King St Andrew's Church, Westland Row 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.

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 on December 5^{th} 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 available from /www.gr8events.ie/festivefavouritesconcert

Strenght & Balance Class with Pauline Pierce Monday 11-12 & 12-1 €2 Per Person

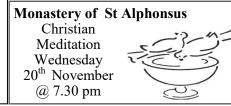
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Christmas Cards available in the shop They are 100% Irish made cards with a beautiful sketch of our Church. They were sold out last year, so don't delay and get yours today. The cards are €2 each.

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.



ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

Annex Monday: Bridge 2-4pm Annex Tuesday: Bingo/Cards 2-4:30pm Annex Thursday: Bible Group Annex Thursday: Game of 25 11-12:30PM

8 People enjoyed the National Gallery on



Christmas Partv The Maples Hotel Weds.11th December Time: 12:30 for 1PM 4-Course Dinner Friends Welcome €26 Per Person (Please Pav Mariorie Chawke by 4th December) Ladies 40 +

Wednesday 13th November 18th November 8.00pm

Remembrance Service

'May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace' Prepared by the full time Chaplaincy Students of DCU Music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group at the

> **Monastery of St Alphonsus** Join us in person or online www.rednuns.com/webcam

St Peter's Church Clubhouse of time

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 Mases. 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.

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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 www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie

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Saturday Stretch

Classes

4.30pm - 5.30pm

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