

Dear Friends of St Columba's Parish,
Greetings to you and your family. Firstly, may I begin by introducing myself on this my first Christmas with you. My name is Fr. Kevin Bartley, and I was very pleased to be appointed to the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes, with a special responsibility to St. Columba's Iona Road.

I find myself back in familiar territory as I grew up in Phibsboro, attending St. Vincent's CBS schools, and confirmed in Iona Road (more years ago than I care to remember!) I am delighted to be part of the team, and I join you alongside our new Faith Development / Pastoral Worker Pádraigín Clancy. Pádraigín brings a wealth of experience from her work in St Michael's Parish Inchicore and the Inchicore - Bluebell Pastoral area. We both look forward to getting to know you as we all work together. In the words of Pope Francis as we move forward into the Jubilee Year 2025 'that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope'

Wishing you and yours every blessing this Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours faithfully in Christ Fr. Kevin Bartley

Moderator of the Glasnevin Grouping of parishes.



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 and is also contributed to by Standing Orders.

Please pray for all our deceased relatives and friends.

OUR PARISH SHOP is open most Sunday mornings.
It is a cash based system with lots of lovely cards and small gifts available.

Very Happy Christmas to all

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.

**St. Columba's Church, Parish of Iona
Road
Christmas Timetable**

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

Family Mass for Christmas 5.00pm

Christmas Night Mass 7.00pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day Mass 11.00am

Night Mass in the Monastery

on Christmas Eve 8.00pm

Thursday 26th December

As a partnership of parishes

a special combined Mass

will take place in

Our Lady of Victories Church,

Ballymun Road at 11.00am

Saturday 28th December

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 29th December

The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary & Joseph: Mass 11.00am

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st December

Mass in the Monastery

of St. Alphonsus 11.00am

Wednesday 1st January (Bk Hol)

Mary, The Holy Mother of God—

As a partnership of parishes

a special combined Mass will take place in

Corpus Christi Church, at 11.00am

Thursday 2nd January & Friday 3rd January

Mass in the

Monastery of St Alphonsus 11.00am

Monday 6th January

The Epiphany of The Lord Mass 10.30am

**CAN YOU GIVE THE GIFT OF
PRACTICAL HELP THIS
CHRISTMAS?**

Christmas is a time of joy for many of us,
however it can be a particularly
challenging time for families in need,
especially those
with small babies.

Community Connect's volunteers will
make up BabyBoxes, MamaBags and
Hospital Bags, and deliver them directly to
the families who need them.

To sponsor, go
to www.communityconnect.ie or call 085
875 8366.

Thank you for your support.

CROSSCARE APPEAL

Crosscare, the social care agency of the
Archdiocese, is once again asking for
support for their Christmas Food Poverty
Appeal. So far this year, almost 3,000
people, including 1500 children, have
needed basic food supplies and support;
over a quarter of those coming to
Crosscare's Food Poverty Service
accessing food support are parenting alone.
As families struggle to cope with the cost
of Christmas, there will likely be a spike in
the number of people seeking help in the
weeks ahead. To donate online at
www.crosscare.ie, or call 01 8360011, or
send a cheque to Crosscare Christmas
Appeal,
2 Saint Mary's Place North, D07 Y768.



**DECORATING OUR
CRIB**

Many thanks to all who
helped decorate
our crib with donations
of Poinsettias

Did you hear that
**St Columba's National School
is turning 100 in 2025?**

As part of the celebrations, the Parents'
Association are trying to raise funds for a
new soft surface in our back yare. If you or
anyone else you know wishes to help us
achieve this, we would really appreciate it.

Please go the link <https://gofund.me/c069b791> to make a
much-needed donation. Every little Counts!

Go raibh mile maith agaibh.



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

The process has begun to establish a Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Dublin Diocese, which
will be commissioned at the beginning of Lent 2025. Following from the Synodal and Task
Force listening exercises, having a Diocesan Pastoral Council was seen as an essential part of
moving forward. Earlier this year Archbishop Farrell set up a group to look at the requirements,
statutes and membership of the Council. The work of the group can be seen on the Diocesan
website under the Diocesan Pastoral Council tab.

The function of the Diocesan Pastoral Council is to be a consultative group which works co-
responsibly with Archbishop Farrell in designing ways and means by which the Diocese can best
fulfil the mission of Jesus Christ.

It will be made up of the Archbishop and 21 laity, religious and clergy. The makeup of the
membership will reflect the entire People of God with the good of the whole Diocese in mind.
Those who will be on the Council are not representatives of areas or groups in the Diocese but
fulfil the criteria for membership that has been set down.

The choosing of the nine lay members will be a five stage process of discernment. It began at the
Deanery Meetings this week. As the discernment process continues over the next three months,
we ask the whole Diocese to pray for the work that is going on. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide
all who are involved both the nominees and those engaged in the discernment process. As this
continues we will keep you updated and let you know the key moments as they happen.

**The Na Fianna Annual Mass for all deceased
members will be held in Arus Na Fianna on
Sunday 12th January 2025 at 4pm**

Very well done to the
Na Fianna Senior Hurlers
on reaching the All Ireland
Senior Hurling Championship
Final
to be played in Croke Park in
January



Come, Holy Spirit,
revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit,
inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit,
unbind and release us
Open our eyes to see
God's grace around us
Open our ears to hear
God's voice within us

Open our hearts to welcome God among us
Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope



**Mass for the Opening of the
Jubilee Year** Join the Diocesan
Family, led by Archbishop Dermot
Farrell, for Mass on the Feast of the
Holy Family to mark the opening of
the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese
of Dublin. Mass in the Pro-Cathedral
is at 11am on 29th Dec All welcome!