



Our Open Day is
Wed January 21st,
2.00pm-6.30pm at
Whitehall College

of Further Education in our new
location at Colaiste Caomhin,
Mobhi Road, Tel: 018376011.

Play by Rick Abbott 'Play on'
performed by **An Draocht** in
Clareville Day Centre on Thursday
22nd January at 8pm Entrance fee
€3 all welcome.

The Year of Matt Talbot:
2015 is the 90th Anniversary of
Venerable Matt Talbot, who died
in 1925. *Our Lady of Lourdes
Church, Sean MacDermott
Street*, which hosts his mortal
remains, is holding a number of
events during the coming year to
celebrate his legacy. It will
launch the 'Year of Matt Talbot'
with a Novena Mass at his
Shrine on Sunday 25th January
at 3pm, and the opening of an
exhibition illustrating his life.

Viatores Christi: For those interested in overseas volunteering and/or joining the VC Training Course on Overseas Development & Mission, Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 17th January 2015 at 12.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7. Tel. 01-868 9986 / Email: info@viatoreschristi.com or click on www.viatoreschristi.com

Want to make a difference? Give a child the gift of reading....
Barnardos is looking for adults aged 55 years and older with time on their hands, lots of life experience and an enjoyment of reading, for a volunteer reading programme to be rolled out in 9 primary schools in Finglas, Dublin 11 during 2015. Volunteers will provide one-to-one reading sessions to children in 1st and 2nd class who need some extra help with their reading. The sessions occur 2 to 3 times a week during primary school hours. Some of the volunteers who have worked with us have said: 'It's enjoyable and very easy', 'It is like reading with your grandchildren', 'It's not as difficult as you might imagine!', 'Children love it and feel special and you bond with the child'. For more information or to register please contact Suzanne Connolly, Barnardos Volunteer Service, on 01 7080431 or email volunteers@barnardos.ie

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to parishlink@gmail.com or dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, marked 'Parish Link', by 5pm on the Thursday of week of publication. A contact name and phone number is required for each item.

Parish Link contact: Ann 087 6728761

Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.

Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

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WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

In his message, *Church without Frontiers, Mother of All*, Pope Francis reminds us how Jesus identifies himself with strangers and outcasts: 'Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognised in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches.' We remember those who have left our shores and also those who have joined us here from overseas. We remember in a special way those migrants whose journeys were filled with fear, trepidation and hostility. In particular, we remember the elderly Irish community in Britain, the undocumented in the United States and Irish prisoners overseas.

Closer to home we remember those who are the victims of racism, human trafficking and those living in the direct provision system. May we all walk together in prayerful solidarity with migrant people—both at home and abroad. May they find comfort and shelter in our parish and in our community.

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer begins today. The theme chosen for this year by Christian communities in Brazil is: *Give me to drink* (John 4:7), from the conversation of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well. Such a conversation can change people and how we view one another. We are reminded this Week of what we have learnt on our ecumenical journey but also it challenges us to go deeper in our understanding of one another as we pray for unity of all Christians as Christ himself prayed.

Fr Paddy

Dublin Diocesan 23rd World Day of the Sick 2015:

Seminar on Parish Pastoral Councils Facilitating Care for the Sick on Saturday 7th February from 9:45am-1.00pm in Bewley's Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin. For further information please contact Trish Conway on: 087 6220349.

Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick

Archbishop Martin is celebrating Mass of the Sick in St. Canice's Church, Finglas Village, Dublin 11 on Sunday 8th February at 3.00 pm For further information or to arrange travel for those wishing to attend, please contact the parish office on: 01 8343110 Or Email: www.stcanicesfinglas.com

All Hallows College

Reading the Signs of the Times: Urgent Questions for the Church Today Four Wednesday evenings in March 7.30pm – 9.00pm Each talk will be followed by a brief discussion with time for comments, questions and discussion.

Venue: Woodlock Hall, All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 €10 per talk or €30 for all four talks. Pay at the door. is . Phone 01 8520742

Wed 4th March The Synod on the Family: - What can we expect? Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, DD

Wed 11th March Women in the Church: Is this the Elephant in the Room? Prof. Mary T. Malone

Wed 18th March 'A Poor Church for the Poor': What is our Call/Response? Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ

Wed 25th March Faith, Ecology Climate Change: The Challenge for the Church? Br. Anthony Mark McDonnell, CFC

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Sat 17th Jan 6.00 Molly McEvoy (A), John & Joe Boylan (A) Kevin O'Neill (**Months mind**),
Sun 18th Jan 11.00am Michael Chawke (A)
Mon 19th Jan 9.30am May Hanrahan (A), Jim & Alice O'Connor (A)
Tues 20th Jan 9.30am Teresa Ryan & Fionniosa Ryan
Weds 21th Jan 9.30am Stephen Caffrey (A)
Thurs 22th Jan 9.30am Teresa Leonard (A)
Fri 23rd Jan 9.30 am

Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday to Friday @ 5.45 pm. Saturday morning @ 9.30 am. and Sunday morning at 9.30am

Baptisms: For all baptisms please contact Sr. Bridget through the Parish Office @ 830 8257.

Talk Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances "Wake Up The World"
The Hopes of Pope Francis: St Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street Mon Jan 19th 7.30pm



The Glasnevin Musical Society Coffee Morning & Cake Sale!

Sunday 25th January!

Join us for Tea, Coffee, Cakes & great company! (*No charge for coffee morning but donations gratefully accepted*) **Fabulous cakes for sale!**
Glasnevin Lawn Tennis Club
10.30am - 1:30pm

Parish contributions for week commencing Jan 11th 2015 €899.50
Many thanks.

"Understanding the Teenage Years"
A Six week course!
Art & Business Campus
40 Lower Drumcondra Road.

Wednesday 4th February
7.30-9.30pm

To book a place contact: Elaine Lynch
Psychotherapist/Parent Mentor on 0877999474
email:

elaine@thefamilyroom.ie
www.thefamilyroom.ie

Iona Active Retirement

Thursday 5th February Monthly meeting at 10.15am in the annex. In future the monthly meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the month.