



### Rounders Club in Na Fianna

First get together for this brand new Rounders Club will take place in **Na Fianna GAA Club, Mobhi Rd (Back Pitch) at 1.30pm on Saturday 28th November.** Hope to see as many people (**Adults and Children age 10 and over**) as possible for what promises to be an enjoyable hour or two. To join up or for more info. contact Ronan Gately on: 086-8289296 rounders@clgnafianna.ie

**Margaret Aylward Community College**  
The Thatch Road, Whitehall, D 9.  
Phone 01 8375712

**Open Evening with a Halloween theme Thursday 22nd October 6.00-8.00pm**  
All Girls Post-Primary school Come and meet our teachers and look around our school. All welcome.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Hairdresser available to come into your home in the Drumcondra and surrounding areas.**  
Ph 085 113 5336



A commemorative book has been compiled to celebrate the **90th Anniversary of the opening of St. Columba's School.** The book tells stories from past and present pupils. The nine decades are represented in stories and pictures. The book retails for €15 and is available in the Church Bookshop or in the School Office from 9am to 3pm. Profit from the book will go towards resurfacing our school yard and making it fit for the 21st century.



The Miscarriage Association of Ireland  
**Annual Service of Remembrance**  
Sunday 8th. Nov. at 3.00pm

*Your loss left a longing that time cannot heal,  
Yet love is a treasure that time cannot steal.  
In darkness it seemed that our world fell apart,  
But love's light eternal remains in our hearts.*  
John Ward

**Beaumont Hospital's Annual Interdenominational Remembrance Services will be held on Saturday Nov. 7th and Sunday Nov. 8th at 2.30 p.m. in the hospital chapel.**

We will remember all those who have died in the hospital, or when they left the hospital, in the past year.



Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to [info@ionaroadparish.ie](mailto:info@ionaroadparish.ie)

Items for the **Parish Link** can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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. Phone contact is **Parish Office 01 8308257 or 087 6728761**



Parish Office Opening Times and contact: Monday to Friday 09.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.  
Ph. 8308257 or email: [saintcolumba@eircom.net](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

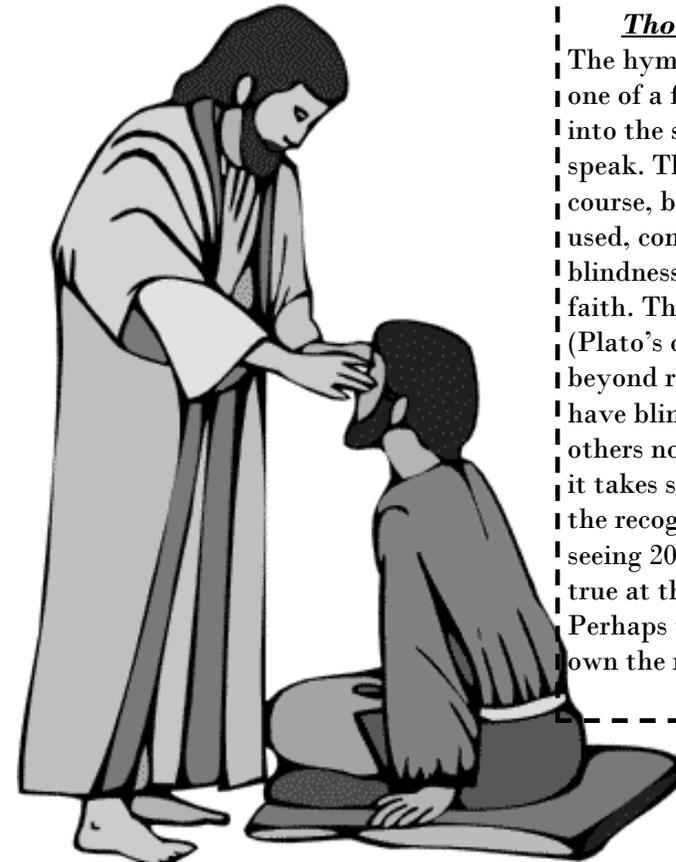
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### Thought for the day

The hymn *Amazing Grace* is one of a few to have made it into the secular domain, so to speak. The tune is good, of course, but so is the language used, contrasting previous blindness with the sight of faith. The metaphor is ancient (Plato's cave) and takes us beyond religion only. We all have blind spots, some minor, others not so minor. Usually, it takes some event to trigger the recognition that we are not seeing 20:20. The same can be true at the level of faith. Perhaps we could make our own the request of Bartimae-

### Prayer

**God, our light and hope, be our guide on the path of life and on the way of faith. Help us to be aware of our blindness, especially when we think we can see. With you healing touch, may be filled with light and joy. Amen.**

### 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.

THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to all of you - the parishioners of Iona -for such a warm, friendly and joyful 'send-off' into my retirement! I really and truly appreciate the time and effort that was put into the day, in order to make it so special for me. Of course, I am still around and will meet many of you over the coming weeks to personally say 'thank you'. **Sr. Bridget**

**Meditation Group**

The Meditation Group is a group who meet every two weeks for a period of short reflection. This is open to everybody and is worth giving it some consideration. The Meditation Group will meet on Wednesday 28th October in St. Alphonsus' Monastery @ 7.30 - 8.15pm. New people are most welcome.



**Refugee Response** As we are all aware, the unprecedented refugee and migrant crisis currently unfolding requires a humanitarian and co-ordinated response.

**Crosscare is hosting a meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe** if you or anyone in your parish would like to attend. **Crosscare** would also like to share ideas on possible supports that can be offered and how we can plan our collective response. We look forwarding to welcoming you - Sinéad Tierney - **Crosscare Tel: 01 8360011.**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking your help in its **Annual Clothing Appeal** in this Parish. The appeal is for clean, good quality clothes; bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. There are bags available outside the Church. **The Society will collect the bags outside the Church next weekend.** The Society is very conscious of the tremendous support given by the Parishioners of Iona Road and would like to thank you all most sincerely on behalf of those you have helped.



Four nights on **Pope Francis's Encyclical Laudato Si'** in the **Margaret Aylward Centre**

12 Nov. - Alan Hilliard  
19 Nov.- Donal Dorr  
26 Nov.- Trocaire  
3 Dec. - St Vincent de Paul



**Book Centre**

2016 Calendars and Diaries available in the Book Centre this weekend. Call in and see our large selection of cards & gifts for all occasions. The Irish Catholic newspaper on sale every weekend. The shop is open before & after mass every Friday, Saturday & Sundays.

**Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions**

Mass intentions for week commencing **Saturday 24th. October**

Sa. 24th.6.00pm Josephine Maher (1st A)  
Margaret Kelly (Months Mind)  
Su. 25th. 11.00am Bernard Kelly (A)  
**Mo. 26th.11.00am Mass in the Monastery @11.00am**  
Tu. 27th 9.30am Lucinda (Louie) Rush  
We. 28th.9.30am -  
Th. 29th.9.30am -  
Fr. 30th.9.30am -  
Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery (Finglas Rd)

**Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Iona Road:**  
Monday to Friday @ 5.45 p.m. Saturday morning @ 9.30 a.m. and Sunday morning @ 9.30 a.m.

**For all baptisms please contact the Parish Office @ 01 830 8257**



**FAMILY OFFERING**

The Family Offering is the Parish Collection and is the principal source of parish funds. **Received in envelope contributions for week ending 18th October : €826.93.** Parishioners may also contribute by Standing Orders through a bank, doing so on an annual, quarterly or monthly basis. The average weekly contributions through standing orders which can be added to what is received in envelope contributions are **€535.00.** Many thanks.

**Iona Active Retirement**

**Monday 26th October:** 11.00 a.m. Meet at Howth bus stop in Abbey Street. Fish and chips in Howth.  
**Thursday 12th November:** Monthly meeting at 10.15 am. in Annex.  
**Thursday 10th December:** 12.30 p.m. Christmas lunch in Maples. €22 to Maureen Phelan or Angela McCann.

**Mass for the Bereaved on Tuesday 10th Nov. at 7.30pm.**



All those who have died from this Parish in the last year will be remembered. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All those who have been bereaved are welcome.

Iona ladies club wish to thank all who supported their coffee morning in aid of St Francis Hospice. Thanks to Fr Paddy and to the sponsors of our raffle the amount raised was €680.

**Iona Church Flower Society**



A meeting will be held on **Friday 30th October at 10.15 a.m.** in the room at the back of the Sacristy.



A collection is being held in order to enable parishioners to express their appreciation to Sister Bridget for her enormous contribution to the life of the parish over many years. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be available after each **Mass on THIS weekend, 24th/25th Oct.** to accept donations to the collection. Donations may also be left in Parish Office on any week day between 9.30 and 12.30.