

St Columba's N.S. Iona Road Celebrating 90 years

On October 17th 2015, St. Columba's School, Iona Road, will mark the **90th. Anniversary** of the opening of the school. Celebrations will begin with Mass at 6.00pm in St. Columba's Church, followed by a celebration in the school hall. All past pupils are very welcome. We would welcome any photographs from the 80's and earlier to add to our collection of school photos.

(Photographs will be scanned and returned to their owners).



PARISH BOOK SHOP

Call in today and see our large selection of items. We have Cards for every occasion plus candles and books c. Located at the top of the church beside the main Altar.

We are open before and after mass every Friday, Saturday Sunday.

Neighbourhood Watch

The monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday next 6th October 2015 at 8pm sharp in the Maples Hotel, Iona Road. As usual members of our local Gardai will attend. All Welcome.

Remembrance Service Notice The National Maternity Hospital will hold its Annual Remembrance Service on Sunday 4th October at 3pm in the Church of St Andrew, Westland Row, Dublin 2. The Service is held in memory of babies who have died in the hospital through miscarriage, still-birth or shortly after birth. Bereaved parents, their families, and friends are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to meet hospital staff members and other parents.

Whitehall College FE - PLC (Post Leaving Certificate) Places still available on our IT, Business and Social Care courses. Contact: Ann O'Reilly on (01) 837 6011 or via email on info@whitehallcfe.cdetsb.ie

Pre-enrolment forms for Scoil Mobhí N.S. Mobhi Road are now available from the school or online on www.scoilmobhi.ie for pupils due to begin in Junior Infants 2016. They will need to be submitted before the end of October 2015.



Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to info@ionaroadparish.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. 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

PARISH LINK

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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.

Day for Life

'Cherishing Life, Accepting Death'

'How great a lie.... To make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!' Pope Francis

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland and England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland

Today Sunday 4 October on the theme 'Cherishing Life, Accepting Death'.

(An information card is available at the back of the church, please take one.)

Parish Grouping Launch Mass

The Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes

will celebrate its official liturgical launch with a special mass here in Our Lady of Victories on **Sunday 11th**

October at 3.00pm. This coincides with the feast of St Mobhi and that of Catherine McCauley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy. We also remember Margaret Ball and the rich contribution of holy men and women from our grouping. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All very welcome.

Iona Ladies will host a coffee morning in aid of St Francis Hospice on Fri Oct 9th in the back of the church after 9.30 Mass.

Helen Shine would like to thank all who supported her coffee morning on 18th, €600 was raised for St Francis Hospice. *Thank you for your generosity and time.*

The news that after twenty one years as Superior, Sr. Gabrielle's time in office is coming to an end has shocked the parish. Sr. Gabrielle had the unenviable task of closing the old monastery, overseeing the building of the new monastery and transferring the Sisters to other convents while the work was in progress. She succeeded in bringing the monastery into the 21st century - not an easy task. We wish her many years of happiness and contentment in the future and are most appreciative of the welcome she has extended to all.

Fr Eoin Murphy will lead two sessions for Ministers of the Word only

Mother of Divine Grace Church, Ballygall,

Tuesday 13th October at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 20th October at 7.30 pm

The call to be a Minister of the Word is God's call. Every Sunday the people of God wait to hear the scriptures proclaimed. This proclamation is the foundation of all else that the Church does.

Please join us, even if you have been a Minister of the Word for years. Yours is an important task which needs the best response.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For Meals on Wheels
Maximum of 2
hours once a fortnight. We need drivers and helpers. Phone Paul at 086 2603226

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

For week beginning Saturday 3rd October 2015

Sa. 3rd.6.00pm	Margaret Whyte (A) Tony Nolan (A) Kate & Joe McDermot (A)
Su. 4th.11.00am	Desmond Roxburgh (A) <i>Remember in prayer Finbarr Keegan</i>
Mo. 5th.9.30am	<i>Mass in the Monastery</i>
Tu. 6th.9.30am	<i>Mass in the Monastery</i>
We. 7th.9.30am	<i>Mass in the Monastery</i>
Th. 8th.9.30am	-
Fr. 9th.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



Monastery of St. Alphonsus Solemn Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesday 29th. September to Wednesday 7th. October 2015

Mass Times 9.30am and 8.00pm Preacher: Fr. Noel Keogh C.Ss.R.

FAMILY OFFERING The Family Offering is the Parish Collection and is the principal source of parish funds.

Received in envelope contributions for week ending 27 September: €1,685.00

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 and which can be added to what is received in envelope contributions is **€535.00**. Many thanks.

The recent Annual Collection for Cross Care amounted to : €1482.00

The Mysticism of Everyday Life

With Dr. Michael Downey

Friday, 9 October 2015, 7 - 9pm

Booking essential: Cost €10

This evening of reflection will focus of the contemplative dimension of ordinary, everyday Christian living. Contemplation is a gift to all. This evening of reflection will address the gift and task of "ordinary mysticism" for people in a world of action and distraction.

Contact Margaret Aylward Centre
017979364 or email
mcfcdglasnevin@gmail.com for full
schedule of courses this
Autumn/Winter

Coffee Morning in aid of the Arc Cancer Support Centre on Eccles St.

on Thursday 8th October. We would like to invite everyone to come along for a coffee and chat amongst friends from 10am - 1pm at 4 Iona Avenue (previously Shanganagh Rd). Thank you. Karen & Ann Sheehy

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT.

Thurs 8th Oct Monthly meeting at 10.15 a.m. in Annex

Thurs 12th Dec 12.30 p.m. Christmas lunch in the Maples €22to Maureen Phelan. Cards and Bingo as usual.