

MASS TIMES in St. Columba's Church		
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00pm:	St. Columba's Church
Sunday Morning	11.00am:	St. Columba's Church
Daily Mass	9.30am Monday to Friday St. Columba's Church	
Also Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel		
<u>Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus</u>		
Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm.		Saturday morning @ 9.30 am.
Sunday morning 9.30am.		

The following are the Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	9th	6.00pm	Edna & Brid Dempsey (A) Kennedy Family (A) Dermot Cross (A) Stella Lawless (A)
Sun.	10th	11.00am	Elizabeth Sheehy (Months Mind)
Mon.	11th	9.30am	Niamh Ní Nuallain (A)
Sat.	16th	6.00pm	Mary & Michael O'Sullivan (A) Eamon & Seamus Ryan (A) Bridie Conway (A)
Sun.	17th	11.00am	Mass for Grandparents.

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€1197.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by S/Orders.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 20th of Dec from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not. See anamcara.ie or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.



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.

Parish Link contact: Ann 087 6728761 or Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.
Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

PARISH LINK



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2nd Sunday of Advent

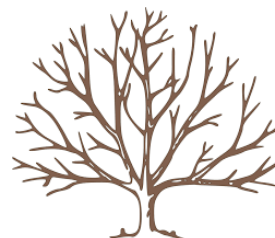
Advent is a time where we are asked to 'Stay Awake' and it is a time of preparation.



The second candle on the Advent Wreath is the Candle of Preparation - God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome you, O God!

"As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: 'A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.' ~ Luke 3:4-6

The Jesse Tree will be displayed during Advent where you can write a prayer or intercession on the stars available and place them on the tree.



These stars will then be taken from the dead wood of the Jesse tree at Christmas on to the Living Tree and continue to be displayed throughout the Christmas Period.

Also travel with Mary and Joseph as they make their way to where baby Jesus will be born on Christmas Day.

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.



*It is Pope Francis 'wish that as many people as possible hear about the **Joy of Love**. That is the challenge for parishes , especially in the year coming up to the **World Meeting of Families**. How do we go about this ?*

*Our parish here in Iona Road plan to follow some of the practical initiatives as suggested by the **WMOF**. We are starting our 'WMOF' journey with*

The Joy of Grandparents'

Gaudete Sunday - 17th Dec - 11 am. Mass

We would like to celebrate the gift of all

Grandparents here in our parish. Grandparents play a pivotal role in the lives of their grandchildren and we welcome all Grandparents to the 11 am Mass on

Gaudete Sunday. There will be a special blessing for

Grandparents and it's an opportunity, too, to invite your grandchildren to come along with you. We will also have some seasonal treats after Mass!!!



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Thank you very much for your donations of food we received plus the €50 donated too. Much appreciated, Crosscare Food Bank, Glasnevin.

Clareville Invincibles invite
you to
Christmas in the
Trenches 1917
A Remembrance of
Patriots and Passchendaele in
Prose, Poetry, Music and
Song
The Chapel
Glasnevin Cemetery
17 December 2017 at
12.30 p.m.



Advent Healing Service
Our Mother of Divine Grace
Church, Ballygall
Wednesday, 13th Dec 2017
@ 7:30pm ALL Welcome

Carol-Singing

A very sincere "**Thank You**" to all our parishioners who gave so generously to the pupils, parents, teachers and members of the Board of Management of St. Columba's N.S. on their annual carol-singing on the roads of the parish on WedS night, 6th December.

A total of **€1200** was collected by the different carol-singing groups in one hour. This has now been divided between the local Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Simon Community – each receiving **€600**.
A very *Happy Christmas* to you all from St. Columba's School.



Active Retirement Hope all enjoyed Christmas lunch **Tuesday 2 to 4 Bridge** then we will take a break till 9th January **Wed Knit and Knatter** in the morn, Cards and Bingo after lunch I look forward to the New Year and new ideas, please join us for our meetings and activities- Spring holiday- Day tours - Bank Holiday outings, craft, computer classes / easy exercise.



Visit our Parish pop-up shop every weekend. Located beside the main entrance. Beautiful selection of Christmas Cards & Gifts . Calendars, Diary's Open before & after mass, every Friday, Saturday, Sunday.



Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes Carol Services Our Lady of Victories Church

Sunday 17th December 3-30pm

Come and sing your favourite Carols
Music will be led by combined choirs
from Glasnevin, Ballygall and
Ballymun road

Special collection to host 5 Ethiopian families for World meeting of Families

Saint Columba's National School, Iona Road

Applications are being taken for girls for **Junior Infants** next **September 2018**. Please phone the school secretary any school day (01 8305040) between 9 and 2.30 for a Pre-Enrolment Form. Interested parents should also note that we may have a limited number of vacancies for girls in some of the classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class. School website is