

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 Thursday 10th December at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Dolours Church Glasnevin
 Featuring Glasnevin Musical Society,
 St. Mary's Holy Faith Secondary School Girl's Choir
 Refreshments afterwards in hall downstairs
 Proceeds to Fr. Peter McVerry Trust for the Homeless
 Tickets available in Sacristy or Office under the Church or
 The Gem Newsagents on Glasnevin Hill
 Adults €5, Family Ticket €10

Taizé Song, Prayer and Reflection Wait for the Lord



Friday, Dec 4 2015 from 7.30—8.30pm Venue: Holy Faith Convent Glasnevin

It is the beginning of Advent and Trócaire has launched its Christmas gift range that will directly benefit families in some of the world's poorest countries. From olive trees for farmers in Palestine (€5/£4) to business support for women in Ethiopia (€250/£200), when you buy a Trócaire gift you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice. Further info at www.trocaire.org/gifts

The final meeting of Neighbourhood Watch 2015 will take place on Tuesday 1st December in the Maples Hotel, Iona Road at 8 pm sharp. Following the meeting our annual glass of festive cheer will be raised-All welcome.



Purcell House -Conference and Accommodation at ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE Drumcondra, Dublin 9. We're open for business...come on in or Call us today on Tel No. 8520754 or visit our website:www.purcellhouse.ie

Dolce Choir - Magical Musical Christmas Concert All Hallows Chapel - Thurs 10th Dec. Tickets on sale €10.00. Tel. 087-2325355 or ail info@dolce.ie.

Dublin Airport Singers -Christmas Choral Concert All Hallows Chapel - Thurs 17th Dec. Email dublinairportsingers@gmail.com



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.
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PARISH LINK



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Lighting of Advent Candle

As we light our First Advent Candle this week May we open our hearts to the light of Christ. May His light increase in brightness, through our love and efforts this Advent



In preparation for Christmas we will have a Jesse Tree close to the site of the Christmas Crib. There will be prayer cards beside the Jesse Tree which the Liturgy Group invites you the parishioners to write a prayer on and place on the Jesse Tree. The prayers will then transfer onto the big Christmas Tree when it is erected.

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.

The following Liturgical Year is to be called *The Year of Mercy* and below is a letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Next week there will be a pack available for the Year of Mercy with further details about the events coming up in the Link.

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis will begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 8 December 2015 and will conclude on the Solemnity of Jesus Christ the Universal King, 20 November 2016. I hope that you can participate in this pilgrimage of mercy which will be celebrated in this Diocese in many ways over the year.

Our first initiative is an invitation to cross the threshold of mercy and to experience the gift of reconciliation. This grace is offered when we reach out to those who we have offended and in turn accept the apology of others who are sorry for what they have done to us. In this way the motto for the Year – ‘Merciful Like the Father’ – will be brought to life not only in our lives but in the lives of all with whom we have contact.

The season of Advent offers us many ways to prepare ourselves to meet Jesus – the face of mercy. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we have the opportunity to celebrate this encounter in a very special way.

Finally I invoke the words of Pope Francis who invites us to think of Mary, Mother of Mercy. ‘May the sweetness of her countenance watch over us in this Holy year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God’s tenderness’. (M.V.24)

Most Reverend Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin

**Christmas Fair St Mary's Secondary
School Glasnevin**

Sun 6th Dec 11am – 2pm

Festive fun including:

Santa's grotto / Vintage clothes
stall / Raffle / Music / Games
Face painting / Coffee shop
Jewellery & Christmas decorations



Iona Active Retirement

Thursday 10th December -

Christmas lunch in the
Maples at 12.50 p.m.

€22 to Maureen Phelan or
Angela McCann.



**Saint Columba's National School,
Iona Road**

Applications are being taken for girls for Junior Infants beginning next September 2016. Please phone the school secretary any school day morning (8305040) between 9 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. 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 www.stcolumbaionard.net

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for week commencing Saturday NOVEMBER 28th

Sat.	28th	6.00pm	Mary & Joe Cloherty (A)
Sun.	29th	11.00am	Maise Flanagan (A)
Mon.	30th	9.30am	John Wilson (A)
Tue.	1st	9.30am	-
Wed.	2nd	9.30am	Mary, Angela & Frank McCluskey (A)
Thur.	3rd	9.30am	-
Fri.	4th	9.30am	Altar list of the dead

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 November 1st : €777.90

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.

The collection for the Sick & Indigent Room Keepers Society last weekend amounted to €1041.00

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul **Christmas Appeal** will take place on Sat & Sun 12th & 13th of December and will replace the Share collection.



There will be a Holy Hour on First Friday 4th of December after the 9.30am Mass from 10.00 to 11.00am
Watch and Pray

Ladies Club

Christmas Lunch in Maples
Hotel Tues Dec at 2pm



Parish Book Centre

Call in today to see our wonderful Christmas display. Large selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, Christmas candles, gifts etc. We are open before & after Mass every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The shop is located at the right hand side of the main altar.

