

Down Syndrome Ireland are asking if you could please drop any copper coins that you may have at home in jars, into our collection drum in Bank of Ireland Drumcondra at the corner of Clonliffe Rd. We also have a unit in both our charity shops in GPO Arcade and 52 Sundrive Rd, Kimmage. Down Syndrome Ireland would really appreciate your support in collecting as much copper as possible.



Hairdresser available to come into your home in the Drumcondra/Phibsboro/Berkely Rd and surrounding areas. Ph 085 113 5336

Do you want to help children reach their potential?

Barnardos is looking for adults aged 55 years and older with lots of life experience and an enjoyment of reading, for a volunteer reading programme for primary schools based in Finglas, Dublin 11. 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 and the volunteer will be asked to read with 2 children on each visit which happen 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 your interest in this programme please contact Suzanne Connolly, Barnardos Volunteer Service, on 01 7080431 or email volunteers@barnardos.ie

Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue – events for Winter 2015.
Lifting the Lid on Islam - a short introductory course for people who want to understand the origins of Islam and the cultural diversity of those who practise it; Sing With Joy in Your Heart - an evening of liturgical music; Dance Meditation; Practising Mindfulness; Advent Reflection; Ecumenical Carol Service; Christian Meditation (every Thursday); Spiritual Guidance; Space for reflection. Booking is essential. For more information, contact the centre at: 01 7979364 | 087 6649862 | mcdglasnevin@gmail.com Holy Faith Sisters, Glasnevin, Dublin 11. www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie



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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*How happy are the poor in spirit
theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*



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.

A National Ecumenical Service will take place on Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm in St Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin. Bishop Eamonn Walsh will be participating in preparation for the U.N. Climate Summit in the presence of President Michael D Higgins, Uachtarán na hÉireann. This event is organised by Trócaire, Christian Aid and ECI. All are welcome to attend.

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 **this 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.



B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn.

Next residential weekend will be held 13th – 15th November in All Hallows, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com www.beginningexperience.ie

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.



Series of 4 Talks on Pope Francis Recent Encyclical: *Laudato Si'* in the Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue. Glasnevin Hill.

- 12 Nov.** – Our Common home is falling into serious disrepair - Peter Kiffe and Fr. Alan Hilliard
 - 19 Nov.** - Care for the Earth: The Ecological Encyclical - Donal Dorr
 - 26 Nov.** - Laudate Si and the Search of a new Solidarity - Eamonn Meehan Director of Trocaire
 - 3 Dec.** – Your 'Yes' can last a lifetime - Larry Tuomey St. Vincent de Paul and ANO
- Each of the talks will take place from 7.30 – 8.30pm. Time will be included for questions & discussion and be followed by refreshments

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for week commencing Saturday NOVEMBER 7th

Sa. 7th. 6.00pm	Henry Desch (A) Noelle Donnelly (A) Tom Chris Leen (A) Maureen Early (A) Mollie Kelly (A)
Su. 8th. 11.00am	Mary Anne Purcell (A)
Mo. 9th. 9.30am	-
Tu. 10th. 9.30am	Catherine Tait (A)
We. 11th. 9.30am	Padraig Mahon (1st A)
Th. 12th. 9.30am	-
Fr. 13th. 9.30am	Ann Hallahan (A)

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 : €957.45

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

Thursday 12th November - Monthly meeting at 10.15 a.m. in Annex.
Thursday 10th December - Christmas lunch at 12.30 p.m. in the Maples - €22 to Maureen Phelan or Angela McCann.
A misprint appeared in last week's Parish Link in which it was stated that the lunch would be held at 2.30 p.m. This was just an error in printing.



The annual collection for the Sick & Indigent Room Keepers Society, the city's oldest charity founded in 1790, will take place next weekend. It will be the second collection and replaces the usual Share collection.

DCU Intergenerational Learning Programme are offering FREE computer classes to the over 55's. Call us on 01 7007423 to register.

Book Centre

2016 Calendars and Diaries available in the Book Centre this weekend. Do drop in. Jane Murray who manages the Parish Book shop has had an accident and is in hospital in Waterford. We wish Jane a speedy recovery and look forward to having her back in the shop for Christmas.

