

### MASS TIMES in St. Columba's Church

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm: St. Columba's Church  
 Sunday Morning 11.00am: St. Columba's Church  
 Midweek 9.30am Mon, Wed, Thur Fri St. Columba's Church  
 Also Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in **Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel**  
**Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus**  
 Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm. Saturday and Sunday morning @ 9.30 am.

### The following are the Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	14th	6.00pm	Michael Kelly (Month's Mind) Edna Dempsey (A) Christopher Cooke (1st A) ~ Eamonn Ryan & Seamus Ryan (A) Dermot Cross (A) Stella Lawless (A)
Mon.	16th	9.30am	Niamh Ní Nuallain (A)
Wed.	18th	9.30am	Graham Family (A)
Thur.	19th	9.30am	Sadie Chawke (A)
Sat.	21st	6.00pm	Mary Finucane (A) Michael & Mary O'Sullivan (A) Paddy Cusack (A)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€1220.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.

The second collection, SHARE, this weekend is replaced by a collection for the **SICK & INDIGENT ROOMKEEPERS SOCIETY**, Dublin's oldest charity, founded 1790.

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal collection amounted to €5759.00.**  
**Huge thanks for your wonderful support.**

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Advent Reconciliation Service  
 Wednesday, 18 December 7.30 p.m.  
 Our Mother of Divine Grace Church  
 Sunday 22 December after the 11am and 6.30pm Masses in Our Lady of Dolour's Church

Confessions - St Columba's, Iona Road  
 Saturday, 21 December: 12.00-1.00pm  
 Tuesday, 24 December: 10.00am-11.00am

### LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

If you have internet access, you will find the live stream through our parish website: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) The live streaming service is reserved for Masses and other ceremonies



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.  
 Contact: Parish Office @ 01 830 8257 or email [saintcolumba@eircom.net](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)  
**Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.**

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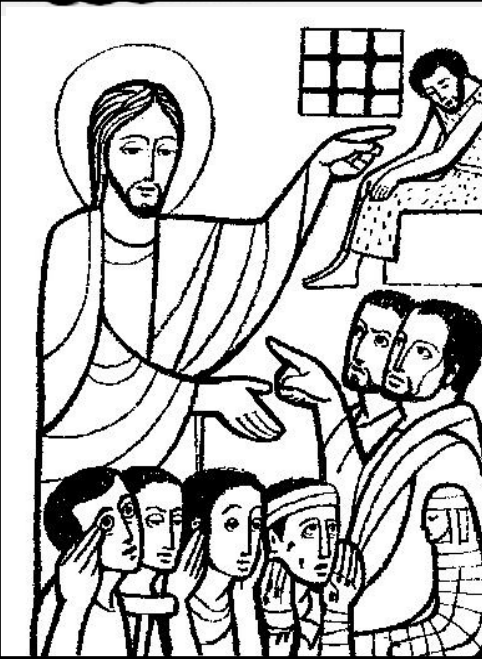


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***"The Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith"***

The note of joy struck on this 3rd Sunday of Advent is very much in tune with the teaching of Pope Francis. He is well aware of the current context of faith - the global pressure is enormous. Joy in believing might seem an "extra" in today's challenging climate for faith. Many of us struggle simply to hold on, not to mention being exuberant about it all. And yet, of course there is deep happiness in faith. **Rejoice!**

### 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.*



**WELCOME ONE AND ALL ...**  
**To St. Columba's Church, Iona Rd.**  
**Christmas in Song and Word**  
 with The People's College Choir, The Children  
 of St Columba's National School, St Vincent's  
 National School and Frank O'Donnell-Organist  
**This Sunday @ 5.00pm.- 6.00pm.**



### Fr Peter McVerry's challenging new book launched in Dublin

In late 2000 the Editor of the Redemptorist magazine **Reality** asked **Fr. Peter McVerry, S.J.** if he would write an article for each of the issues for the coming year – he agreed to do so. At the end of the year he was asked if he would write a few more. Almost twenty years later the few more has become over 200. His new book **"A Dose of Reality"** contains 30 of those articles and reflects on the social and political issues facing Irish society. The book launch took place in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus last Tuesday – Fr. Paddy represented Iona. Fr. McVerry was introduced by Fr. David McNamara, C.Ss.R. who is based in Limerick and by the Monastery Prioress, Sr. Lucy Conway, who spoke movingly of the poor who come to the Monastery door seeking help. Those who need food are given a meal but those who want only money are given a voucher for groceries. **The book is on sale @ €10 and would make an ideal Christmas gift.**



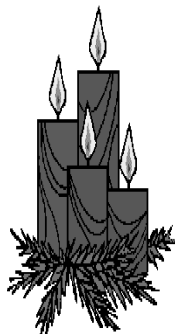
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### WMOF - Project Ethiopia

As part of the World Meeting of Families, which was held here in Dublin, last year, you may recall that our Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes raised funds to bring 3 families over from Ethiopia to this event. Our fund-raising also considered any outstanding funds would go towards a project in Ethiopia. We have a balance of **€4,800** from our fund-raising and we will be sending these funds to a project called **'Reinvigorating the Atse Tekle Ghiorgis Catholic School for the most Marginalized Children in Kechene, Addis Ababa'.**

The objective of this project is to break the cycle of extreme poverty by enabling children from poverty-stricken background to complete a decent primary education. Without education, these children's way out of hunger and poverty remains compromised. Meeting this objective is not an easy task and demands the involvement of coordinated effort from Daughters of Charity, donors, school community, children's families as well as the local government. Most students come to school without eating breakfast, and Atse T.G. School provides at least one meal a day. Thank you all again for your support for this whole project.



### IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**Monday 16th:** Bridge - To be confirmed!

**Tuesday 17th:** Exercise programme will recommence on 14th January, 2020.

**Wednesday 18th:** Knit/Knatter, Bingo and Cards are all taking a break until 15th January, 2020.

**Don't forget if interested in learning computer,** check details in Annex as you need to book in advance.

Also see details of holiday to Galway, 29th March 2020



### Gardiner Street Parish Advent

Find the Joy of Jesus in peace and quietness as we prepare for Christmas in Gardiner Street every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, Each of the Sundays of Advent offers a theme to explore in preparation for Christmas:

**Tuesday 17th December:**

**Christ among us.**

Afterwards there will be refreshments in the coffee room.



### A Gospel Christmas at Gardiner Street

**Thursday December 19th**  
**Come to St. Francis**  
**Xavier's Church for a**  
**feel-good evening of**

**soulful festive cheer and your favourite**  
**Christmas songs featuring Gardiner**  
**Street Gospel Choir & Band with**  
**Gardiner Street Youth Gospel Choir,**  
**Holly Berry and the Christmas Lites and**  
**The Secret Jazz Band.**

There will also be some Christmas cake and tasty homemade treats to ensure everyone goes home merry and bright! Adults €15. Seniors/Students €12. U12 Free.

**Raising money on the night for the Peter McVerry Trust.**

Bookings: <http://tickets.thegsgc.com/thegsgc/a-gospel-christmas/discount/email>

Tickets also available at the front desk at Gardiner Street parish.



Last Sunday, 8th December, in the Monastery, Sr. Shital Leon Ghonsalwes celebrated her First Profession and received the white veil. She is a native of Mumbai city in Maharashtra, India and is one of five children. She studied psychology and sociology in Mumbai University. Unfortunately owing to the vast distance her parents were not able to be with her but she spoke to them in her native language - Marathi - over the cam web. Her twenty year old brother is training for the priesthood.



**Looking for a childminder or nanny to care for our two young children ...**  
 a boy who will be 2 in Mar. & a girl who will be 6 months in Mar. Flexible on start date between January and March. Person should be reliable, caring and fun. This is a full time position, 35-40 hours per week.  
**Please contact Nicola on 086 041 4957.**