


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 and Sunday morning @ 9.30 am.		

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

	Sat.	1st.	6.00pm	Tom Mary & Jim Kennedy (A)
	Sat.	8th	11.00am	MASS FOR HOLY DAY
	Sat.	8th	6.00pm	Edna Dempsey (A)
				Desmond & Elizabeth Roxburgh (A)
				Heffernan & Rickerby Families (A)
	Sun.	9th	11.00am	Norman McInerney (Months Mind)

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday, 8th December 2018 Mass at 11 o'clock

Cemetery Chapel at 9.45am St Alphonsus Monastery at 9.30am  
Friday, 7th December, Vigil Mass St Alphonsus Monastery at 5.45pm

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€711.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul Annual Diocesan Collection takes place next weekend 8/9 December**

Many thanks for your contributions to the Sick & Indigent Roomkeepers Society last weekend. €870 was gratefully received.

***Darkness into Light Carol Service Advent Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 7.30 pm***  
***St Mary's Pro Cathedral — Girls Choir***  
***Procession of Carols and Readings by Candlelight***  
***All Welcome !***



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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.

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](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

# PARISH LINK



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*FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT*

*HOPE IS LIKE A LIGHT  
SHINING IN A  
DARK PLACE*

*AS WE LOOK AT THE  
LIGHT OF THIS CANDLE  
WE CELEBRATE THE LOVE  
WE HAVE IN  
JESUS CHRIST*

**Crosscare Annual Parish Food Appeal**

Archbishop Martin is once again seeking support for a Parish Food Appeal this weekend Dec 1/2 to support the work of the Crosscare Foodbanks.

The generosity of parishioners in last year's food appeal meant that 10,000 emergency hampers were distributed to those most in need before Christmas. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items.

**This year Crosscare are asking that collections be held on THIS weekend only.**

This will allow them to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families.

**Items that are most needed at this time are:**

A. Toiletries and cleaning products B. Non-perishable food C. Festive foods

People Helping People



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

**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.*





### BOOK SHOP

Christmas shop  
now open

Christmas Cards, Calendars  
& Diary's available

We also have a lovely  
selection of Candles & Gifts  
for Christmas

Open before & after Mass on  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

**POP-UP shop will be open  
on Saturday & Sundays  
beside main door**

### Watch and Pray

There will be a Holy Hour on  
First Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December after  
the 9.30am Mass from 10.00am  
to 11.00am All are welcome.



### ACTIVE RETIREMENT ....this week!

**Monday** Christmas Lunch  
Maples looking forward to  
meeting everyone

**Tuesday** 10 to 12 Knit &  
Knatter. Great progress

**Tuesday** 2.15 3.30. Exercise  
programme thanks to all.

**Wednesday** 2 to 4.30.  
Bingo, Cards & Cupcake

Spring Holiday details  
Castlecourt Hotel Westport  
10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 4 nts No Single  
Supplement 239. 09855088

ask for Grace. **Mention  
Iona Active  
Retirement**

Lighting Up Christmas,  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Drumcondra's Christmas Tree lights will  
be turned on at 3.30pm  
•Christmas Choir singing seasonal tunes  
•Complimentary Tea & Coffee  
•St. Patrick's Boy's School invites you to  
join them after the ceremony for music  
and light refreshments and  
of course the man himself,  
Santa Claus, will be there  
with gifts for the children.  
You are invited to give a  
donation to the local charity  
CARI.



**The Irish Hospice  
Foundation, Bereavement  
Education & Resource Centre,**  
Morrison Chambers will be  
holding workshops Jan and

June. These are a series of introductory workshops on  
a range of topics covering loss & bereavement.  
These workshops are framed relative to the HSE  
palliative care competence framework at level two –  
for people whose work increasingly sees them  
engaging with people facing loss, bereavement and  
death.

For more details contact  
iris.murray@hospicefoundation.ie Tel: 01 679 3188



### Hope After Suicide Group workshop Special Guest

Sandra Kelliher Shannon's Hopeline

5th December at 6.30 pm

Dublin Central Mission Abbey St.

All FOSL members & anyone bereaved by  
suicide are very welcome to attend.

For more info please contact: 01 4927576  
or foslpost@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch December meeting  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 8pm Maples Hotel all welcome.



### Marie Keogh (St. Columba's N.S.)

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2018, our lives in St. Columba's were changed forever, when we received the terrible news that our friend and colleague Marie was gravely ill and was not expected to recover.

Marie joined our staff in November 1996. She worked with four principals, Sr. Germaine, Ms. Regina Murphy, Mrs. Mairéad Shiel and Ms. Eileen Whelan. Marie received a warm welcome from each of them and they and the rest of the staff valued her expertise, professionalism, caring nature and friendship.

Marie was the best known staff member in the school. She was the first person parents and children met when they were enrolled in the school and she often met our future pupils while they were still babies in buggies. When the girls graduated in 6<sup>th</sup> class and then returned to the school as visitors, Marie was always the first person to greet them on their way in, and she had an extraordinary recall of their names. Marie loved to meet the next generation too, when past pupils returned, to enrol their own children for Junior Infants. She was so fond of her 'Mammies' in the school and over the course of eight years or more she got to know them very well.

Marie loved her 'shop ladies' and she enjoyed a little chat with them early in the morning when she had time. Her office was always busy first thing, as she sorted any little problems the children had – forgotten lunches/ dancing shoes / missing recorders/ phone calls home etc.

At Marie's funeral Mass the whole school community was very anxious to support her husband Séan and children Ann-Marie and Derek in whatever small way we could. Four symbols were brought to the altar to represent Marie's life in St. Columba's. The first symbol was the Communion and Confirmation Booklets which represented Marie's absolute devotion and love for her work, and the care and thought she put into everything she did and everybody she met. The second symbol was the school jersey which represented the attentiveness, interest and concern Marie showed to all the pupils of St. Columba's, past and present. The third symbol was a CD which represented Marie's love for all things musical. A Dublin jersey was the fourth symbol, illustrating Marie's passion for the Dublin team. Marie took huge pleasure from the 'annual visit' of the team in the last few years.

We at St. Columba's have suffered a terrible loss and yet the grief felt by her lovely husband Séan, children Ann-Marie and Derek, and her extended family is even greater again. We at St. Columba's, will never forget our good friend Marie and as a community we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Keogh family.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.