


An occasional 'babysitter' needed for two teenagers who live in Crawford Avenue. An interest in cerebral palsy/autism/gaming would help. Good pay rates. Please contact 085 1289342

**Saint Columba's National School,**  
Applications are being taken for girls for Junior Infants beginning next September 2016. Please phone the school secretary any school day morning (Phone 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](http://www.stcolumbaionard.net)  
Eileen Whelan (Principal)

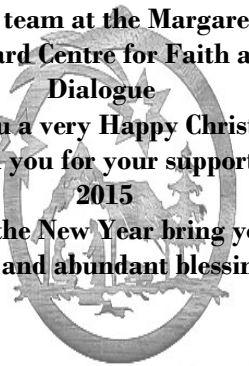
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Contact Caroline on:  
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**Experienced 21 year old babysitter available.**  
Keen rates.  
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**The team at the Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue**  
wish you a very Happy Christmas  
Thank you for your support in 2015  
May the New Year bring you peace and abundant blessings



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.  
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](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

# PARISH LINK

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20th December 2015



## Fourth Sunday of Advent



### Lighting of Advent Candle

As we light our Fourth 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.

### **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.

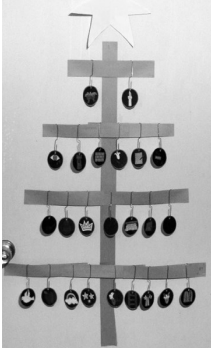
St. Columba's Church Iona Road  
**CHRISTMAS IN SONG AND WORD**

With The People's College Choir  
 the Children of St Columba's N. School and  
 St Vincent's N. School and Eoin Tierney - organist  
**TODAY 20th December 5.00pm to 6.00pm**



**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.



My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others.

- Bob Hope

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**Carols at the Monastery**

Fr. Pat O'Donoghue brought the "The Third Day Carole" along last Monday. The chapel was packed to overflowing and the music and singing was delightful. A collection was taken up in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust.



**Hello All!** We are currently busy preparing and practising our music for Christmas Day. However, we need and would love for any new recruits to join our **Folk Group!!** Young or wise we'd be delighted to have you!

If interested, contact Claire: (087) 219 2640 or Orla via facebook <https://www.facebook.com/thefolkgroupionaroadparish/>

**Practices take place each Monday at 7.30pm in the church.**

**Iona Active Retirement — Monday 28th December:**  
 Meet at the Monastery of St. Alphonsus at 10.15 a.m.  
 Depending on the weather, an outing will take place.



**Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions**

**Mass intentions for week commencing Saturday DECEMBER 19th.**

Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery (Finglas Rd)

Sat.	19th	6.00pm	Dermot Ryan (A) John & Breda Walsh (Remembrance) Elizabeth & John Frayne (A) Alice Lacy (A) Edward Halton (A) Mary Halton (A) Margaret Fitzpatrick (A)
Sun.	20th	11.00am	Sadie Chawke (A)
Mon.	21st	9.30am	Mary Finucane (A)
Tue.	22nd	9.30am	-
Wed.	23rd	9.30am	-
Thur.	24th	9.30am	<b>Christmas Eve 6.00pm and 9.00pm</b>
Fri.	25th	11.00am	<b>Christmas Day and 9.45am Cemetery Chapel</b>
Sat.	26th	6.00pm	John King (A)
Sun.	27th	11.00am	Bridget & Bernard Kelly (A)

**Note: Mass in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Iona Road for the following week - Monday to Thursday (28th to 31st) @ 9.30 a.m. and Friday 1st Jan @ 11.00a.m.**

**For all baptisms please contact the Parish Office @ 01 830 8257**

**FAMILY OFFERING**

We thank you for your contribution to the FAMILY OFFERING the parish collection, amounting to €1,154.64 last weekend. (This is the amount received in weekly envelopes; an average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order).

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal  
**amounted to €3525.00 Many Thanks**



**Sacrament of Penance for Christmas**  
 Thurs. 24th Dec. 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.  
**Monday 21st December :** Advent  
 Reconciliation Services in Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road. at 7.30p.m.



Clareville Centre  
 The Parish Priest represented the parish at the Christmas lunch held last Wednesday. It was a most enjoyable occasion and *The Invincibles* provided the music. Teresa Killeen paid tribute to all those who helped make the Centre so successful during the past year.

**A note from Fr. Jim**  
 Finally I have my date for entry to Mepkin - **12th Jan 2016.** Family & Friends are invited to Mass in Our Lady of Mercy Artane on Sat 9th Jan. at 6.30pm (tea after)  
**All Welcome.**  
**Fr. Jim**

