

The Margaret Aylward Centre invites you to attend our Ecumenical Carol Service on Sunday 20 December

Booking essential

Please bring a gift of a hat, scarf socks or gloves for men, women or children for donation to the Simon Community



Our Lady of Dolours Church Annual Christmas Concert will take place on Thurs 10th Dec at 7.30pm

It will feature the very popular Glasnevin Musical Society, accompanied once again by St. Mary's Holy Faith Secondary School Girl's Choir. After the concert there will be festive hospitality and the raffle in aid of the Fr. Peter McVerry Trust

Parish Book Centre

Call in today and see our beautiful selection of Christmas Cards. Cribs, Candles, and 2015 calendars & Diaries also available. The Irish Catholic newspaper is on sale here every week. We are open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Before and after mass. Come in and have a look around.



ALSO...

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards 12 for €5.00

Our Lady of Dolours Parish.

Our Parish Secretary Nora Austin will be retiring as of 31st January 2016, we would like to thank Nora for her great work over the last 15 years, and for her contribution to the Parish, she is greatly appreciated and will be well missed.

Our Lady of Dolours is now advertising for a part-time Parish Secretary, and would request CV's by Friday 11th December 2015, please send to richardeshcehy@gmail.com.

A Little Lifetime Foundation Christmas Service of Remembrance on Sunday 6th December at 7.30pm in St Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis Street, Dublin with Archbishop Martin. Blessing of Remembrance and Tree Lighting ceremony on Sunday 13th December at 4.00pm in Glasnevin Cemetery. This special Service of Remembrance is for all parents, family members and friends who have had the experience of a baby's death, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a warm welcome to everyone.

Handel's Messiah with the Dublin Bach Singers. 8.00 pm, Thurs 17th Dec at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Conducted by Blánaid Murphy. Marlborough Baroque Orchestra. Tickets €20 available from the Pro-Cathedral parish office (01) 874 5441.



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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Parish of St. Columba

6th December 2015

**As we light our Second 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.**



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



L U K E 3 : 2

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

In preparation for Christmas we have a Jesse Tree close to the site of the Christmas Crib. There are cards beside the Jesse Tree and the Liturgy Group invites you to write a prayer on the card and place it on the Jesse Tree.

The prayers will then be transferred onto the 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.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus

Rome has ratified the election of Sr. Lucy as Prioress of the Monastery in succession to Sr. Gabrielle. Sr. Lucy who hails from Co. Offaly was in the work force for many years before deciding to take the veil. We welcome her and wish her many years of happiness as Prioress.

The Parish extends its sympathy and prayers to the community in St. Alphonsus on the death last Sunday of Sr. Mary Clement. May she rest in peace.

**An Evening of
Carols & Festive Readings**
with the
Dublin Diocesan Music Group
in the
**Monastery of St. Alphonsus,
Monday 14 December 2015,
8.00 p.m.**

All donations on the evening
will be given to the
Fr. Peter McVerry Trust

The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on Tuesday with the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's in Rome by Pope Francis. A small pack has been prepared with a letter from the Archbishop, two stickers with the Jubilee logo that can be placed on the door of your home or on the car and a book mark. Each family or household is invited to take a pack at the end of Mass. Please – only one pack per household. More will be available next weekend.

Jubilee Year of Mercy **Advent Healing Service** at Our Mother of Divine Grace Church Ballygall Thursday, 10th December 2015 @ 7:30pm
ALL ARE WELCOME

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

As this Jubilee Year of Mercy begins, I am asking you to once again help those most in need in our Diocese by assisting in the collection of vital foodstuffs for the Crosscare Food Banks.

These Food Banks give food directly to individuals and families in need through local community food banks and also to over 70 other charities in Dublin who are working with those most in need.

Throughout 2015 demand on the Food Banks remained high, with more and more families turning to Crosscare for support with basic food items.

I am asking parishes to repeat last year's Food Appeal and to bring non-perishable food items to Masses in their local parish Church on the weekends of 5th/6th and 12th/13th of December.

As Pope Francis encourages us, "Think through once again the works of mercy, they are the work of the Father."

With prayerful good wishes, +Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin

Meditation Group The Meditation Group will meet on Wednesday 9th December
Venue: St. Alphonsus' Monastery Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm
New people are most welcome.

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for week commencing Saturday DECEMBER 5th.

Sat.	5th.	6.00pm	Kevin O'Neill & Deborah O'Neill-Smyth (A) Michael Durkan (A)
Sun.	6th	11.00am	Mary O'Sullivan & Michael O'Sullivan (A)
Mon.	7th	9.30am	-
Tue.	8th	9.30am	Holy Day Gretta & John McGrath (A)
Wed.	9th	9.30am	Niamh Ní Nuallain (A)
Thur.	10th	9.30am	Aine Chawke (rec deceased)
Fri.	11th	9.30am	-

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

Mass on Tuesday, 8 December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 9.30.

A Vigil Mass will be celebrated in St Alphonsus Monastery on Monday evening at 6.45.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank you for your contribution to the FAMILY OFFERING the parish collection, amounting to €543.30. (This is the amount received in envelopes; an average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order).

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

Sunday 20th December 5.00pm to 6.00pm



Sacrament of Penance for Christmas

Sat. 19th Dec. 12.00 - 1.00p.m. Thurs. 24th Dec. 0.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.

Advent Reconciliation Services in each of the following Churches at 7.30p.m.

Monday 14th December : Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin.
Wednesday 16th December : Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall.
Monday 21st December : Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road.