

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
Mon, 24 December Mass 9.30 a.m.

Christmas Mass Timetable

Christmas Eve Mass for Christmas 6.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.

Tue, 25 December Christmas Day Mass 11.00 a.m.

Mass 9.30 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery) Mass 9.45 a.m. (Cemetery Chapel)

Wed, 26 / Thur 27 / Fri 28 / Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)

Sat, 29 December Mass 9.30 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)

Sat, 29 December Mass 6.00p.m.

Sun, 30 December Mass 11.00 a.m.

Mass 9.30 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery) Mass 9.45 a.m. (Cemetery Chapel)

Mon, 31 December Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)

Tue, 1 January 2019 (New Year's Day) Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)

**All are invited to a Prayer Service to Welcome in the New Year on
Monday 31st of December in
Our Lady of Dolours Church at 11.30pm
Family Prayer for a New Year**

O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

The following are the Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat.	29th	6.00pm	Bernadette Wynne (Months' Mind)
			Mary O'Reilly (A) Annie McEvitt (A)
Sun.	30th	11.00am	Teresa Morrissey (1st A)
Sat.	5th	6.00pm	Thomas Doyle (A)
			Stan O'Flaherty 1st A Mass Mon 7th Jan
			@ 5.45pm in The Monastery of St. Alphonsus

Many Thanks for your continued contribution to the parish FAMILY OFFERING collection, which is received in weekly envelopes, or by standing order. It is the only collection which stays in the Parish and goes to the upkeep of the church etc.



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.

Parish Link contact: Ann 087 6728761 or Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.
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PARISH LINK



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Merry Christmas

And a Peaceful and Happy New Year

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.

Christmas 2018

I began last year's Christmas message remarking how fast the year went. Maybe getting older and a significant birthday contribute to the speed that brings us to another year. My overwhelming memory is the celebration of my golden jubilee of ordination at the end of May. Simply put, so many were so kind and generous in the celebration of the Mass on the Saturday evening and then in the marquee. Thank you.



But it wasn't just a personal celebration, it was also a real parish celebration, the parish as 'a vibrant and welcoming community of faith, to use the words of our Mission Statement.

So many were involved that evening, before, during and after. That is true of the parish as well, though we are always committed to involve more and more. Always including and never excluding so that there is a real ministry of welcome and hospitality, which can be exercised by everyone. Let us always encourage others to join in ministries of worship and in the outreach to others. In ministries of worship, I immediately think of reading God's Word, the ministry of Holy Communion at Mass and to those at home, music, helping at baptisms, in a funeral team, in the preparation of liturgy and the upkeep of the place we worship. In the outreach to others, I think of the sick and housebound, the young and the old, newcomers to our parish, to those we regularly see and those we may not always see.

We look forward to the New Year. Like every year, it will have its normal week-in, week-out happenings. It will also have its measure of new happenings and change. Let us look forward with renewed hope and courage.

A very happy Christmas.

Fr Paddy



Let's ask ourselves; are we open to the Holy Spirit, Do we pray to the Holy Spirit To enlighten us, to make us more sensitive to the things of God? This is a prayer we need to pray every day;

Holy Spirit, may my heart be open to the Word of God, may my heart be open to the beauty of God. Every day.

Pope Francis

Our BOOK SHOP is open before & after Mass on Friday, Saturday & Sunday throughout the year. There are Cards, Calendars & Diary's available. We also have a lovely selection of Candles & Gifts. **Volunteers to help are always welcome!**



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Some months ago we installed a camera at the back of the church to allow us to share our Masses with those confined to their homes and to those who now live away from our parish. We hope that all the difficulties about strength of signals, wire and wireless connections, on/off switches and so on, have been solved and we are **now live steaming our Masses and other services.**

The camera is located at the back of the church facing the sanctuary and altar. It does not move or face the people in the congregation. If you have internet access, you will find the live stream through our parish **website: www.ionaroadparish.ie**



ACTIVE RETIREMENT



The Iona Active Retirement is open to all those who have celebrated their 55th birthday. Since its inception the number of members has been in the 50-60 range – at present there are 56 on roll. The members meet in the Annex on the second Thursday of the month and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. We have had four mini holidays during the past year – Westport, Rosslare, Knock and Salthill – all were very enjoyable. The next mini holiday will be in February to

Westport. Numerous outings have also taken place to places as diverse as Maynooth, Russborough, Kilkenny and Ardgillan. There is also a keep fit class, a card playing group and a Knit and Knatter group who knit for the Chernobyl children. Christmas lunch was held in the Maples on 3rd December. The annual subscription is €10 per annum. New members are always very welcome.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus Timetable for Christmas

Mon 24th December Mass at 9.30am - Christmas Eve - Mass at 8pm

Christmas Day: Morning Mass 9.30am. Wed/Thur/Fri Morning Mass 11.00am

Sat/Sun Morning Mass 9.30am. Mon 31/1st Morning Mass 11.00 am

The Church will be closed in the afternoon on the above dates.

Wed. 2nd we resume to normal schedule. Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer 4.45pm. Mass - Mon-Fri 5.45pm Sat/Sun 9.30am

The Redemptoristine Community thank you for your support and pray God's blessings on you this Christmastide and throughout 2019.



Save the Date: World Day of the Sick 2019 will take place on 9 February 2019 in All Hallows, Drumconra (9:30am to 1.00pm) on the topic Community struggle with addiction - **A Pastoral response Mass for World Day of the Sick will be held on 10 February 2019 in Corpus Christi @ 3.00pm. More details closer to the time**

As a continuation of our World Meeting of Families journey all the children who have been baptised in our church over the past year have been invited to join us at Mass on Sunday 13th of January 2019, at 11.00am.

Afterwards, Café Columba will be open so please join us for a cuppa and home-baking with your friends and neighbours. Feel free to bring some of your own 'New Year' baking' to share with each other.

