

### 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.	7th	6.00pm	Eileen Mellon (Month's Mind) Josephine Keenan (A) Tom, Mary & Jim Keenedy (A) Heffernan & Rikerby Families (A) Fionniosa Ryan (1st A)
Sun.	8th	11.00am	Caoimhín Breathnach (Month's Mind)
Thur.	12th	9.30am	Caoimhín Breathnach (Month's Mind)
Fri.	13th	9.30am	The Kelly Family
Sat.	14th	6.00pm	Edna Dempsey (A) Christopher Cooke (1st A) Eamonn Ryan & Seamus Ryan (A)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€543.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.

### ! Help ! Volunteers !

We are currently looking to update our parish distribution list i.e. volunteers who, from time to time, will distribute parish letters etc. to the various roads and houses in the parish. We have a wonderful list of volunteers who have willingly helped distribute letters, dues envelopes etc. over the years. However, this list needs some updating – additional volunteers if you will! If you are willing to give a couple of hours twice or three times a year by distributing letters etc. to one or two roads in the parish, please call the Parish Office on 01 830 8257.

As the saying goes... *"many hands make light work!"*



### 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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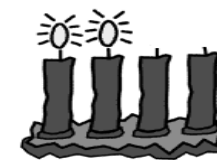


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### 2nd Sunday of Advent

*A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make*

*his paths straight.*

We are all of us, called to rise above mere existence and to live life abundantly. The Advent call is to wake up from our slumbers. It means a whole change of mindset, going right down to the roots of our being - conversion/repentance. It takes time, but the time is now.

### PLEASE SUPPORT SVP'S ANNUAL APPEAL.

The Society Of St Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas collection

*"Christmas is not the same for everyone"*

will replace the SHARE collection at all Masses over THIS weekend of **8th/9th December**, it is of 'critical importance' as the organisation is experiencing a huge increase in calls for assistance. Today there are people in your community in crisis...

No food in the cupboard. No heating in their home. No end in sight.

At St. Vincent de Paul, we are asked for help with these things every day.

### Christmas is not the same for everyone

Even in an improving economy, it can still take just one small problem to tip someone into crisis and poverty. But we know that a little help at the right time can change everything. This Christmas, over 140,000 people in communities across the country will ask SVP for help with food, fuel and basic clothing.

**But we cannot say yes without you.**

**Please support the SVP Annual Appeal today.**

**Your help can last a lifetime.**

### 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 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  
**Sunday next, 15 Dec. 5.00pm.- 6.00pm.**



### Parish Shop

Call in today to see  
 our beautiful selection  
 of Christmas cards.  
 Cards for overseas  
 now in stock. 2020  
 calendars & diary's  
 also available. Open before & after  
 Mass every Fri, Sat. & Sun.



**Meditation**  
**11th December**  
**St Alphonsus'**  
**Monastery**  
**7.30 - 8.15**

**This is a time of quiet prayer.**  
**All welcome.**



### Book Launch

A new book by Fr Peter McVerry SJ  
*'A Dose of Reality'*  
 will be launched in the  
 Redemptoristine  
 Church on this  
 Tuesday, 10th Dec. at  
 11.00am, followed by refreshments.  
**All are welcome to join us.**



Kick start your Christmas season with  
**The Glasnevin Musical**  
**Society**  
**Festive & Favourite Melodies**  
**at Christmas**  
 With Virginia Kerr.  
 Hilda Chan - Chorus director  
**Thursday 12 Dec at 8.00pm**  
**Corpus Christi Church**  
**Drumcondra**

Tickets cost €10 per person or family  
 ticket is €20 (2 adults/2 children) and can  
 be purchased from Corpus Christi Parish  
 Office (Mon to Fri, 09:30 - 11:30)  
 phone 01 836 0085 or from Corpus  
 Christi Parish Bookshop at weekend  
 Masses.

OH COME, OH COME  
**Emmanuel**

An evening of reflection and music. led  
 by Marie Dunne, CHF to celebrate the  
 joy of the great season of Advent, will  
 take place on Wednesday, 11  
 December from 7.30-9.00pm in  
 Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith  
 and Dialogue, Holy Faith Sisters, Old  
 Finglas Road, Afterwards there will be  
 Tea/Coffee with Mince Pies. For more  
 information Tel: 01 7979364 or email:  
 info@macfd.ie



### IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**Monday 8th:** No Bridge - Why? Because we have our Christmas  
 lunch in Maples @ 12:30 for 1 pm, with music afterwards.  
 Looking forward to seeing all and maybe a few new faces.

**Tuesday 9th:** 2.15 to 3.30 Exercise for all

**Wednesday 10th: morning time** - Knit/Knatter and 2.30 to 4pm.  
 Bingo, Cards and a cuppa!

**Don't forget if interested in learning computer**, check details  
 in Annex - beginning 17th Jan. 2020. **Also 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 10th December:**

*Who is the one we are awaiting?*

**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/](http://tickets.thegsgc.com/theqsgc/a-gospel-christmas/discount/)  
[theqsgc/a-gospel-christmas/discount/](http://theqsgc/a-gospel-christmas/discount/)  
 email Tickets also available at the front  
 desk at Gardiner Street parish.



**Did you know that the wonderful ConTempo Quartet will give a Christmas**  
**Concert at the NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS in Glasnevin**  
**this Sunday, 8th Dec. @ 2:30 to 3:30 pm.?**

Sure to please all, they will perform **CORELLI'S CHRISTMAS CONCERTO** and **THE**  
**SNOWMAN** with narration by Swiss Foreign Correspondent and Historian, Dr Martin  
 Alioth and special guest boy soprano, Michael Corr of Glasnevin to sing 'Walking in the  
 Air'. Tickets (€15) are available via <https://www.kendumusic.com> under tickets and  
 events or please call on 0876125291 Hope to see you there. (nice comfy theatre too)!