



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
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.	8th	6.00pm	Edna Dempsey (A) Desmond & Elizabeth Boxburgh (A) Heffernan & Rickerby Families (A)	
	Sun.	9th	11.00am	Norman McInerney (Months Mind)	
	Tue.	11th	9.30am	Niamh Ní Nuallain (A)	
	Thur.	13th	9.30am	Stella & Peter Lawless (A)	
	Sat.	15th	6.00pm	May Hogan (Months Mind) Mary & Michael O'Sullivan (A) Dermot Cross (A)	
	Sun.	16th	11.00am	Margaret Appleby (Months mind) & pray for Don Appleby	

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€533.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.


11 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
February 11TH to 21ST 2019
 Spiritual Directors :
 Fr Stephan Park OSA, Fr Owen Gorman OCDS, Fr Peter Okpetu MSP,
 Price €1,450.00 PPS, to secure a place Deposit
 €450.00 ASAP
For Bookings call: Philip 087 2508043 or Brenda 0416863390
brenda.murray-flynn@travelcounsellors.com

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

Mission is possible!

 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.
Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

PARISH  **LINK**

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2nd Sunday of Advent



HOPE 1 LOVE 2 JOY 3 PEACE 4

Prepare The Way Of The Lord

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 will go live streaming our Masses and other services later this week.

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

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*



Meditation
Wed: 12th
December
@ 7.30 -
8.15p.m. in
St Alphonsus'
Monastery
All welcome to this period
of quiet prayer.

The Irish Hospice Foundation, Bereavement Education & Resource Centre, Morrison Chambers will be holding **workshops in January 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 2, 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 Website: www.hospicefoundation.ie and www.bereaved.ie

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a **Parent Evening on Monday 10th of December at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24**. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Christmas In Song and Word

St. Columba's Church,
The People's Choir,
St. Columba's N.S. &
St. Vincent's N.S.



Eoin Tierney - Organist
Sunday 16th December 2018 5.00 - 6.00pm
(admission free)

Join us for mulled wine /mince pie
afterwards. All Welcome.



Preparation for Christmas Families with Children

This is an opportunity for adults and children together to reflect and pray, to attend to what is really at the heart of the Christmas message.

Parents/Guardians are invited to
bring children along to Manresa from 3:00
pm to 5:00pm on next Sunday, 16th December for
an afternoon of carol singing, storytelling and
reflection on the meaning of Christmas - and to
end the
afternoon with a little party!
For further info call + 353 1 833 1352

ACTIVE RETIREMENTthis week!

Well done to the Maples Hotel for Christmas lunch last Mon.
Mon: 2.00pm to 4.00pm - Bridge - good to see new people!
Tues: 2.15pm to 3.30pm - Exercise with Colm - final lap before holiday break!
Wed. morn: Knit&Knatter.
Wed: 2.00pm to 4.30pm - Bingo and cards - lots of prizes !
Computer classes back on Jan.19. Fully booked,
but I hope they will be ongoing.



Sacred Heart Messenger

€21 per year. Many thanks to all who have already sent remittance for 2019 which I will deliver on time and in full. New customers welcome. Just contact Joan 087 990 7750.

"If I had my life to live over again, I would ask that not a thing be changed, but that my eyes be opened".
Jules Renard



On Saturday 1st December, Teresa Killeen hosted a lunch to celebrate her sister-in-law Sr. Mary Killeen, who had been presented with a **Presidential Distinguished Service Award** for her outstanding humanitarian work with the poor and marginalised in Kenya. Sr.

Mary, who is from Norfolk Road, was educated at St. Peter's School in Phibsboro and Kings Inn Convent. She trained as a Primary Teacher in Carysfort and on graduating decided to become a Sister of Mercy. Her first teaching post was Goldenbridge. In 1976 she was sent to Kenya to join the staff of Our Lady of Mercy School in Nairobi. It was there that she discovered thousands of children, living in slum areas, who were unable to go to school. She began a programme of education, health and community services in the Mukura slums. Her programme prospered and she now has four primary schools. She also has a school for special needs children and a secondary school for 600 children. **Sr. Mary has well earned her Presidential Award.**

