

Exploring Homelessness:

7th / 8th FEBRUARY 2014

Magis are offering young adults (18-35 yrs) the opportunity to explore the issue of homelessness through a faith lens.

Walking in the shoes of a homeless person...could you be up for the challenge, away from the comforts of home?

If you are interested or for more information contact

086-6836494 / 01 8943164

Cost By Donation

3 Day Directed Silent Retreat:

Fri 21st – Sun. 23rd February :

Spring into Silence in this 3 Day

Directed Silent Retreat allowing

time for you to engage in prayer,

personal reflection, celebration of

the Eucharist within a small

group of faith sharing and or to

meet individually with a trained

spiritual guide.

Cost €125 incl. accommodation,

meals and programme @

Manresa . Dollymount, Dublin 3.

01 8943165 / 086 2321768

‘ALONE’ is an independent organisation that provides support to older people in need. We are currently looking for Befriending Volunteers throughout Dublin city and county. If you have one hour to spare per week and would like to visit an isolated older person in your area, to provide companionship and support then please give us a call on: 01 679 1032 or email deirdre.m@alone.ie Closing date for applications is January 24th.’

The Open Day for Whitehall College of Further Education on Swords Road is Wednesday January 22nd, 12.00pm-6.30pm. Tel: 018376011

“Leisure Point Recreational Gymnastic Classes for primary school children 5-12

years of age will be

re-commencing on

Tue 21st. Jan. & Sat 25th Jan.

For further information

contact

01 8362340



Garda Entry Training

18th Jan. 2014 Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Galway.

8th Feb. 2014 Bewleys Dublin Airport Hotel.

On line courses also available

All Details on www.getready.ie

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:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9.30am. - 12.30pm.

Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

PARISH



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Parish of St.Columba

12th January 2014

Farewell Fr. Jim



As Fr. Jim takes his leave of us, we think back on his many and significant contributions to our lives in Iona Road parish.

We recall his many new initiatives but in particular Service Saturday, Passover and Thanksgiving meals and Localise while bearing witness to his care and concern for the elderly in St. Mary's and the poor through Br. Kevin. Of course, he was always a great support to the parish Fun Day and many other parish groups and activities.

Fr. Jim is a man of pilgrimage and led us on many holy journeys, the length and breath of the country and beyond! We journey in spirit with him to Mepkin Abbey. We will miss him for lots of reasons and we will always recall his great sense of joy as our Parish Priest.

Beannacht Dé Iáit, Fr. Jim, ar an mbóthar atá romhat.

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.

TODAY

Reflecting Silence.

January 12th 4.30pm St Alphonsus Monastery,
Evening Prayer sung by the sisters of St Alphonsus with
Nóirin Ni Riain [Glenstal Abbey]. Preacher: Fr. Joe Merkt

Reflecting Service

Tomorrow night Mon 13th 7.30pm. Reflection and music with
Rathmines Folk Group followed by the
Auction of Famous Shoes in aid of Fr. Peter McVerry and
Mepkin Abbey in the School at 8.30pm

Prayer Request

If you have a prayer request please fill in one of the sheets which are at the back of the church and place in the box provided, [alternatively give it to Sr. Bridget or leave it into the Parish Office] and Fr. Jim will take them with him on his journey to Mepkin Abbey.

Growing in the Spirit

3 nights on prayer/meditation and Spirituality in St. Alphonsus Monastery



Thursday 16 January 7.30pm What is monastic life? Has it anything to give me? Sr. Gabrielle and Fr. Jim with a film on Mepkin Abbey.

Thursday 23 January 7.30pm

Praying with the mantra “Maranatha”

Thursday 30th January Film “Into Great Silence”

Living Benedictine Spirituality

Would you like to live in a “temporary monastery” for 3½ days?

Fr. Jim will be organising a “live in” experience in Emmaus House Swords on Wednesday 20th July 2014. **More details later.**



BOOK CENTRE
50% reductions on lots of

items in The Book Centre this weekend. Call in and have a browse around. We are situated to the right side of the main altar & are opened before and after all week-end masses. Gifts and cards available for every occasion.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council are:
Seán Ó Faircheallaigh, Chairperson,
Mark Roxburgh, Vice-Chairperson, Eilin Kirwan Secretary,
Aideen Cassidy, Liz Collins, Ann Coyle, Sr. Bridget Devane,
Tony Gannon, Ben Garvey and Tom Nolan.

Iona Active Retirement

Monday
13th January
monthly meeting in the Annex at 10.15am

Mystery Pilgrimage

Fr. Jim Caffrey will lead the mystery pilgrimage this Tuesday 14th Jan. It is fully booked out

Parish Mass Times and Intentions

Sat. 11th Jan. 6.00pm Richard Burke month’s mind,
Peter Garvey month’s mind,
Graham Fitzpatrick [A].
Molly McEvoy [A].

Sun. 12th Jan. 11.00am Johnnie & Joe Boylan [A].
Mon. 13th Jan. 9.30am Bridget Kelly [A]
Alice & Jim O’Connor [A],
May Harahan [A]

Sun. morning mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery (Finglas Rd)

Baptisms. For all baptisms please contact Sr. Bridget through the **Parish Office @ 830 8257**

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus:

Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm. : Saturday morning @ 9.30 am.
and **Sunday morning @ 9.30am.**



Parish Contributions for weeks commencing January 5th. 2014
€1372.00. Many Thanks

The Sacred Heart Sodality and women’s Sacred Heart Sodality were introduced by the first Parish Priest, Fr. John Byrne in 1906. There is a season for everything and sadly the time for the Sodality to close has come. A meeting was held in the Parochial House on 9th January and it was agreed that confraternities have seen their day. Special thanks must be paid to the late Mrs. Nora McKeever and her daughter Bidy who kept the Sodality going for many years.

Lectio Davina will continue every Thursday morning @ 9:10am & Sunday morning @ 10:30am in the Church.

Contact: Clare Conlan 8305271 or Anne Smyth 8305350

Prayer Meeting every Tuesday @ 8pm in 7 David Road. All welcome. Contact: Clare Conlan 8305271

Pilgrimage to Medugorje : 23rd-30th April 2014.

Contact: Clare Conlan 8305271

Groups: All groups using 87 Iona Road should contact Sheila in the Parish Office to arrange for accommodation for their meetings in the Annex going forward.

Anyone with a key to no 87 Iona Road please return to Fr. Jim.

