

PARISH LINK

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Trócaire

Working for a just world.



Jesus never condemns sinners. In today's Gospel he refuses to condemn the woman, caught in adultery, to the death penalty as was demanded by Old Testament law (the man would have been subject to the same law by the way!). Once again the Pharisees are trying to trick Jesus. We may wonder what Jesus was writing on the ground as they continued to question him, but he delivers the winning statement in this debate and the condemners are forced to leave one by one.

We live in a stone-throwing society which cares little for the circumstances that cause people to make wrong choices. We want someone to blame, and the sooner the better. Those who accuse others often do so from a lack of self-knowledge and laziness, because it is very easy to be negative. We have all had a part to play in creating climate injustice, but the blame game won't solve the issue. We need to be proactive and challenge complacency on this issue wherever we see it

We make mistakes but we can always start again. When we relate compassionately to those who are in difficulty we can rediscover our common humanity.

Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start, despite their mental and social conditioning ... No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts.

I appeal to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours.



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 Parish Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 6.00pm **Sunday:** 11.00am. **Mon-Fri:** 9.30am. **Holy Days:** 9.30am. **Public Holiday Mass** at 11.00am in **St. Alphonsus Monastery.**
Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel : **Sunday:** 9.45am. **Holy Days:** 9.45am.
St. Alphonsus Monastery: **Saturday:** 9.30am **Sunday:** 9.30am. **Mon-Fri:** 5:45pm.
Eve of Holy Day: 5.45pm **Vigil Mass on the Holy Day:** 5:45pm.

MASS INTENTIONS For the coming week 12/03/2016

Sa.	12th	6.00pm	Joan Redmond (A) Peggy Sweeney (A) Danny & Betty L'Estrange (1st A) Elizabeth Brady (A) Mary & Timothy Bowler (A)
Su.	13th	11.00am	Marie Ward (A),
We.	16th	9.30am	Frank Farrell (A)
Th.	17th	11.00am	St. Patrick's Day
Fr.	18th	9.30am	Peter & Mary Lenehan (A)
Su.	20th	11.00am	Ellen (Nellie) Scott (A)

FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering, amounting to **€644.30** last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order.



The Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day in St. Columba's church will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th March and 11.00am on Thursday 17th. March

Monastic Vocations Weekend: The Redemptoristine Nuns invite you to a Monastic Vocations Weekend on the 18th - 20th March. For more information please contact : Sr. Lucy at lucy.conway@redemptorists.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.

Phone contact for **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

Date for your Diary...

Passover Meal

The Liturgy Group are holding a Passover Meal on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Maples Hotel. Tickets cost €22 per person and are on sale at the back of the Church after each Mass this weekend. Tickets will be on sale in the Cemetery Church on Sunday 13th March. This is an opportunity to experience the most sacred Jewish liturgy and its influence on Christian Worship. For further enquiries ph: 087 6728761.



Book Centre

St. Patrick's day and badges available in the book centre this week-end
Open after Mass



St. Vincent de Paul Sunshine House Collection

The annual collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Sunshine House will be held at all Masses next weekend Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th March. The Sunshine Fund has been operating its holiday centre for children, Sunshine House Balbriggan, on a voluntary basis for 70 years. All proceeds from the collection go to support the holiday programme for boys and girls aged between 7 and 11 who are nominated by the network of SVP Conferences across the greater Dublin area. Your continued support next week would be so much appreciated.

In association with the Sanctuary's 7th Annual Conference, The Heart of Caring, renowned Teacher and Author Sharon Salzberg will facilitate two workshops at the Sanctuary on 11th May.

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passion and Loving Kindness must begin with the self.

WORKSHOP 1: Resilience and Balance for Caregivers 10 am—1 pm

Learn how to use elements of loving kindness practice to care for yourself and others and to foster resilience in highly stressful situations.

WORKSHOP 2: The Silent Roar of Compassion 2.20 pm—5 30 pm

Explore how to listen to inner compassion so as to be able to work with and understand the danger of burnout often manifested as 'indifference'.

Cost: €55 per Workshop Places are limited so early booking is advised.
The Sanctuary (Stanhope) Stanhope Green, Dublin 7 Tel **6705419**- See more at: <https://www.sanctuary.ie/>

The Glasnevin Grouping of parishes continues its **Lenten series of talks on St. Luke's Gospel**, given by **Dr. Kieran O'Mahony**, which started on Mon 8th Feb. and continues during Lent. Luke is the Gospel that we are reading at Mass each Sunday this year and is often seen as the Gospel of mercy. Kieran is a biblical scholar, who has a unique gift for making the scriptures accessible to all. **The talks will take place in the Margaret Aylward Centre** for Faith and Dialogue from 8.00-9.30pm each evening and will include time for questions and refreshments. **All are Welcome**

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

At the monthly meeting last Thursday Angela McCann gave a demonstration in flower arranging and made four lovely arrangements suitable for Easter with chickens and eggs. These were raffled and the lucky winners were Joan Collins, Betty Cullen, Madge Mulligan and Maire McLoughlin.



Easter Monday 27th March: Details of a proposed outing will be published next week.

Sunday 9th October: Lourdes, Loyola, Santiago and Fatima. 9 nights. Book direct with Joe Walsh Pilgrimages.



Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes Lenten Penance Services

Corpus Christi Church Home Farm Rd, Tue 15 March 7.30 pm

St Columba's Church, Iona Road, Mon 21 March 7.30 pm

Stabat Mater Lenten Concert at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral this Sunday March 13th at 3:30pm, will open with a performance of the much loved Pergolesi **Stabat Mater**, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir. Following the *Adagio in G Minor*, the Dublin Bach Singers will close the concert with another setting of the Stabat Mater, a performance of the beautiful *Stabat Mater in C Minor* by Domenico Scarlatti. Tickets are €15 and are available at www.eventbrite.ie or on the door.



LIGHT THE FIRE!

St. Patrick's Day 2016 – You're invited to a special event on the Hill of Slane to pray together for Ireland, on the very spot where St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Smith at 5.30pm, 17th March, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an outdoor event; please dress for the cold weather; feel free to bring a chair.

For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, 041 983 0441.



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