

The Parish of Our Lady of Divine Grace, Ballygall

is currently recruiting a **Parish Secretary**.

This role is offered initially on a one year fixed term/part-time basis. The closing date for completed applications is:

Monday 16th Feb. 2015. Further information is available from the parish.



Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin are seeking to recruit a **Part-time Sacristan** for the Parish. The Role: To provide a high level of support to the Parish Priest and Parish Team in the general running of the Parish for approximately six days a week. Applications should be made to :
Fr. Richard Sheehy, Moderator, 50 Cremore Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 11, enclosing a Curriculum Vitae and cover letter no later than **Monday 9/02/2015**

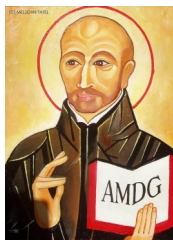


The Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes is organising an **8 day Tour and Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** led by Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA from Wed. 15 to Thurs. 23 April 2015. Visits to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, The Dead Sea and Galilee.

Cost: €1,595 per person sharing includes return flights and airport taxes, eight nights dinner and B&B in 4* hotels, coach transfers, entrance fees, gratuities and local guide. Travel insurance and single supplement extra. Booking forms can be downloaded from Map Travel website or are available from Glasnevin parish office, tel. 01-8379445.

Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road.

Opening our Hearts to God, an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality. The course will be held over seven Thursdays, beginning Thursday, 12 February until 26 March, at 8 pm in Our Lady of Victories Church. Based on the life and teaching of St. Ignatius Loyola, the course will link personal spirituality with your everyday experience of life, and will be rooted in the joyful discovery of the Gospel.



DCU's Intergenerational Learning Programme is back and will be commencing week beginning February 16th 2015. Registration starts from Monday February 2nd 2015. Contact DCU for full details of modules. Our very popular **FREE computer sessions** are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10am - 12noon or 2pm - 4pm.

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

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

Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

Visit Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie or email info@ionaroadparish.ie

PARISH LINK

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JESUS IS THE HEALER WHO GIVES HOPE TO HIS PEOPLE



74 Iona Road, the long time residence of a curate in the parish, is now the residence of a hospital priest-chaplain. Recently the Diocese proposed that ownership should be transferred to Share, the diocesan development fund. Following a professional valuation the Diocese has purchased the house. The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee have discussed this and accepted the proposal as very beneficial to the Parish. Details will be available and published when the transaction is completed.

Fr. Paddy

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.

Parish Pilgrimage

St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford
Shrove Tuesday -17th Feb.

Spiritual Director :
Rev. Patrick Jones P.P.
Coach leaves church
at 10.15 am

Completely Booked Out



'IONA 2014'

A booklet is being prepared which gives details of the main events in the parish during 2014. It will be available in the Parish Book Shop on the weekend of the 15th February. Cost one euro - all proceeds go to Parish funds via the Book Shop account.

Obituary Friends and neighbours were saddened to hear of the death of **Peter Dargan**, brother of May Buffini, formerly of 10 Iona Villas, who passed away recently at Kilbrew Nursing Home, Curragha, Co. Meath. May he rest in peace.

World Youth Day 2016 will take place in Krakow, Poland. The Archdiocese of Dublin will soon announce plans for young people who may wish to travel. Expressions of interest now welcome. If you wish to be a leader for WYD 2016 do get in touch – we have special training plans commencing in 2015. If you wish to register your interest let us know by email: wyd@dublindiocese.ie

Dublin Daffodil Centres are looking for a great bunch of Volunteers!

For more information on becoming a trained volunteer, please contact: Catherine McGuinness @ 231 6635 or cguinness@irishcancer.ie
Closing date is Sunday 1st March 2015



Iona Active Retirement

Mon. 23rd Feb: "Funny Face" a film at 2.30 p.m. in AXIS.
Fri. 27th Feb.: Carvery lunch at 12.30 p.m. in the Grand Hotel, Malahide. Depending on the weather lunch will be followed by a walk.
Thur. 5th March: Monthly meeting at 10.15 a.m. inn Annex.
Bridge and cards as usual on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Lough Derg

One Day Pilgrimage. On Saturday, May 16th, 2015

Lough Derg Services commence with opening prayers at 10:30am and finish with Concelebrated Mass at 3:15pm.

There is no fasting on the one day retreat. As numbers are limited early booking is recommended. Bus leaves from

St. Columba's Church, Iona Rd. The total cost to include Breakfast, Bus, Lunch, Boat and Evening Dinner is €96.00. A non-refundable booking Deposit is required. For full details phone Michael 8304365

A note from Fr. Jim.....You are invited to afternoon of prayer on **Saturday 21st February at 3.00pm in Artane Church.** Also an afternoon on the life and work of Thomas Merton, the great Cistercian will be in St. Alphonsus Monastery on Sunday 8th March from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick
Archbishop Martin is celebrating Mass of the Sick in St. Canice's Church, Finglas on Sun. 8th February at 3.00pm.



Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Saturday (Vigil)	7th	6.00pm	Alice Kidd (Month's mind) Bernie Clarke (1st Anniversary)
Sunday	8th	11.00am	Johanna O'Brien

Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus

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

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

Parish Contribution for week commencing February 1st. was €646.50 **Many thanks.**

The Annual Collection of ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses next weekend 14th/15th February 2015.

The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD offers a professional counselling service throughout the island of Ireland, facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and work to resolve difficulties that arise in their marriages and relationships. ACCORD counsellors are very experienced in working with individuals and couples on a wide range of issues and difficulties that arise in their relationships i.e. communication, intimacy, sexual issues, infidelity, problem behaviours, conflict, domestic violence, health, family issues, finances, loss. ACCORD's counselling service is based on clients needs and not on their ability to pay. Counselling can be arranged by contacting us (to find your local centre please visit www.accord.ie) The centre secretary will take contact details and then arrange an appointment to see a counsellor. Outside of centre hours an answering service will be in operation and the secretary will contact clients on returning to the office. Our service is totally confidential. All 57 ACCORD centres offer Marriage and Relationship counselling. Other services offered by ACCORD include Marriage preparation course and a Relationship and Sexuality programme in primary and secondary schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support Please give generously on the 14/15th February



The theme of Pope Francis's message for the **World Day of Sick being celebrated on 11 February 2015 is :**

"I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame," taken from the book of Job.
I entrust this World Day of the Sick to the maternal protection of Mary, who conceived and gave birth to Wisdom incarnate: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Mary, Seat of Wisdom, intercede as our Mother for all the sick and for those who care for them! Grant that, through our service of our suffering neighbours, and through the experience of suffering itself, we may receive and cultivate true wisdom of heart!

With this prayer for all of you, I impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Pope Francis