

The Parish of Our Lady of Divine Grace, Ballygall The closing date for completed applications for the role of Parish Secretary is: **Monday 16th Feb. 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.

Gardiner St. Church on Sun. 15th Feb. at 7.30 pm. celebrates the life of Archbishop Romero, following the announcement of his forthcoming beatification. The celebrant and homilist will be Fr Michael O'Sullivan SJ who has visited El Salvador and worked for some years in Chile.

Calling all Ladies! It's that time of year again and **ALONE** are encouraging women to run, walk or jog in the VHI Women's Mini Marathon on Bank Holiday Monday, 1st June and raise vital funds for older people in need. All funds raised from this year's event will support our Befriending Service which provides companionship to isolated older people. To register contact Johanna or Suzanne in ALONE on 01 6791032 or email fundraising@alone.ie. We really appreciate your support!

**Happy
Valentine's Day
to All**

The Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith & Dialogue
March 26th Time: 7.00 - 9.30pm followed by tea/coffee Location: Events Space
Movies that move Us
with Bernadette Murray chf
Contact Centre: Tel: 01 7979364 Mob: 0876649862 email: mcfdglasnevin@gmail.com
Website: www.margaretaylwardcentre.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

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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'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.'
Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!'
And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

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.



begins next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. It is our period of preparation for Easter. Lent ends as we begin the Easter Triduum, the three days from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday, with the Easter Vigil the high point. Fasting and abstinence have always been part of Lent, though with many variations. Gone are the days of Lenten Regulations, ‘On all Fast days [every day of Lent except

Sundays and St Patrick’s Day] only one full meal ... a light repast may be taken each morning and each evening.’ Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays: ‘forbids the use of flesh meat or any soup made from meat ... ‘

But the importance of penance is still there, even without the Regulations.

The first few days give us time to decide –and still forty days to go.

Lent is the time when those women and men who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil enter a final phase of their journey of preparation. They give a powerful reminder to those already baptised that Lent is a time to recall their baptism and to prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

Distribution of Ashes will take place on Ash Wednesday at the 9.30am Mass and also there will be a Service of the Word at 7.30pm during which there will be the distribution of Ashes.

Iona Active Retirement

- Mon. 23rd Feb. Funny Face in the AXIS at 2.30 p.m.
- Fri. 27th Feb. Carvery lunch at 12.30 p.m. in the Grand Hotel, Malahide
- Mon. 2nd Mar. Mini two night holiday to Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. €49.50 b & b & d. per night. Book direct with hotel : 059 913 13 08.
- Wed. 5th Mar. Monthly meeting in Annex at 10.15 a.m.

Parish Pilgrimage

St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford



Tuesday 17th

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

Completely Booked Out

On Tuesday the Rosary will be recited at 9.00 a.m. to enable pilgrims leave the church after morning Mass.

‘IONA 2014’

A booklet setting out details of the main events in the parish during 2014 is now on sale in the Parish Bookshop. Cost €1.00. All proceeds go to parish funds.

Last year towards the end of Lent we had a Passover Meal. It was and is a great reminder of how our Christian traditions are rooted in the Jewish tradition with its experience of a people enslaved and then redeemed when God brought them to freedom, to covenant, to the Promised Land. In discussion at the Parish Liturgy Committee, we suggested that it might be an event that might not take place every year, especially in the light of expenses and affordability for people to take part in the full experience of the Passover seder. Do talk and give your ideas and suggestions to members of the Committee.

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

- Sat. 14th 6.00pm Hugh O'Neill (A), Brian & Anne Mooney (A) T.C.McDermott (A)
- Sun. 15th 11.00am Robert Conlan (A)
- Mon. 16th 9.30am
- Tue. 17th 9.30am
- Wed. 18th 9.30am ASH Wednesday & 7.30 Service of the Word
- Thur 19th 9.30am
- Fri. 20th 9.30am

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 Feb. 8th. 2015 was €671.15
Many thanks.

The **St. Vincent de Paul** collection held recently raised €642.18
Many Thanks for your continued support.

Meditation Group: The Meditation Group will meet on Wednesday 18th February

The Annual Collection of ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses THIS 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 TODAY