

Events at All Hallows College Spring 2015 Series of Public Talks

Reading the Signs of the Times:
Urgent Questions for the Church
Four Wednesday evenings in
March: 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Venue: Woodlock Hall,
All Hallows College.
Each talk will be followed by
Discussion, comments/questions.

Wednesday 4th March 2015

The Synod on the Family.

What can we expect?

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, DD

Wednesday 11th March 2015

Women in the Church.

Is this the Elephant in the Room?

Prof. Mary T. Malone

Wednesday 18th March

'A Poor Church for the Poor'

What is our Call/Response?

Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ

Wednesday 25th March

Faith, Ecology and Climate Change.

The Challenge for the Church?

Br. Anthony Mark McDonnell,
CFC

ALSO

Thursday 26th February 7.30pm

*The Redefinition of Marriage and
the Rights of Children.*

David Quinn



Emmanuel 2015

This year over 2,100
students from 59 schools
throughout the Diocese
are taking part. Come
along and enjoy an

evening of beautiful music. From 7:30
pm to 9.30 pm on the 3rd, 4th and 5th
of March. Venue: The Helix, DCU,
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Cost: €10.00. Tel: 01-7007000 or email:
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Diabetes Ireland is inviting all
walkers to support the charity
through registering to take part in an
all new fundraising walk. **Lap The
Lake 2015 is a 28km walk around
the Blessington Lakes in Co.**
Wicklow encompassing 4.5km of the
Blessington Greenway Trail with the
remaining on the incredibly scenic
Lake Drive, on Sunday June 21st
and help raise much needed funds for
Diabetes Ireland. Full details at
www.diabetes.ie or lo-call 1850 909
909. Registration fee €25 plus min.
€100 fundraising required.

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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Parish of St. Columba

February 22nd, 2015



Thought for the day: In Italian, Lent is Quaresima or forty (days).
In German, it is Fastenzeit or time for bodily restraint. Our English
word comes from an older word for spring—Lenz—whence our
Lent. Italian tells us how long it will last (with its symbolic
overtones). German tells us what to do in that time. But English
tells us what is supposed to happen, that is, we are supposed to
experience a springtime of faith, a time of fresh growth and new
life.

Prayer : God of new life, bless us on our pilgrim way towards the
great feast of Easter. Help us to know our need of your presence,
breathe your Spirit into our reading of the Word, teach us to set
aside whatever hinders our true discipleship so that we may come
to life in abundance and know in our hearts the joy of the Gospel.

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
53 parishioners accompanied Fr. Paddy Jones to St. Mel's last Tuesday. The pilgrimage was an outstanding success. Fr. Paddy had arranged for the Architect Colm Redmond and Fr. Tourlough Baxter to meet the pilgrims there. Colm Redmond brought the pilgrims up to the tower and down to the crypt. Fortunately for the less able, there was a lift available. Fr. Baxter guided the group around the cathedral while Fr. Paddy pointed out the necessary re-arrangement of the altar for the celebration of the liturgy. Lunch and afternoon tea in the Park Hotel, Mullingar were delicious.



'IONA 2014'

A booklet setting out the main events in the parish during 2014 is on sale in the parish book shop. Cost €1.

Family Fun Day first meeting of the year will be on this coming Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Annex. Anyone interested in being involved is very welcome to attend.

St Columba's Iona Road Annual School Quiz will be held on **Thursday, 5 March at 8pm in the Addison Lodge**. Lots of fun and great prizes to be won. Tickets are €40 per table or €10 per seat and are available in the schoolyard or at the door on the night. Look forward to seeing you there! Contact - Yvonne on 086 233 2164 or Catherine on 086 378 0356.

Parish Book Centre

Call in today to see our lovely selection of gifts & Confirmation cards. First Holy Communion cards & gifts also available. Irish Catholic newspaper on sale every weekend in the book shop. We are open before and after mass every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



Iona Active Retirement

Monday 23rd February: *Funnyface* in AXIS at 2.30 p.m.

Friday 27th February: Lunch in the Grand Hotel, Malahide at 12.30 p.m. followed by a walk (if weather permits).

Monday 2nd March: 2 nights mini holiday in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. €49.50 B&B&D per night pps. Single room €15 per night extra. Train leaves Heuston at 1.15 p.m.

Thursday 5th March: Monthly meeting in Annex at 10.15 a.m. Bridge, Bingo and Cards as usual on Tuesday and Wednesday. New members very welcome.



The Novena of Grace

Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road

Led by Fr. Paul Ward P.P. of Bayside Parish

10am Mass each day (10.30 Mass on Sunday 8th).

There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Novena.

Parish Contributions for week commencing Feb 15th is €936.50 Many Thanks.

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Saturday	21st Feb.	6.00pm	
Sunday	22nd Feb.	11.00am	Ciss Prendergast
Monday	23rd Feb.	9.30am	Thomas P. Tait (A)
Tuesday	24th Feb.	9.30am	Eileen Butler (90th Birthday)
Wednesday	25th Feb.	9.30am	Patrick Ward
Thursday	26th Feb.	9.30am	Michael Salter
Friday	27th Feb.	9.30am	John Gibbons

Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus **Tuesday 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.

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



Collection for Suas Educational Development



Lorna Begley, parishioner from Lindsay Road and Trinity College Student is having a collection this Saturday and Sunday 21st / 22nd February for the Suas Overseas Volunteer Programme. Suas is an educational-development organisation, with programmes in Ireland, India, and Kenya. This summer, Lorna is travelling to Kolkata, India where she will teach in a marginalised slum school with a group of fellow students for 10 weeks. To participate, Lorna must raise €2995 and so any donations that can be offered are greatly appreciated.