

Na Fianna Christmas Markets On Friday the 12th Dec.

Santa will be arriving with Jonny Cooper to open the markets.

**Friday 12th December 5pm - 10pm Saturday 13th December 12pm-10pm
Sunday 14th December 12pm-6pm**

Bakers, Home made candles, Christmas Decorations, Chutneys & Jams and much more. Entertainment each day and night with Scoil Mobhi Orchestrata, Finglas Marching Band, Corus Choir and many more. Something for everyone!

Get into the Christmas Spirit at Na Fianna Annual Christmas Village.



Iona Area - Community Games

After a successful re-launch of Community Games in the Iona Area earlier this year, we are aiming to involve even more children in 2015. In order to plan effectively for the coming year it would be very helpful if you could

indicate whether your child has any interest in participating in any of the following events (no need to respond for Athletics as we will be in contact in **April 2015** re this event):

ART - all ages from u8-u16 (must be over 6 and less than 16 on 31/07/15)

BASKETBALL - u11 mixed, u13 boys, u13 girls, u16 boys, u16 girls

DUATHLON (run & cycle) - u15 (must be over 12)

TABLE TENNIS - u13 boys, u13 girls, u16 boys, u16 girls

CHESS - u13 and u16

DRAUGHTS - all ages from u10- u16

TENNIS - u13 boys & girls, u16 mixed

MODEL MAKING - all ages u10-u16

ROUNDERS - u13 boys, u13 girls

Please text/ e-mailing Name of Child and Date of Birth to Ronan at (086-8289296) or ronangately@hotmail.com.

Date for Diary: Iona Area Community Games - Athletics; Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 5.45pm sharp at Santry (Morton) Stadium.

Interested in **walking the Camino** in **Sept 2015** (suitable for all fitness levels) while fundraising for **Diabetes Ireland** or maybe you a more experienced hiker and are interested in taking on the **Tour du Mont Blanc in Aug 2015?** If so please contact Diabetes Ireland on 01 842 8118 or email gary.brady@diabetes.ie to receive a full brochure on these charity fundraising trips. Full trip info. also available on www.diabetes.ie.



New Self Storage Centre has opened on St. Joseph's Ave. (off Alphonsus Road) and we would like to introduce ourselves to the community. We offer small and large units for rent. Whether you are de-cluttering, renovating or would just like to see what we are about, please feel free to drop into is and have a cup of tea and a chat. We offer discounts to all residents in the area. contact Helen @ 860 3208

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

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2nd Sunday of Advent

God's vision for this world is one where all creation is at Peace. May this vision guide our lives.

O God of Peace, come~

Form us into your Peace-makers. Enable us to look within ourselves, to make straight our crooked hearts,

to patiently and lovingly await changes in ourselves and others. As you gather us tenderly, and hold us close, may we also show that same compassion to the world. Fill our hearts with your peace, and our lives with your love, that these may flow from our lives and into our world.

We ask this through Christ, our Savior and our peace, Amen.



Appeal for non-perishable goods over this weekend, to replenish the Crosscare Food Bank. Please leave these goods at back of the church. Crosscare will collect from our church on ...

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.



'It was a lovely night,' the comment heard from so many after the DCU Campus Choir performance of Vivaldi's Gloria and the recital by Eoin Tierney last Sunday. Many thanks to the Choir, their musical director, Christina Whyte, to pianist and soloists, Pat Hong, Sarah Busfield and Áine Mulvey and to our own organist, Eoin. It was a lovely night.

Many thanks to the great troupe of parishioners who, after Patrick Coffey suggested the event, helped in so many ways, organising publicity, selling tickets, preparing the church before and after, presenting the programme, providing the refreshments, serving the mulled wine and mince pies – a great way to end the night, as we began Advent. Many thanks to our very appreciative audience. 'We must have something like this again,' said so many.

Ticket receipts amounted to €1890, expenses were €651 (including soloists, and provisions for the refreshments – the wine was sponsored), benefitting church funds by €1239.

A letter is being distributed throughout the parish these days. Again, many thanks to all who helped prepare the letter, filled the envelopes and to those who are delivering them.

Fr. Paddy



Reminder: Children and Teens (3rd class upwards)

who would like to join the family mass choir for 6pm Christmas Eve Mass please contact Ann at 087 6733735 for further details.

As usual we are collecting Christmas Gifts for the elderly in **St. Marys Hospital Phoenix Park** who possibly have no one to visit. A group of Parishioners will take the gifts to them on Christmas Eve. St. Marys have suggested that toiletries are the best gifts to provide. We will be collecting them on Saturday/Sunday 20th and 21st they can be left close to the crib area.



Parish Book Centre.

Christmas cards, candles and gifts available in Book Centre. Also 2015 Diary's and Calendars, We are open before and after Mass every Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Call in today and have a look around.

Iona Active Retirement
Monday 8th December:
12.30 p.m.

Christmas lunch in the Maples



Iona Church Flower Society At the AGM held on Friday 28th November the following were elected officers for 2014:

Chair:	Mary Bolger.	Treasurer:	Anne Smyth.
Asst. Treasurer:	Anne Leavey	Secretary:	Bernie O'Reilly

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Sat. 6 Dec. (Vigil)	6.00pm	Edna Dempsey (A), Anthony Brady & Marie Casey (A) Rickerby & Heffernan Families
Sun. 7 Dec	11.00am	Tom Murphy (A)
Mon. 8 Dec	9.30am	Maureen Earley months mind
Tue. 9 Dec	9.30am	Greta & John McGrath
Wed. 10 Dec	9.30am	---
Thur. 11 Dec	9.30am	Niamh Ní Nualláin (A) and family
Fri. 12 Dec	9.30am	---

Also Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel

Daily Mass Monday to Friday @ 9.30 am

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 contributions for last week €675.25

Meditation Group The Meditation Group will meet on Wednesday 10th December

The St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection Takes place next weekend

St. Columba's Church Iona Road
CHRISTMAS IN SONG
AND WORD

With The People's College Choir
the Children of St Columba's
N.S. and
St Vincent's N.S. and
Eoin Tierney - organist

Sunday 14th December
2014
5.00pm to 6.00pm



Sacrament of Penance
Thursday 18th of
December at 7.30
Advent Reconciliation
Service in Mother of
Divine Grace Church,
Ballygall for all
Parishioners

Advent Healing Service.
Also in
Ballygall Church at 7.30pm
on
Thursday 11th December
All Welcome

The Artane School of Music presents Christmas Crackers
Seasonal Music from Stage and Screen By The Artane Senior Band
Liberty Hall Theatre Friday 12th December @ 8.00pm Tickets €10