ST. MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL 75TH JUBILEE Past Pupils, former teachers and friends of

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Don't forget to join us on Sunday 7th December between 12.00 and 4.00 to celebrate our 75th Jubilee. A trip down memory lane!

Follow us on Facebook: Saint-Mary's 75th Jubilee

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

There are 30 cabins from 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.

YOUTH 2000

Youth 2000 Ireland will be hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co.

Kildare from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December 2014. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see ww.youth2000.ie or ph: 01 6753690.

Christmas with the Palestrina Choir

Celebrate the glory of Christmas with the angelic voices of the Boys and the Gentlemen of the renowned Palestrina Choir. Do not miss



this magical evening of well-known and festive carols and Christmas music. Featuring the Orchestra of St Cecilia with Musical Director, Blánaid Murphy on Thursday 4th December 2014 at 8.00pm in the National Concert Hall. Tickets from €15 at the National Concert Hall booking office - tel (01) 4170000 or visit www.nch.ie

Bethlehem Sky



with Liam Lawton Gardiner St Church Dec 16th at 8pm.

Tickets on sale at €10 at the Parish Office, the Pro-Cathedral Office and Friends of the Elderly, Bolton St. Postal bookings may be made to St Francis Xavier's, Gardiner St, Dublin 1. After the usual expenses, all proceeds will be given to Friends of the Elderly, in our locality.

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 is Parish Office 01 8308257 or 087 6728761

Parish Office Opening Times and contact:

Monday to Friday 09.30a.m. - 12.30pm Ph. 830 8257 or email: saintcolumba@eircom.net Visit Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie or email info@ionaroadparish.ie

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"And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."



In God there is always hope that a new reality might be created. May God's hope for this world become our hope as well.

O God of our Hope, come~

As we begin this Advent journey, restore us to faithfulness, and shepherd us through these weeks. Soften us and open us to trust in your love, your goodness, your guiding presence. May we take in your word and bring it to life, giving hope to the hopeless through our words and actions.

We ask this through Christ, our Savior and our hope.

~Amen.

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.



VIVALDI'S GLORIA

THIS SUNDAY EVENING in our Church at 7.00pm

Everyone Welcome
Performed by the DCU Campus Choir
There will be Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
available after the performance.
Tickets €10.00 each in aid
of St. Columba's Church
on sale after Masses

Book Centre

Christmas novena mass cards available in the book centre. Also a beautiful selection of Christmas



cards, calendars, and gifts. Drop in today and look around. We are open before and after Mass, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Iona Active Retirement

Monday 8th December: 12.30 p.m. Christmas lunch in the Maples. €20 to Maureen Phelan or Angela McCann - booking essential.

Calling all Children and Teens
(3rd class upwards) who would
like to join the family Mass
choir for 6pm Christmas Eve
Mass. If you would like to join
the choir for this very special
Mass please contact
Ann at 087 6733735



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - the last meeting of 2014 will take place in the Maples Hotel, Iona Road at 8 p.m sharp on Tuesday 2nd December.

Now that dark nights are upon us again extra vigilance is called for in the locality. As usual crime statistics for our area during the past month will be detailed by a member of our local Gardai ,followed by discussion.



St Columba's School Parents' Association

Annual Christmas Fair This Sunday 11.30am-3pm BOOKS, TOYS, CRAFTS

Visit Santa's grotto, Tea, Coffee, Brady's Hot Food, Cakes, Breads Storytelling with Nessa from Little Learners Stay & Play Club, Face Painting, Spin & Win, Carol Singing and lots more......

THE LORD IS NEAR"

The Scriptures of Advent lead us to understand the coming of the Lord.

Fr. Eoin Murphy will lead a reflection on the Scriptures and the Liturgy.

Tuesday, December 9th at 7.30 - 9 pm. Our Lady of Dolours Church, Glasnevin.

All members/parishioners of the Glasnevin Grouping are very welcome

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions for this Week

	Sat. 29th	6.00pm	Josephine Maher, Months Mind,
-			Tom & Mary Kennedy (A),
1			Mary & Joe Cloherty (A),
V	Sun 30th	11.00am	Monica Fitzgerald (A) and Family
1	Mon 1st	9.30am	Beatrice Corcoran (1st A)
	Tue. 2nd	9.30am	Mary, Angela & Frank McCluskey (A)
V	Wed 3rd	9.30am	
1	Thur 4th	9.30am	
	Fri 5th	9.30am	Altar list of the Dead
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Mass celebrated in Glasnevin Cemetery (Finglas Rd) on Sunday morning @ 9.45am.

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Jona Rose

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Iona Road : Monday to Friday @ 5.45 p.m.

Saturday morning @ 9.30 a.m. and **Sunday morning at 9.30am.**For **BAPTISMS** please contact Sr. Bridget

through the Parish Office @ 830 8257 or call into the Sacristy.

The 5.45pm Mass on Wednesday 3rd Nov in the Monastery is for Lauri Hogan's Anniversary.

Parish Contributions for the week commencing
Nov. 23rd €418. Last week's collection was
€1243.66 Many Thanks

Peter McVerry Trust would like to thank all for your generous donations of €134.31

Iona Ladies Club - 4th Dec. meeting in Annex. 9th Dec. Christmas Dinner - Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords.



FOOD APPEAL You will remember that in the weeks before Christmas last year the diocese launched a programme to replenish the stock of the **Crosscare Food**

Banks. These **Food Banks** give food directly to individuals and families in need through local community food banks and also to over 70 other charities in Dublin who are working with those most in need. Overall last year, **Crosscare** redistributed over 750 tonnes of food. This year the demand has almost doubled, and they expect to give out almost 1,200 tonnes of food.

In response to this growing need, I am asking parishes to repeat last year's programme and to bring non-perishable food items to masses in their local parish Church on the weekend of the **6th and 7th of December. Crosscare** will arrange to collect the items after that weekend. Last year's collection was very generous and meant so much to families in need over the Christmas period and beyond.

With prayerful good wishes

+Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin