

THIS WEEKEND

Na Fianna GAA Club Christmas Markets

Last chance to sample the wonderful products such as Bakers, Home made candles, Christmas Decorations, Chutneys & Jams and much much more. Entertainment each day and night with Scoil Mobhi Orchestrate, Finglas Marching Band, Corus Choir and many more.
Something for everyone!

Get into the Christmas Spirit at Na Fianna Annual Christmas Village.
Saturday 13th. December 12noon to 10pm and Sunday 14th December 12pm-6pm

Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue,

Monday 15th December. Christmas Truce 1914 and the Messines Peace Project: a talk by Don Mullan' journalist, author and justice and peace campaigner. 7.30pm.

Our Lady of Dolours Church, Glasnevin

Wednesday 17th December:

Christmas Concert with Glasnevin Musical Society and St. Mary's HF Secondary School Choir, at 7.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in parish hall. Tickets: €5 (Family ticket: €15).

ORLAGH CENTRE EVENTS
WEEK OF: 21 DECEMBER 2014
Sunday, Dec 21 | 7.30pm | €5 donation

A CAROL SERVICE readings and poetry with Padraig Daly, followed by seasonal refreshments.

MEDITATION EVERY WEEK

Wednesday 8.00 - 8.30pm

Sunday 10.00 - 10.20am

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LECTIO DIVINA MASS

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Bethlehem Sky – with Liam Lawton; Gardiner St Church, Dec 16th at 8pm.

Tickets on sale at €10 at the Parish Office, and the Pro-Cathedral Office and

Friends of the Elderly, Bolton St. After the usual expenses, all proceeds will be given to Friends of the Elderly, in our locality. A beautiful evening to prepare for Christmas is promised, and a chance to join with Liam and his support in Christmas carols, and will be mainly by candle-light.

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



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Parish of St.Columba

14th December 2014

3rd Sunday of Advent

We anticipate with joy God's presence breaking into our world each day, as it did long ago.



O God of our Joy, Come~

In gratitude we remember you as creator of all, yet still mindful of each of your children.

Grant us the patience to live in joyful hope, to trust in your abiding presence.

Open our eyes to see your healing at work in our lives that we might touch the world with tender, compassionate care.

Give us the wisdom, courage and strength to bring the joy of your love to transform the earth and to light the way to a more just and peaceful world.

We ask this through Christ, our Saviour and our joy.

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.

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

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

THIS Sunday 14th December 2014
5.00pm to 6.00pm



DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS
 Next Saturday 20th December at 6.00pm

Rejoice



Sacrament of Penance

There will be an Advent Reconciliation Service in
Mother of Divine Grace Church Ballygall on
Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm.

All members of the cluster are welcome.

The Liturgy Group encourage any parishioners
 driving to this event to offer lifts to anyone who
 may find it a little too far to walk. Also a
 suggestion was made that you drive by the
 St Columba's Church grounds in case
 anyone would like a lift.

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.



Book Centre

Christmas cards plus
 Christmas Mass Bouquet
 cards, candles, etc. available
 in the Book Centre today.
 We also stock cards for
 all occasions.
 Call in and have a
 look around.
 Shop is open before
 and after Mass every Friday,
 Saturday and Sunday.



IONA ACIVE RETIREMENT The Christmas lunch at the Maples last
 Monday was most enjoyable. The Parish Priest and Sr. Brigid were guests
 and Santa Claus (Michael Chawke) arrived carrying a sack of spot
 prizes. George Murray provided the entertainment.
 Bridge, cards and bingo as usual.

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Sat. 13th Dec. (Vigil) 6.00pm Peter Garvey 1st (A),
 Kathleen Clancy (A), Dermot Cross (A), Richard Burke (A),
 Mary Schmitt died recently in the USA, Stella Lawless (A),
 Tommy Healy (months mind)
 Sun. 14 Dec 11.00am Sadie Chawke (A)
 Mon. 15 Dec 9.30am Robert (Bob) Donaldson (A)
 Tue. 16 Dec 9.30am Greta & John McGrath
 Wed. 17 Dec 9.30am -
 Thur. 18 Dec 9.30am -
 Fri. 19 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 week commencing December 7th 2014 = €1,138.89
 Many Thanks

Many Thanks to all Parishioners who contributed to the Cross Care appeal for
 non-perishable goods over last week end.



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.