

**World Day of Peace** Mass to celebrate World Day of Peace will be held in the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am. The theme of 2015 World Day of Peace, chosen by Pope Francis is *"Slaves no more but brothers and sisters"* All welcome.

**New Year's Eve Wednesday 31st December.** Crossing the Threshold: a service of prayer, music and reflection to see out the old and welcome in the New Year in **Our Lady of Dolours church, Glasnevin, 11.30pm-12.15am.**  
**All are welcome.**



#### 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](mailto:ronangately@hotmail.com).

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

The PARISH LINK TEAM wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)**

Visit Parish website at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) or email in-  
[fo@ionaroadparish.ie](mailto:fo@ionaroadparish.ie)

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
from  
CHRISTMAS EVE UNTIL  
the 5th of JANUARY 2015**

# PARISH



# LINK

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Parish of St.Columba

25th December 2014

As we approach the fulfillment of God's promise of Salvation, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we continue to express our longing through the O Antiphons. May our reflections and prayers prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

**O Blessed Hope, come~**  
The celebration of the birth of Jesus is here and we proclaim:

Blessed are You, Holy One, who has fulfilled our hope of salvation. Through the birth, the life, the death and resurrection of your son, you have redeemed your people. May we live this day and every day making Jesus' presence tangible bringing hope, peace, joy and love to our world. 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.*

Christmas is here!

Our Advent waiting is over. But thank God for Advent. So many good things happened in the past four weeks to help us to be prepared for and know the spirit of Christmas. We began with the performance by the DCU Campus Choir of Vivaldi's Gloria and organ recital by



Eoin Tierney. We can now hear again the Gloria at Christmas, echoing the song of the angels. We had our Carol Service, Christmas in Song and Word, with the People's College Choir, our own parish choir, and the boys and girls of our schools. We had a splendid response to the Crosscare Food Bank appeal, to the annual Society of St Vincent de Paul appeal and to several other causes, remembering this year the homelessness crisis. All this and the usual seasonal and everyday activities.

In my letter to parishioners earlier this month, I quoted our parish Mission Statement where we speak of St Columba's parish as '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.' Let me repeat what I said, 'In the months I have been here, I have seen this statement honoured in so many ways. I am grateful to so many for this and extend a welcome to everyone to be part of that community, to strengthen our community by addressing the needs that arise, by addressing areas of faith formation and development, including training people for ministry and involvement in the parish, by extending a welcome to newcomers and building on what we already have achieved. ... Let no one feel excluded or unwelcome.'

**Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**

**Fr Paddy**

Novena of Masses for Christmas. Mass will be celebrated on nine occasions during Christmas time, though not announced, on free days, that is, when there is no funeral or anniversary intention.

Fr Paddy



**Christmas Mass arrangements 2014**

24 Dec. Wed.	<b><u>Christmas Eve</u></b> Mass for Christmas: 6.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. St. Columba's Church Mass at 8.30 p.m in St. Alphonsus Monastery
25 Dec. Thur.	<b><u>Christmas Day</u></b> Mass 9.45 a.m. Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel Mass 11.00 a.m. St. Columba's Church Mass 9.30 a.m. St. Alphonsus Monastery
26 Dec. Fri.	Mass 11.00 a.m. St Alphonsus Monastery
27 Dec. Sat.	Mass 11.00 a.m. St Alphonsus Monastery Vigil Mass for Sunday 6.00 p.m. St. Columba's Church
28 Dec. Sun.	<b><u>Feast of the Holy Family</u></b> Mass 9.30 a.m. St Alphonsus Monastery Mass 9.45 a.m. Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel Mass 11.00 a.m. St. Columba's Church
29/30/31 Dec., Mon. Tues. Wed.	Mass 9.30 a.m. St Alphonsus Monastery
1 Jan. 2015 Thur.	<b><u>New Year's Day Feast of Mary, Mother of God</u></b> Mass 11.00 a.m. St Alphonsus Monastery
2 Jan. Fri.	Mass 9.30 a.m. St. Alphonsus Monastery
3 Jan. Sat.	Mass 9.30 a.m. St. Alphonsus Monastery Vigil Mass for Sunday 6.00 p.m. St. Columba's Church
4 Jan. Sun.	Mass 9.30 a.m. St Alphonsus Monastery Mass 9.45 a.m. Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel Mass 11.00 a.m. St. Columba's Church
5 Jan. Mon.	Mass 9.30 a.m. St Columba's Church Vigil Mass for <b><u>Epiphany</u></b> 5.45p.m. St. Alphonsus Monastery
6 Jan. Tue.	<b><u>Epiphany</u></b> Mass 9.30 a.m. St. Columba's Church Mass 9.45 a.m. Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel Mass 5.45 p.m. St. Alphonsus Monastery



**Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions**

Sat. 27th Dec	6.00pm	Margaret Fitzpatrick (A) Mary O'Reilly (A)
Sun. 28th Dec	11.00am	Brigid & Bernard Kelly (A)

**Baptisms: For all baptisms please contact Sr. Bridget through the Parish Office @ 830 8257**

Parish contributions for week commencing 22nd Dec = €1130.00  
Thank You

Iona Active Retirement Group  
The Committee wish members all the joys of the Christmas Season