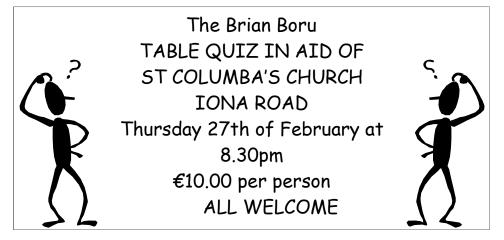
Thank you to all who came to the coffee morning last Sunday and showed their support for Patrick Schaler. The total amount raised was €1,215.82. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Taizé: The Archdiocese of Dublin is a running a pilgrimage for a group of young people from the Diocese to join thousand of young Christians seeking friendship with Christ for a week away in France with the TAIZE Community from Sunday 29th June-Sunday 5th July. The trip costs €420 (this includes flights from Dublin to Lyon and contribution to the Community for your basic accommodation) - A deposit of €100 is required before the closing date: 18th April email your interest to: <u>evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie</u> For further information check out www.taize.fr or facebook 'Taize Dublin'

The Church Gate collection this weekend is the Annual Lourdes collection on behalf of CASA (Caring and Sharing Association) The funding is used to send disabled people on pilgrimage to Lourdes Your support of this collection is very much appreciated.



parishlink@gmail.com

Items for the Parish Link should be marked 'Parish Link' and dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, or emailed to above address, Items should be posted by 5.00pm on the Thursday of the week of publication. A Contact name and telephone number is required for each item. Parish Link Contacts: Trish 8302851/Ann 8309983

Parish Office Opening Times and contact: Wednesday Thursday and Friday 09.30a.m. - 12.30pm Ph. 8308257 or email:saintcolumba@eircom.net

WEBSITE : www.ionaroadparish.ie / or email WEBSITE @ info@ionaroadparish.ie



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"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,



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.

A Note from Fr Paddy

I have reached another stage in my moving in to the parish and must thank the Redemptoristine community for accommodating me at their Ruah Retreat Centre for the past few weeks.

Though other commitments will take me away on occasion, I hope to spend the next stage in meeting, formally and informally, people and groups active in the parish. It is a time for me to learn and observe; to see things just as they are rather than address things that might be changed-or might not; to observe things that are doing well and things that might be improved.

An area of attention is the development of the grouping of parishes in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra area (St. Columba's, Iona Road, Corpus Christi, Drumcondra, Our Lady of Dolour's, Glasnevin, Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall and Our lady of Victories Ballymun Road). This is vital as our parish now has one priest, though it also has many helping hands that make things happen. More are always needed and are welcome.

> Lectio Divina will continue every Thursday morning @ 9.10am & Sunday morning @ 10.30am in the Church.

Book Centre

Confirmation, cards, candles & gifts now available in the book shop. We have cards for every occasion also Irish Catholic newspapers and many more items. The shop is situated beside

the main altar & we are open before & after mass Friday, Saturday & Sundays. Call in today and have a look around.



The Monastery of St Alphonsus will host an evening of music, prayer and reflection on the call to reconciliation during the season of Lent on

Monday 3 March at 8.00 p.m. This event will include an invitation to 'walk the road of reconciliation' in a concise programme of prayer, reflection and activity ideas for the first five weeks of Lent. Music will be led by Fr Pat O'Donoghue and the Dublin Diocesan Music Group

Prayer Meeting Every Tuesday @ 8pm in 7 David Road. All welcome. Contact: Clare Conlan 8305271

The Folk Group are looking for a few good folks with a generous heart, a little extra time, and the willingness to sing with us at our Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 6pm. We practice on Mondays from 7:15pm to 8:15pm. Come along any Saturday to the 6pm Mass and talk to us, you will be made welcome. Or, you can phone Clare 01-8305271 - Eoin 087-6648589.



Look forward to meeting you, The Folk Group.

There will be a **HOLY HOUR** in the church on Friday 7th March. All Welcome.



Parish Contributions for the week commencing Feb. 16th 2014 = €658.33 **Many Thanks**

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT:

Monday 24th February 12.30 p.m.

Lunch at College of Catering Cathal Brugha Street. Meet at entrance to College at 12.20 p.m. As lunch is being served in a classroom it has to be vacated at 2.00 p.m. Wednesday 5th March:

Committee meeting at 10.00 a.m. in the room at the back of the sacristy.

Monday 10th March:

Monthly meeting in Annex at 10.15 a.m.

Sunday 6th April:

The Abbey Hotel, Donegal. 3 nights B&B & D €159. No single supplement. Book direct with hotel 074 972 1014 and mention you are with the Iona group.

INVITATION... A mini-series on the Wednesdays of Lent, focusing on the Gospel of the following Sunday, open to all in ministry in the Archdiocese. The goal is to help preachers and leaders of groups reading and praving the Sunday Gospels. The series could also be used for personal prayer and nourishment. Every Wednesday of Lent from 12.45 to 2.45 Clonliffe College. Contact Sr. Bridget.