

MASS TIMES in St. Columba's Church



Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm: St. Columba's Church
Sunday Morning 11.00am: St. Columba's Church
Daily Mass 9.30am Monday to Friday St. Columba's Church

Also **Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel**

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus

Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm.

Saturday morning @ 9.30 am. Sunday morning 9.30am.

				MASS INTENTIONS for the coming week							
Sa.	26th	6.00pm	Desmond & Elizabeth Roxburgh (A)								
			Joe & Mary Cloherty (A)								
Su.	27th	11.00am	Susan Mulhall (months mind)								
Tu.	29th	9.30am	Sarah Purcell (A)								
Th.	1st.	9.30am	Mary Angela & Frank McCluskey (A)								

Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering last weekend. (total amount unavailable this week). An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Order.

Many thanks for your contributions to the Mission Sunday Annual Collection.
The amount raised was **€1,311.00**

The Sick & Indigent Room-keepers Society **Annual Church Collection** takes place at all Masses this weekend.

Fr Eoin Murphy will facilitate training for Ministers of the Eucharist at Our Lady of Dolours church on Tues. 29th Nov.

Those already Ministers of the Eucharist as well as new Ministers from the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes are welcome. If attending, please give your name to Ita Mullany.



Mindfully waiting for Christmas and more... check out www.sanctuary.ie The Sanctuary is based in Stanhope Street, Dublin 7.



Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to info@ionaroadparish.ie

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 or Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.

Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

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Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming, at an unexpected hour

The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready.

One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you?

You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

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.

59 .. The number of baptisms in our church this year

Sunday, 4th Dec. Café Columba

On next Sunday, 4th December, we have invited all of our newly baptized children to join us again for our 11a.m. mass. Afterwards, Café

Columba will re-open so please join us for a cuppa and home-baking with your friends and neighbours. Feel free to bring some of your own 'Advent baking' to share with each other.



Please note....

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal takes place on Sat/Sun. 10th/11th Dec.

Carol Service here in the church on Sunday, 18th Dec. from 5pm - 6pm.



Margaret
Aylward Centre
for Faith & Dialogue

**Celebrate Advent ... Joyful in Hope
... Waiting with Wonder
... Centering Prayer in Advent
... Advent Sacred Dance Day**

Check out www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie

Enjoy some quiet time during the weeks before Christmas. When we link the Christmas story to our own



Child Vision Garden Centre

(Opposite All Hallows) Gate 03
Gracepark Rd

Open 10.00am to 16.00 Every Day
Window Boxes / Hanging Baskets /
Refills / Heather / Winter Bedding

**Christmas Plants Available
December**

Contact 087 602 8880 Pet Farm, Horse

**Iona Ladies Club meeting on Thurs.
1st Dec and Christmas lunch in Maples on Thurs. 15th Dec at 2pm.**

Watch and Pray... There will be a Holy Hour on First Friday 2nd Dec. from 10 to 11am. All are welcome

YOUTH 2000
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CHRISTMAS RETREAT

takes place Fri, 16th to Sun. 18th Dec. at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. Action packed weekend for young people aged 16-35, including prayer, drama, music, games and chill out time. Check out www.youth2000.ie

cross care

Food Bank

innovation and action for social justice

Crosscare, the diocesan social care agency, is appealing again this year in the lead up to Christmas to help in the collection of vital food-stuffs for the Crosscare Food Banks. These

Food Banks give food directly to individuals and families in need through local community food banks. **Crosscare appeals for parishioners to bring non-perishable food items to Mass on next weekend (3-4 December).** Special boxes will be provided.

The **AlzheimerCafé**
...A great place to talk

It's back... our famous Christmas Party!

Date: Tuesday 6th December 2016 - Time: 7 - 9pm
Venue: Clareville Centre, Claremont Lawns, Glasnevin (Opposite Glasnevin Cemetery, keep left to end of estate).
LIVE MUSIC, Dancing, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies



PARISH BOOK SHOP

Call in today to see our wonderful selection of Christmas cards and gifts. 2017 Calendars & Diary's now available. We stock cards for every occasion, Birthday, Get Well, Mass cards etc. The Irish Catholic Newspaper is on sale every week. **Open every Friday, Saturday & Sunday, before and after Mass.**



In the new year, we are running a number of adult faith initiatives, one of which is 'Faith 4 Life'. This is a course that has been running in Dublin Diocese for the last three years. It takes place over four weekends and invites participants to take a fresh look at their Catholic faith. Two courses will start in January - one in Balbriggan Parish Centre and the other in Benildus Pastoral Centre, Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan. There is a cost of €200 for the course. Further info. from Mary Dent at the Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism 8373732 or e-mail evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie



Humanitarian Symphony Orchestra/Choir in Concert
with special guests
St. Columba's School Children's Choir

Friday 2nd
Dec @ 8 p.m.

in St. Peter's Church, Phibsboro

Tickets €12/€10
available at door



Meditation

Wednesday 30th November
Venue: St Alphonsus' Monastery
Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm
This group meets every two weeks for a period of quiet meditation. New people always welcome.



IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Monday: Meet for coffee in the Maples @ 10.30am or Lunch 12.30
Axis Cinema, Ballymun - Eye in the Sky - starring Helen Mirren at 2 pm
Tuesday: Bridge - 2pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday: Knit and Knatter. 10am - 12.30. Fiona Corcoran from Cork will visit on 14th Dec. Cards and Bingo. 2pm - 4.30pm. All Welcome
Diary Dates..... Monday, 5th Dec. Maples - Christmas lunch
Friday, 9th Dec Tour of Sports Centre facilities in Ballymun
Tuesday, 13th Dec. Belfast - more later!