


MASS TIMES in Iona Road Parish

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm: St. Columba's Church
 Sunday Morning 11.00am: St. Columba's Church
Also Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel
 Daily Mass @ 9.30am, Mon, Wed, Thurs. and Fri. (No Tues. Mass) - St. Columba's Church

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus
 Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm. Saturday and Sunday morning @ 9.30 am.

The following are the Mass Intentions for the coming week

Public Masses are cancelled this weekend. The intentions for both Masses will be remembered at 11am Mass on Sunday morning accessible only by the Webcam


	Sat. 14th Sun. 15th 11.00am Mon. 16th 9.30am Wed. 18th 9.30am Thur. 19th 9.30am	Mary & Tim Bowler (A) Michael O'Toole (A) Elizabeth Brady (A) John Macguill (A) Johanna Heslin (A) Brendan Doorey (A) Frank Farrell (A) Funeral Mass for May MacDonald Peter & Anne Lenehan (A) Heffernan & Rickerby Families (A)
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The death took place of 7th March of Dorothy Richmond, a former parishioner, who lived at Marguerite Road and Crescent Villas.

Mass for St. Patrick's Day is also only available on the Iona Road Webcam at 11.00am

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, last weekend amounting to **€480.00**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Many Thanks for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection. The amount raised last weekend was **€753**

 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 Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.
Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

PARISH LINK

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are all aware of the growing concern in Ireland with regard to the Covid-19 virus, and the new guidelines from the government in An Taoiseach's statement yesterday. There have also been statements from the Conference of Irish Bishops and from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin last evening.

In light of the emphasis on care for the common good and especially for those most vulnerable in all three statements, the insistence that indoor mass gatherings not exceed one hundred people, and the message from the bishops that all are dispensed from the obligation of physically attending Sunday Mass, we, in the Glasnevin Grouping, have drawn the conclusion that it would be unwise to go ahead with the public celebration of Mass in our churches this Sunday, on St. Patrick's Day, and on future Sundays until further notice. We believe that it would be impossible to enforce or guarantee that fewer than 100 people would attend any Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass, and that allowing Mass to proceed might unintentionally put pressure on vulnerable parishioners to attend.

We draw the attention of parishioners to the fact that they can follow Mass from their home on the webcam from Ballygall (www.ballygallparish.ie) on Saturday at 6.30pm, St. Alphonsus Monastery (www.rednuns.com) on Sunday at 9.30am or Iona Road (www.ionaroadparish.ie) on Sunday at 11.00am. Alternatively they can follow Mass on RTE radio or on the EWTN channel on television.

The Churches in the Glasnevin Grouping will remain open for private prayer from Monday-Saturday and the schedule of weekday Masses will continue until further notice.

All other parish meetings, including the Lenten lecture series in the Margaret Aylward Centre, are cancelled until further notice.

Even if we cannot gather physically for Mass on Sunday, we can continue to be united in faith and in prayer, especially for all those affected by the virus and all frontline health care workers. We remain available to assist parishioners at all times.

Fr. Richard Sheehy, Co-Parish Priest and moderator of the Glasnevin Grouping of parishes.

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.

LENTEN TALKS AND ACTIVITIES in the Margaret Aylward Centre

ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please check with individual groups etc on any other planned activities.

The Sanctuary is Taking a Pause

Due to the latest announcement from the Government in regards to the Coronavirus (Covid19), the Sanctuary has decided to close its doors to the public and postpone its scheduled courses until further notice.

We value the health and welfare of all of those who come to the Sanctuary and feel that we need to take this precaution in order to take care of our customers and all who work at the Sanctuary. If you have registered to take a course in the next two weeks, the Sanctuary will be in touch about rescheduling. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at enquiries@sanctuary.ie or ring 01-6705419.

We thank you for your patience at this time.

-The Sanctuary Team

Meditation on Wednesday evenings in the monastery of St. Alphonsus will be cancelled for the next number of weeks.

Paddy McCarthy

St. Francis Xavier church in Gardiner Street is facing a major challenge. The problem is the peeling of the paint in the upper reaches of the interior but this is only a symptom of a more radical problem with the build-up of moisture in the plaster and the walls. It looks like the building will need a major makeover to ensure its life for the next generation. The Jesuits will be launching an ambitious appeal later this year.



ACTIVE RETIREMENT - THIS WEEK ...

**PLEASE CHECK
THE WHATTSAPP
ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP
REGARDING ANY UPCOMING GATHERINGS
KEEP SAFE AND WELL**



ALONE COVID-19 Helpline

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will be open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024, and hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Prayer for our protection

We ask for prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus. Placing all our trust in the Lord, and asking Our Lady to intercede for us, we invite everyone to pray these prayers:

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Memorare

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ
above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on
my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ
when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone
who thinks of me, Christ in the
mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that
sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears
me.

Remember, O most gracious
Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that
anyone who fled to your
protection, implored your help,
or sought your intercession was
left unaided. Inspired with this
confidence, I fly to you, O
Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I
stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word
Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in
your mercy, hear and answer.
Amen.