

**Margaret Aylward Centre for
Faith and Dialogue**

Movies that Move Us with
Bernadette Murray chf
March 26 7 - 9.30pm Cost €5
Movie: Sophie Scholl

The Scapegoat Workshop with
Dave Donnellan

March 28 10am - 4pm
Cost €30 Deposit €15
Booking essential
Bring a packed lunch, tea / coffee
provided
Please visit our website for a full
itinerary of 2015 Events at the
Centre -
Email: mcfdglasnevin@gmail.com
www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie

Book Centre. A Special Edition of The
Irish Catholic newspaper available this
week celebrating Pope Francis two
year as Pontiff.. St Patrick's Day
badges on sale in the book centre this

CLG Na Fianna DRAÍOCHT
Drama Group Present **PLAY ON**
By Rick Abbot
In Scoil Chaitríona, Mobhí Road
On Thursday 26th March @ 8.00pm
Tickets €10.00 All Support Welcome

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. Phone contact is **Parish Office 01 8308257 or 087 6728761**

Parish Office Opening Times and contact: Monday to Friday 09.30a.m. - 12.30pm
Ph. 01 8308257 or email: saintcolumba@eircom.net

Easter Retreat

Thurs 2nd - Sun 5th April

A 3 day retreat offering the opportunity for reflection, prayer, celebration and exploration of the Easter Triduum themes.

**Full Residential Packages
Non Residential Packages or
One Day Retreat Package**

Contact us at
hello@purcellhouse.ie or call
us on 01-852-07-54
Purcell House Conference and
Accommodation—All Hallows
College .

**Special Olympics Ireland's
Annual Collection Day -
Friday 24th April**

Volunteers required in Eastern
Region area to help with our charity
Collection Day on Friday April
24th. The money raised on the day
will be used to ensure that Special
Olympics Ireland can continue to
realise its promise of offering people
with an intellectual disability the
opportunity to participate in sport in
their area. Please contact *Emma
Horgan* on 085 8031112 or
eastern.region@specialolympics.ie

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*Glory and praise to you, O Christ !
God loved the world so much that
he gave his only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ !*

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.



'Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it'

Statement from the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference 10th March 2015

Within weeks the people of Ireland will be asked to vote in a referendum that will change the meaning of marriage in the Constitution of Ireland. Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers, and society - all of us need to reflect deeply before changing it. We ask the people of Ireland to consider very carefully the profound implications that this constitutional amendment would have on the family environment and on our understanding of parenthood. We respect the views of people who think differently to us, trusting that our sincerely-held views, grounded in faith, will also be heard and respected. We come to this debate believing that the union of a man and a woman in marriage, open to the procreation of children, is a gift from God who created us 'male and female'. Reason also points to the truth about human sexuality that makes the relationship between a man and a woman unique. Mothers and fathers bring different, yet complementary gifts and strengths into a child's life.

We cannot support an amendment to the Constitution which redefines marriage and effectively places the union of two men, or two women, on a par with the marriage relationship between a husband and wife which is open to the procreation of children. We are concerned that, should the amendment be passed, it will become increasingly difficult to speak any longer in public about marriage as being between a man and a woman. What will we be expected to teach children in school about Marriage? Will those who sincerely continue to believe that marriage is between a man and a woman be forced to act against their conscience? Can a way be found to protect the civil rights of gay people without undermining the fundamental meaning of marriage as commonly understood across cultures, faiths, and down the ages?

Already, in The Children and Family Relationships Bill, it is proposed to remove mention of mothers and fathers from a whole raft of previous legislation. We encourage everyone to think about these issues and to vote on May 22nd. The effects of this proposed amendment will be far-reaching for this and for future generations. We say to all voters: Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it. We invite people of faith to bring this decision to prayer. In the coming weeks, and particularly in May, the month of Mary, we call for prayer for Marriage and the Family.



Meditation Group will meet on Wednesday 18th March - St. Alphonsus' Monastery Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm. This group meets every two weeks for a period of short reflection/meditation. New people are always welcome.

The recent St. Vincent de Paul collection raised €578. Many Thanks for your support.



Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions for this Week

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| Sat. | 14th | 6.00pm | Frank Farrell (A) Elizabeth Brady (A), Marie Ward (A), Vincent Kiernan (A) Peggy Sweeney (A) Ned Boardman (Months Mind) Joan Redmond (A) Fergal Lyons (A) |
| Sun. | 15th | 11.00am | John Walsh |
| Mon. | 16th | 9.30am | - |
| | | 7.30pm | Vigil Mass for St. Patricks Day |
| Tue. | 17th | 11.00 am | St Patricks Day |
| | | | Mass Bouquet Michael & Phena Coghlan |
| Wed. | 18th | 9.30am | Peter & Ann Lenehan |
| Thur. | 19th | 9.30am | - |
| Fri. | 20th | 9.30am | - |

Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery (Finglas Rd)

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Iona Road:

Monday to Friday @ 5.45 p.m. Saturday morning @ 9.30 a.m. and Sunday morning @ 9.30 a.m.

For all baptisms please contact the Parish Office @ 830 8257

Parish Contributions for the week commencing Mar 8th **€708.70** Many Thanks



St. Patrick's Day at St Columbas Church
Vigil Mass on Monday evening at 7.30pm
Mass on Tuesday 17th at 11.00 am



Iona Active Retirement

Thurs 9th April **KNOCK** One night in the Knock House Hotel D,B&B

€70 - No single supplement Names to Maureen Phelan

Thurs 14th May **Mystery Tour** - Tickets will be available after Easter.

Mon 14th Sept **Avila** By air to/from Madrid—Full details from Joe Walsh Travel, 143 Lwr Baggot St. Phone 2410800.

Lenten Meditations

During the weeks of the Lenten Season short meditations are taking place in The Sacred Space on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross.

Come on Mondays at 9:00am to take part.

On Mondays and Thursdays we have a short Lectio Divina on the Gospel of the Day at 9:10am in the same area