

### The Clontarf Players - Easter Play:

The Clontarf Players are pleased to announce the launch of the new Easter play 'The Last Days of Judas Iscariot'. The play will be performed over the following dates in March Friday 27<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph's Church, Bonnybrook; Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> St. John's Church, Clontarf; Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony's Church, Clontarf; Monday 30<sup>th</sup> All Hallows College, Drumcondra Free admission to all performances. A donation towards costs is appreciated For regular updates and exclusive content in the run up to the play, please like the

[Clontarf Players Facebook page](#)

The annual Collection for **St. Vincent de Paul Sunshine House** will be held after all Masses next weekend. The Sunshine fund has been operating its holiday centre for children on a voluntary basis for 70 years. All Proceeds from the collection go to support the holiday programme for boys and girls aged between 7 and 11 who are nominated by the network of SVP Conferences across the greater Dublin area. Your continued support next week would be so much appreciated.

### 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 Packages**

Contact us at

**hello@purcellhouse.ie** or call

us on 01-852-07-54

Purcell House Conference and Accommodation—All Hallows College .

17 year old local babysitter available. Qualified first aid teacher. Available week nights and weekends, also during school holidays. Experienced and can provide references if required. Contact Emily on 0879196745.

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



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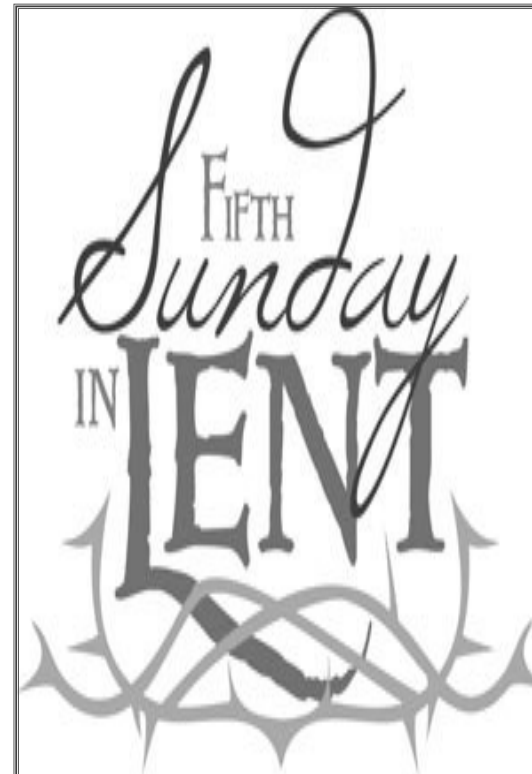


# LINK

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*Great and loving God,  
we are surrounded  
by mystery  
the mystery of  
ourselves, of death,  
of creation, of you.  
You are our  
companion on the way  
And we place our hands  
confidently in your  
outstretched hand.*

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishink@gmail.com](mailto:parishink@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 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Ph. 01 8308257  
or email: [saintcolumba@eircom.net](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

### 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.

Last Sunday, I answered five questions that I have been asked recently.

**Do I mind children playing around the church?**

No, but supervision is important. Yes, if children – and older people - are playing football or hurling against the wall of the church. A window was damaged last week. Since children play around the church, dog owners, please take care.



**What happened 74?**



74 Iona Road was a residence for a curate in the parish. It is now occupied by a priest chaplain in a hospital. The Diocese proposed to buy the house from the parish and after discussion at the Parish Pastoral Council and with the Parish Finance Committee, this was accepted. The house was professionally valued and after allowance deducted for recent renovations by the Diocese and allowance given for rent, the parish received €670,000.

**So, we have plenty of money?**

The overdraft of €100,000 has been cleared. We must take special care of our church, now almost 110 years old. We must continue supporting the ordinary collections, especially the **Family Offering**, which is the main parish means of income.



Fund-raising must continue as it would be wrong to start eating into capital.

**What about the weekday Mass going back to 10 o'clock?**



This is a wider issue now that we are working within a Group of five parishes. Ending up with five parishes all having weekday Mass at 10 o'clock might not be the best idea. Allowance must be made for the priests to substitute for one another. As a sign of the times, unfortunately, we may not always be able to have a weekday Mass every day.

**What about the seats?**

Before we make any decision, we must solve the many areas of damp around various places in the church. They have been treated, and hopefully cleared but redecoration is not advised for the present. We have been asked to look at the sanctuary area, principally from a safety aspect but also to assess the space generally. This may have consequences for seating arrangements. My greatest concern is that we don't have Sunday congregations big enough to fill the seating we have.

Fr. Paddy

**Folk Choir** We are looking for male and female singers to join us at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. We practice on Monday at 7.30pm. Contact Clare Conlan at 01 8305271 or speak to any members of the Folk choir before or after Mass.

Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes  
*A Penitential Service with the Franciscan Fathers from Merchants Quay will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 @ 7:30pm At Mother of Divine Grace Church, Ballygall Road East, Dublin 11*

**Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions for this Week**

Sat. 21st 6.00pm Vincent Kiernan (A),  
Sun. 22nd 11.00am Frank & Una Hurley (A)  
Mon. 23rd 9.30am  
Tue. 24th 9.30am  
Wed. 25th 9.30am  
Thur 26th 9.30am  
Fri 27th 9.30am Maureen & Sean Penston (A)  
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 March 15th. **€939.00**

Many Thanks

The acknowledgement letters for the contributions to the Family Offerings, Christmas and Easter Dues are being distributed at present.

This letter includes contributions received **before the end of December 2014**. All other contributions received after December will be acknowledged at 2015 in order to comply with the Charities Act.

**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.

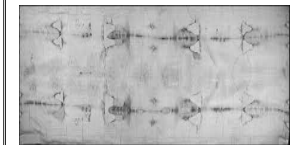
Come on Mondays at 9:00am to take part.

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

Prayer meeting continues every Tues at 8.p.m in 7 David Road. All Welcome. Contact Clare Conlan @ 01 8305271

**Iona Active Retirement**

Fri 27th March: Committee meeting at 10 a.m. in room at back of sacristy.  
Tue 31st March: Meeting at 10.15 a.m. in Annex (April meeting owing to Easter dates)  
Thur 9th April: One night in Knock at Knock House Hotel. D + B & B €70.No single supplement. Names to Maureen Phelan. 12.45 train from Heuston  
Thur 14th May: Mystery tour. Tickets will be available after Easter €25 members and €35 non-members



**The Shroud of Turin**  
St Mary's Pro-Cathedral hosts the major replica of the Shroud of Turin from 13<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. **All are welcome.**