

Inchicore College of Further Education Dublin 8 is enrolling now for CARE OF THE ELDERLY training course - FETAC LEVEL 5 (5N2706)

This module is designed to equip the learner with skills and knowledge to care for dependent older persons in a variety of settings. Starting Saturday 28th March - 9am to 3pm (including lunch) for 6 weeks. A Fetac Level 5 qualification in Care of Older Person will be awarded - Registration will be 210€ (including all material)

This course is open to all who want to work full or part time in caring. Contact Jane at the College Principal's office 01533330.

Camino de Santiago Pilgrim Information Day -

St James's Church, James St, Dublin

Saturday 14th March 2015 11am - 2pm

Planning to walk on the Camino in 2015?

Come along on March 14th and learn all you need to know to have a



The Torch of St. Benedict In 1964 Pope Paul VI visited the Abbey of Monte Cassino and proclaimed St. Benedict as Patron Saint of Europe. To mark his visit the Pope brought five oil lamps. Four were laid in the nearby Polish, Italian, Commonwealth, and German cemeteries, and one was destined for the tomb of St. Benedict. In previous years the Torch has been brought to Jerusalem, Madrid, Cologne, London and to Ground Zero in New York after terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in 2001. This year, for the first time, the Torch of St. Benedict will be brought to Ireland, to four venues during the four-day stay; the Pro-

Cathedral, the Apostolic Nunciature, St. Mary's Haddington Road, and Glenstal Abbey. On 6th March the Torch will be welcomed to the Pro-Cathedral for Mass at 5.45 pm. On 7th March St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road will welcome the Papal Torch when Dom Donato Oligardi, OSB, Abbot of Monte Cassino will celebrate the 6.00 pm Mass. On its way back to Montecassino from Ireland, Pope Francis will welcome the Torch at the Vatican on 18th March.

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

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8th March 2015

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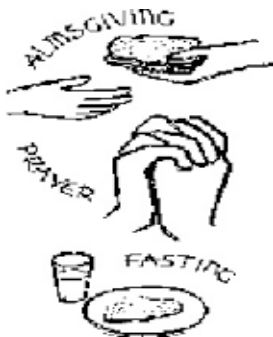
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Mission Statement

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 SCRATCH CARDS

Ita Mullany would like to thank all who contributed to the Lenten Scratch Cards. The money raised goes to help sick children go to Lourdes after Easter. €535 was collected.

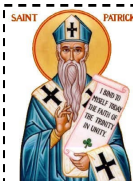


Lenten Meditations

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



Parish book centre

St. Patrick's Day cards & badges, Mother's Day cards, also a lovely selection of First Holy Communion & Confirmation cards available in the book centre this weekend.

Open before & after Mass Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

Gone

You never miss your mother till she's gone! It's an old saying but so true about so many situations and things. It could also be said that you never miss your children till they've emigrated or you never miss your teeth till they've also emigrated. And "when they're gone, they're gone!"

You could say the same about the whole of our lives – where did our lives go so quickly. Sometimes children and young people are so preoccupied with school and studies that they have little time to wonder what the whole thing is about. In addition, adults can be so preoccupied with work, making a living and caring for children and their own parents that they too have little time to reflect much about life itself. What is it all about? Sometimes we only begin to seriously wonder about this when we are approaching the departure lounge!

Sometimes God and church can seem so remote from people's everyday lives. Christian ideals can appear impossibly high, and parishioners can feel overwhelmed by them instead of encouraged. But if faith and hope in God or church are gone, they don't have to be gone forever – people may at some stage wish to re-engage.

Pope Francis has said that the situation today is the mirror opposite of Jesus' parable about the shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep to search for the one that is lost. "Today", he says, "we have one in the sheepfold and 99 we need to go looking for." That is why he urges all of us to be missionaries of God's love, tenderness and mercy, wherever we are.

Deirdre Powel Catholicireland.net

Source: Fr. Ignatius Waters CP (Mount Argus Church) (adapted).

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions for this Week

Sat.	7th	6.00pm	Dolores Giblin (A), Mary & Pat Dempsey (A) Francis, Paddy & Michael Lanney (A)
Sun.	8th	11.00am	Nellie Scott (A),
Mon.	9th	9.30am	Betty Murphy (A)
Tues.	10th	9.30am	-
Wed.	11th	9.30am	Diane McEnroe (A)
Thur.	12th	9.30am	Timothy & Mary Bowler
Fri.	13th	9.30am	Marie Ward (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

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Baptisms. For all baptisms please contact Sr. Bridget through the Parish Office @ 830 8257 or call into the Sacristy.

Parish Contributions for the week commencing March 1st 2015 = €790.50
Many Thanks

Iona Active Retirement

The mini holiday at the Seven Oaks Hotel in Carlow was most successful and enjoyed by all those who took part. The Cathedral and the Museum are worth visiting.



Thursday 9th April:

Knock. Travel by train. Full details next week.

Thursday 14th May:

Mystery Tour. Tickets will be available after Easter.

Monday 14th Sept. Avila. By air to Madrid. Full details from Joe Walsh Travel, 143 Lower Baggot Street. Phone 2410800.

FaithFest A fantastic new initiative by Dublin Diocese that offers young people an event that is lively and good fun. FaithFest 6 has been organised for Friday 13th March. As before it will be both indoors and outdoors. For any young person of secondary school-attending age. Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Rd., Dublin 3 from 6.00-9.30 pm. Cost: €2. More info at www.evangelisation.ie