

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 suspended until further notice

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus

The following are the Mass Intentions for the coming week

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, last weekend amounting to **€0.00**. This is received in weekly envelopes.
 An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.




**The 4th
 Sunday of
 Lent.**

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Website
 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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Update from Grouping Clergy on 18/3/2020

Weekday Mass. As and from today, the public celebration of both weekday and weekend Masses in the parishes of the Glasnevin Grouping is suspended until further notice. One Mass will be celebrated behind closed doors in Ballygall church each weekday at 10.00am and accessible to parishioners via the webcam. Evening Mass will be broadcast each evening (Mon-Fri) from St. Alphonsus Monastery at 5.45pm and accessible via webcam. Priests will rotate the celebration of the daily Mass from Ballygall and are free to concelebrate.

Church opening. Parishes will maintain normal church opening times for private prayer. Ballygall will open their church after 10am Mass, and their funerals will take place at 11am. Parishioners, who wish to light a candle, should be encouraged to bring their own lighter. They should also be encouraged to wear gloves and/or provide their own wipes for surfaces which they touch.

Holy Hour. As a sign of solidarity with parishioners, especially those who are housebound, a once weekly Holy Hour will be led each Wednesday from 7.30 -8.30pm via webcam in Ballygall church. The Holy Hour will be led by priests or lay ministers from the Grouping, and include music, and Damian has offered to provide resources. 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.

Update from Crosscare on their work with those most in need at this time.

Wednesday March 18th

During the current Covid 19 crisis Crosscare, the Diocesan Social Support Agency, is continuing to deliver its vital services to those who are most in need.

The agency is concentrating its efforts on maintaining full service levels in seven 24 hour residential services for the homeless.

They are keeping Community Food Cafés and Community Food Banks operating for all their service users and customers, albeit on a takeaway basis.

While delivering these essential services, keeping service users, staff and volunteers safe is their main priority.

Following HSE and government hygiene and social distancing guidelines, these services will continue to provide accommodation and food where at all possible.

Crosscare's other range services which include, information and advocacy, youth support and counselling are being offered though internet and telephone support where possible.

They have big challenges to face over the coming months but are receiving great support from the statutory services and from the general public.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**PLEASE CHECK THE WHATTSAPP
ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP
AND STAY CONNECTED
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.



Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

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.

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:

Memorare

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.