



Faith and Science in Dialogue with Br. Michael Heffernan

Thursday, May 8, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Cost: €10.

Booking essential.

Sources of Marian Devotion with Vivienne Keely chf.

Monday, May 12, 19 and 26, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm or Shortened

Course Sat. 10 May, 10am to 1pm with coffee break. Cost: €10 per session or €25 for 3 sessions. Shortened Course €15 Booking essential

Introduction to Centering Prayer with Mary Teresa Power chf.

Tuesday, May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. The first of these sessions will focus on the question: What is prayer?

Each session will last approximately one hour followed by tea/coffee.

Cost: €5 per session or €20 for five session's. Max number:10 Booking essential

The Meaning is in the Shadows with Peter Mc Verry SJ. Reflection on faith

and justice. Saturday, May 24, 10.30 am – 4.00 pm. Cost: €25. Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee biscuits available. Booking essential

What is a Gospel? With Maura O'Donovan chf

Tuesday, June 24, 7.30 – 9.00pm including a break for tea/coffee. Cost: Donation

For more information visit www.holyfaithsisters.org or contact

The Secretary, Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue,

Holy Faith Sisters, Glasnevin, Dublin 11

Tel: 01 7979 364 / 087 664 9862 Office hours: 10am – 5pm, Monday – Friday

Iona Area - Community Games - Athletics

When: Wednesday 14th May 2014 at 5.45pm sharp

Where: Santry (Morton) Stadium

What: Athletics races for Under 8 to Under 16 (must be older than 6 and less than 16 on 31/07/2014). Also Long-puck competition for U12 Boys and U14 Girls.

Pre-register: Ideally please pre-register by texting/ e-mailing Name of Child and Date of Birth to Ronan at (086-8289296) or ronangately@hotmail.com.



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SUNDAY MAY 18TH 2014

Further info. from the Pilgrimage Office, The Red House, Clonliffe Rd. 01 8376820



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 Link contact: Ann 087 6728761 or Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Times:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9.30am. - 12.30pm.

Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

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Parish of St.Columba

4th May, 2014

On the journey to Emmaus with our hearts cold as stone,
The one who would save us had left us alone.
Then a stranger walks with us, and to our surprise,
He opens our stories and he opens our eyes.

And our hearts burned within us as we talked on the way,
How all that was promised was ours on that day;
So we begged him, "stay with us and grant us your word."
We welcomed the stranger and we welcomed the Lord.
And that evening at table as he blessed and broke bread,
We saw it was Jesus arisen from the dead;
Though he vanished before us we knew he was near-
The life in our dying and the hope in our fear.

On our journey to Emmaus,
in our stories and feast,
With Jesus we claim that
the greatest is least;
and his words burn within
us - let none be ignored-
Who welcomes the
stranger welcomes the
lord.



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.

'Almost 40 years ago, at another time of great change in the Church, the Diocesan Development Fund **Share** was launched to address the needs of that time. Share enabled Churches to be built in newly developing areas and these Churches became true focal points of community and have remained so until our times.

Today we are called to share resources not just with new parishes or parishes with financial difficulties. The Diocesan Offices provide services to support parishes in such areas as child-safeguarding, human resources, education and schools and financial administration, as well as training priests and lay men and women to become agents of evangelisation in today's society. The Diocesan Development Fund provides the financial support for all these services, thus enabling parishes to reach out to the coming generations, leading them to know Jesus Christ and what Jesus Christ can mean to them in their lives.'

From the letter of :

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin for the Share Aware Weekend 3 / 4 May 2014

The Share collection is taken every week.

Our parish contributed €21,479 for the year ended June 2013. Fr. Paddy



"Tempus fugit"....It's that time of year again.....

Family Fun Day time.

Date for your diary....

Sunday, 8th June -

Family Fun Day - ta-dah!!

It will be a weekend for the community at large.

IDRA annual clean-up will take place on Saturday, 7th June.

So, calling all volunteers. Anyone who can bake a cake, make a salad, help out on stalls on the day itself or deliver Flyers, please contact: John O'Connor at 087 299 9244 or drop an email to ionafunday@gmail.com



**Fundraising
Coffee Morning at**

Gerry and Mary Bolger's
14 Iona Villas,

**Saturday
10th. May @
11.00am to 2.00pm**

Cian (Our grandson is going to Ghana on Missionary work with his school.

All Welcome

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 7-12 September. There is a Special Section for the Sick and a sick person from the parish, at home, in hospital or in a nursing home, might consider making an application for consideration by the Pilgrimage Medical Board. For further information contact the Parish Office.

Parish Mass Times and Intentions

Sat. 3rd May	6.00pm	John Looney (A) May & Stephen Dowling (A)
Sun. 4th May	11.00am	Donal O'Conchuir (A)
Mon. 5th May	9.30am Mass in St. Alphonsus Monastery	
Tue. 6th May	9.30am	
Wed. 7th May	9.30am	
Thurs. 8th May	9.30am	Patricia White & The deceased members of the White family
Fri 9th May	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 at 9.30am. Baptisms. For all baptisms please contact Sr. Bridget through the Parish Office @ 830 8257 or call into the Sacristy. Monday, 5 May is a Public Holiday. The 9.30 Mass on that morning will take place in St Alphonsus Monastery.		

Parish Contributions for week commencing 27th April, was **€669.38 Thank You.**

Next Sunday is **VOCATIONS SUNDAY 10th / 11th May.**

An opportunity for us all to reflect on our Baptismal calling to live a life of grace and holiness and an opportunity to pray for and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life

A Special Collection to **SUPPORT** our **STUDENTS** for the **PRIESTHOOD** replaces the usual Share Collection

YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Mystery Tour has been cancelled as only 19 members were interested.

Friday 9th May: Committee meeting at 10 a.m. in the room at back of Sacristy.

Monday 12th May: Monthly meeting in Annex at 10.15 a.m.

The monthly meeting of **Neighbourhood Watch** will take place on next Tuesday 6th May in The Maples hotel, Iona Road at 8 p.m. As usual members of our local Gardai will attend and deliver an account of crime and related matters which occurred in the area during the past month.

Neighbourhood watch wishes to register sincere thanks to Croke Park Community fund for a Grant recently received following great perseverance by one loyal attendee of Neighbourhood Watch. The Grant was put to excellent use in providing personal alarms for eight of our more mature local residents. '