

### MASS TIMES in St. Columba's Church

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm: St. Columba's Church  
Sunday Morning 11.00am: St. Columba's Church  
Daily Mass 9.30am Monday to Friday St. Columba's Church  
Also Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel  
Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus  
Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm. Saturday and Sunday morning @ 9.30 am.

### The following are the Mass Intentions for the coming week



Sat.	11th	6.00pm	Desmond Clarke (A) Annie Walker (A) Paddy Kearney (A)
Sun.	12th	11.00am	Peggy Hyland (Month's Mind)
Tue.	14th	9.30am	Joe White (Rec Dec) Patricia White (A)
Thur.	16th	9.30am	Robert Gallagher (A)
Fri.	17th	9.30am	Prendergast Family (A)
Sat.	18th	6.00pm	Mary & Martina Doyle (A) Kathleen O'Neill (A)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to **€701.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders

### St Francis Hospice Public Lectures in celebration of our 30 Year Anniversary

SFH Raheny Lecture: "**Creating a Hospice - How St Francis Hospice started and how it is growing**" - Wednesday 15th May @ 7.30pm in SFH Raheny

SFH Blanchardstown Lecture: "**Future proof - Developing St Francis Hospice Blanchardstown and looking forward**" Monday 20th May @ 7.30pm in SFH Blanchardstown

Lectures will be presented by Dr Regina McQuillan,  
Medical Director of St Francis Hospice.

RSVP - Email: [publiclecture@sfh.ie](mailto:publiclecture@sfh.ie) or call 018327535 (Raheny) / 018294000 (Blanchardstown) with your name, which lecture and numbers attending



### LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

If you have internet access, you will find the live stream through our parish website: [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)



Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to [info@ionaroadparish.ie](mailto:info@ionaroadparish.ie)

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.**  
Ph: 8308257 or email [saintcolumba@eircom.net](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

# PARISH



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## I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD; I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME

**This weekend of 11 and 12 May, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday.**

This Sunday will continue to be an irreplaceable occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and on prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This is an urgent call for the future of our diocese.

There will no longer be special collection today as it is - with the smaller number of seminarians - the funds collected over the past years are now sufficient for the near future.

In his message for the World day of Prayer for Vocations Pope Francis says that there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! He encourages us, especially the young, not to be deaf to the Lord's call. 'If he calls you to follow his path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyses us before the great heights to which the Lord points us.

**Next weekend, 18/19 May, we will for the first time hold a new collection which will be called the Ministry Sunday Collection.** This new annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities.

The Ministry Sunday Collection is about ensuring that we will have the people we need - men and women who will be to the fore in making our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future. While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise. The new collection is one-step in that process.

### 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.*



## CONGRATULATIONS to all the children in the parish who made their FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS this weekend

A Little Lifetime Foundation (ALLF) will hold a Blessing of Remembrance in Glasnevin Cemetery at the Old Angels Memory Garden on Sunday 26 May at 3.00pm.

This special Blessing of Remembrance is for all parents, family members and friends who lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or died shortly after birth. This invitation is for all families who have lost a baby - we hope you will find some comfort in coming together to remember your baby in a special way.

**Public Rosary at  
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto  
St. Columba's Church, Iona Road**  
To celebrate May, the month of Mary, a public rosary will be recited at 7.30pm on Monday 13 May 2019 in front of Our Lady's Grotto in the Church grounds. All are invited to come along. Please bring roses to decorate the front railing, and join in the singing between the decades. All children, particularly those who recently made their First Holy Communion and their Confirmation are most welcome.  
**Hope you can join us!**

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE** Sunday 12th May 9 am to 3 pm at Dominican College, Griffith Avenue. Excellent quality nursery plants. Music and Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** for All Ireland Rosary Rally Saturday June 1st 2019  
Coach €20 return. For more info phone Kay @ 087 663 4978

### Free Events at Drumcondra Library

Rebel Irishwomen  
Tuesday  
14/05/19 6.30pm

Saving Drumcondra's Trees  
Thursday 23/05/19 6.30pm

Trekking the Camino  
Thursday 30/05/19 6.30pm

Admission is free for all events and booking is essential. Email:  
[drumcondralibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:drumcondralibrary@dublincity.ie)  
Tel: 01 8377206 Twitter: @dubcilib

Meditation  
Date: Wednesday 15th May  
Venue: St Alphonsus' Monastery  
Time: 7.30-8.15pm  
A time of quiet prayer  
All welcome.

### Pilgrimage to Holy Cross

On Sunday 26th May. Tony Malone  
is going to Holy Cross Abbey  
for 3:00 pm Mass.  
Phone Tony at 087-9526337



**JUNE BY THE TOLKA**—Music and Song on Friday Evenings  
Venue: Margaret Aylward Centre. 7<sup>th</sup> Hilke Billerbeck Hambourg, 14<sup>th</sup> Claire Watts Co. Clare, 21<sup>st</sup> Clara Butelar Argentina. Join us for a pleasant evening of music & song on the banks of the Tolka. A wonderful way to end the working week, and begin the weekend. Tickets: €12  
Booking essential | Family friendly and accessible.  
Details from Tel 017979364 or email [info@macfd.ie](mailto:info@macfd.ie)

## Dates for your Diary ...

**Plant Sale Saturday June 8th** at St. Columba's school 10am - 12pm



### Area Clean-up Saturday June 8th

Bags gloves etc can be picked up at the Plant Sale in the school. If you live beside any elderly resident giving help to them would be greatly appreciated



### IONA Family Fun Day Sunday 9th June 1.30pm to 5.30pm

Come along and have a great day with your neighbours and friends. The success of this marvellous community event depends on the willingness of people to give up their time and energy on the day. If you think you can spare an hour or two on the day please text your details to **John O'Connor @ 087 299 9244** or email: [ionafunday@gmail.com](mailto:ionafunday@gmail.com)

You can also contact this number if you can bake a cake, make a salad or provide a prize for the Raffle. Volunteers need no special skills or talent - just a willingness to get stuck in! So go on, get in touch.



### "May Mindfulness" with Anne O'Reilly.

An opportunity to be present in a mindful way indoors and outdoors in our beautiful gardens. Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue  
Tel: 01 7979364 Mob: 0876649862 [www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie](http://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie)

## IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP



Monday afternoon - Bridge for all grades  
Tuesday 2.15 - 3.30 Exercise programme continues for all interested  
Wednesday morn - Knit & Knatter Special welcome to new knitters  
Wednesday 2 to 4.30 - cards & Bingo a cuppa and chat  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - We had our monthly meeting, thanks to Marjorie for all her work  
Mystery Tour is on 30th May next Sunday 18th May is final day for tickets from Betty. Cost €25 members /non-members €35. Leave at 10am Return 6.30 approx

### Beginning Experience - Men & Women

Separated, Divorced, Widowed – Are you coping?  
Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Residential Programme will be held on 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May 2019  
at Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords Co. Dublin.  
Further information ph: 086 0877379 or email [bedubling@gmail.com](mailto:bedubling@gmail.com)