

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord



COFFEE MORNING

Sunday, 24th May 11.00 - 3.00

Venue: 108 Lr Drumcondra Road
(Marie Butler McNally
087 2263037)

All funds raised go directly to
Caring for Pdraig from Iona Road,
who suffered a severe brain injury
after being hit by a truck while
cycling to work in Cape Cod on his
J1 Visa in 2013.

Come join us for a cuppa
and some cake!

For more details regarding
Padraig's recovery log onto
www.CaringforPadraig.org and
www.hospi-tales.com

WAKE UP THE WORLD

2015 Year of Consecrated Life

The Parish Grouping of Glasnevin
Our Lady of Dolours, The Mother of
Divine Grace, St Columba's, Our
Lady of Victories and Corpus Christi
invite you to a celebration of Liturgy
and Hospitality in honour of all who
have consecrated their lives in the
service of God and his people
11 June @ 7.30 pm
The Mother of Divine Grace Parish
Ballygall Road East, Dublin 11

FAMILY FUN DAY NEEDS YOU
*on Sunday 7th June—Volunteers
needed - can you spare an hour or
two on the day to join in and make
this year the best Fun Day EVER*
Contact John @ 087 299 9244 or
email: ionafunday@gmail.com

An older adults walking group will begin on Wednesday 20th May departing from the Millmount Health centre to Griffith Park. The walking group is open to all levels of ability and everyone taking part is encouraged to take the walk at their own pace. Come and join us at the Millmount Health Centre at 11:00 am. This walking group is facilitated by the Millmount Community Physiotherapists Catherine Devaney and Avril McTague. For more information, please call 01 8865306 or 01 8840920.



Community fun day has been rescheduled to Sun 17th May
There will be lots of free events all along the canal bank at
Shandon up as far as Mount Bernard Park.
All welcome and feel free to bring a picnic.

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to 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 Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Phone: 01 8308257 or email: 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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write on the subject of marriage and the family in the light of the upcoming referendum. I have asked parishes to make available in Churches some material to aid your reflection.

Marriage is linked with the family where mothers and fathers bring different, yet complementary gifts and strengths into a child's life. Marriage is not simply about a wedding ceremony or about two people being in love with each other.

I ask you to reflect on why humans exist as male and female? It is not an accident or a social construct. There is a unique complementarity between men and women, male and female, rooted in the very nature of our humanity. I believe that this complementarity belongs to the fundamental definition of marriage. The vast majority of States in Europe and worldwide interpret marriage in that sense.

I encourage you to consider very carefully the profound implications which the constitutional amendment on marriage would have on the family and on our understanding of parenthood.

Some say that the change will not affect those who do not agree with it and will not affect marriages which take place in Church. No politician can promise that, since it will be exclusively up to the courts to interpret the changed Constitution.

In the debates around same sex marriage in Argentina, Pope Francis was very clear that he was against same sex marriage yet he was consistent in telling people not to make judgements on any individual. I know that the severity with which the Irish Church treated gay and lesbian people in the past – and in some cases still today – makes it difficult for some to understand the Church's position.

The change is not simply about extending marriage rights to others; it is not just a debate about religious views; it is a fundamental change in the philosophy which underpins cohesion in society and thus affects and concerns every citizen. I remind all of you of your civic responsibility to vote. I urge you before voting to remember that marriage really matters and to reflect carefully and be informed before changing its definition.

With prayerful good wishes,

Yours very sincerely in the Lord



- Diarmuid Martin
- Archbishop of Dublin

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

For week beginning 17th May 215

Sat 16th 6.00pm John Molloy (Recently Deceased)
 Catherine O'Shea (Months Mind) Maura & Tom Dunne (Anv)
 Elizabeth & John Frayne (Anv) Denis, Mary & Fr Eoin O'Leary (Anv)
 Sun. 17th 11.00am John Prendergast (Anv)
 Mon 18th 9.30am -
 Tue 19th 9.30am -
 Wed 20th 9.30am -
 Thur 21th 9.30am -
 Fri 22th 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 @ 9.30 a.m.

For all baptisms please contact the Parish Office @ 01 830 8257



Parish Contributions for the week commencing May 10th 2015 amounted to €973.00 Many Thanks.

Copies of the 9th weekly Meaning of Marriage Newsletter, produced by the Catholic Communications Office of the Irish Bishops' Conference, are available at the back of the church. Parishioners may also wish to know of the new website www.meaningofmarriage.ie, and related Twitter feed @marriagesmatter as well as the new Facebook page – the content of which is being managed by the Catholic Communications Office. The newsletter is also available to download on the Diocesan Website: www.dublindiocese.ie

We say a special prayer for all the boys and girls of St Columba's, St Vincent's and Lindsay Road schools who are receiving

The Coptic Christian Community have rented the chapel in the old Monastery of St. Alphonsus and are celebrating Sunday liturgy there.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

A wonderful mystery tour last Thursday took place to Rice House (the birthplace of Edmund Ignatius Rice) the founder of the Irish Christian brothers. We had a video of his life, a visit to the chapel and a tour of the old house which had a thatched roof. Lunch and afternoon tea were taken in the River Court Hotel
Tues 26th May: Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway. Active Retirement Ireland trade and tourism show admission free., Antiques roadshow for small Items. Fashion Event and cookery demo. Trains from Heuston at 7.35 , 9.25 and 11.25 Make your own travel arrangements

Thurs 4th June: Monthly meeting at 10.15 a.m. in the Annex

Tues 9th June: Social gathering in the Annex at 10.15 a.m.