JANUARY 2014 Orlagh Retreat House Wednesday, Jan 8

A BREATHING SPACE - a peaceful morning in tranquil surroundings for those who need a break in a busy life.

Guided reflections will be led by: **Bernadette Toal and John Byrne**10.00am-1.00pm (with optional lunch at 1.00pm)
€15 (without lunch), €25 (with lunch)

Saturday, Jan 11

You Are My Child, the Beloved"...Who? Me?!

This event is designed for those who would like to take a day out for reflection, prayer and rest in the peaceful setting of Orlagh grounds and centre. It gives us a chance to renew our relationship with God, as beloved.

10.00am-4.30pm (with option of Mass at 4.30)

€50 Bernadette Toal and John Byrne OSA

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Get into the shape for the New Year classes starting on the 6th of January Tuesday's 7pm-8.30pm Yoga / Pilates fusion Wednesday's 7pm-8.30pm Yoga / Pilates fusion All classes beginner level &

€5 pay as you go.

St. Francis Xavier's Hall 65 Lr. Dorset St. For more information call/text Terry <u>087-9872359</u>



Na Fianna GAA Club on Mobhi Rd. invite all our neighbours to the

Annual mass of Remembrance for all deceased members and friends on this Sunday 12th January 2014 at 4.00pm in the Club House.



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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And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was...

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.

Fr. Jim will say goodbye at all Masses next weekend.

All parishioners are invited to take part in the following:

Reflecting Silence.

Sunday 12th January 4.30pm St. Alphonsus Monastery Evening Prayer sung by the sisters of St Alphonsus with Nóirin Ni Rian (from Glenstall Abbey). Preacher: Fr. Joe Merkt

Reflecting Service

Mon 13th. 7.30pm Reflection and music with Rathmines Folk Group. 8.30pm Auction of Shoes in aid of Fr. Peter McVerry and Mepkin Abbey, in the School.

De-Clutter Weekend

Before I leave I hope to de-clutter on **11/12th January.** Maybe you could bring some of your unused Christmas presents? The children from 6th class will sell them in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul.

Tuesday 14th January

Fr. Paddy Jones begins as Administrator of Iona Road & Fr. Jim goes to Artane.

Library

I will be leaving behind my books in theology/Spirituality – also books from St. Paul's. They might be a basis for a parish library in the future.

Fr. Jim

Groups

All groups using 87 Iona Road should contact Sheila in the Parish Office to arrange for accommodation for their meetings in the Annex going forward.

Anyone with a key to no 87 Iona Road please return to Fr. Jim.



Mystery Pilgrimage

Fr. Jim Caffrey will lead a parish pilgrimage to a monastic site on Tuesday 14th January. To add to the excitement the place of pilgrimage is a mystery. Tickets @ €50 each (including coach, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, tips) will be available at the back of the church after the Masses on 4th and 5th January.

Iona Active Retirement

Monday 13th January: Monthly meeting at 10.15 a.m. in the Annex.

Parish Mass Times and Intentions

Sat. 4th Jan. 6.00pm Rodger Lynam months mind.

Edward Gallagher [III], David Whyte.

Sun. 5th Jan. 11.00am Joan Boardman [3rd A]

Mon. 6th Jan. 9.30am Thomas Doyle

Tue. 7th Jan. 9.30am Pauline & Hughie Tait. Rosemarie Gogarty [A] Wed. 8th Jan. 9.30am

Thurs. 9th Jan. 9.30am Fri 10th Jan. 9.30am Sat. 11th Jan. 9.30am

Sunday morning mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery (Finglas Rd)

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

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus:

Monday to Friday @ 5.45 p.m. : **Saturday** morning @ 9.30 a.m. and **Sunday** morning @ 9.30am.

Parish Contributions for weeks commencing: 22nd and 29th Dec 2013 €2997.40. Many Thanks

Lectio Divina will be held each morning in the church beginning Monday 6th January at 9.10am. Holy Hour will be on Friday the 10th January 2014

On 24th May the Redemptorist Associates are having a pilgrimage "In the footsteps of St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard".

It will be based in Sorrento. The programme includes visits to Naples, Marianella, Scala, Amalfi, Ciorsan, Pagani, Materdomini and Muro Lucano.

Book with Joe Walsh Tours.

Clareville Centre closed for the holidays on Friday 20th with the Choir singing a selection of carols old and new. It was a wonderful occasion. The singers were accompanied by Jessica who trains the Choir and "The Invincibles". The conductor was Mick Brophy.



Wishing everyone a very
Happy and Peaceful 2014