

A Concert of Sacred Vocal Music for Lent and Easter

St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Wednesday, 16th April at 8.00pm

Performers - The Dublin Airport Singers

Directed by Professor Paul Deegan

Soloist - Mary O'Flaherty

Piano - Helen Walsh

String Quartet - Merrion Ensemble

Tickets €15.00

from St Peter's Parish Office & Repository

In aid of the restoration of the Organ in St Peter's

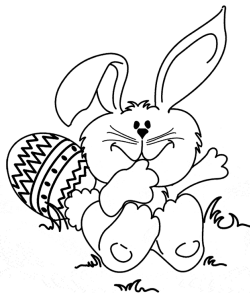


The annual collection in aid of **St. Vincent DePaul Sunshine House** will be held after all Masses next weekend **12th & 13th April**. The Sunshine Fund has been operating its holiday centre for children on a voluntary basis for 70 years. All proceeds go to support the holiday programme for boys and girls 7 - 11 years who are nominated by the network of SVP Conferences spread across Greater Dublin. Your support will be much appreciated.

GOOD LUCK TO THE
BOYS AND GIRLS
WHO ARE MAKING
THEIR
CONFIRMATION
THIS WEEK.

*Iona Localise are holding
an Easter Egg Hunt
after 11am Mass on Easter
Sunday
for all the children.*

Watch out for the Bunnies.



Experienced Babysitter available evenings and weekends, fully qualified
First Aid teacher, can provide references if required.
Please contact Emily on 0879196745/01 8308791.

parishlink@gmail.com

Items for the Parish Link should be marked 'Parish Link' and dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, or emailed to above address,

Items should be posted by 5.00pm on the Thursday of the week of publication.

A Contact name and telephone number is required for each item.

Parish Link Contacts: Trish 8302851/Ann 8309983

Parish Office Opening Times and contact:
Wednesday Thursday and Friday 09.30a.m. - 12.30pm
Ph. 8308257 or email: saintcolumba@eircom.net

PARISH LINK

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Prayer Card 6 - Reconciliation

Unbind him and let him go free (John 11:44)



A Thought

I think when the Prodigal son returned home, his father didn't say: 'But you, listen, sit down.

'What did you do with the money?'

No he held a party.

Then, maybe, when the son wanted to talk, he talked.

(Pope Francis)

Action

Do a stretching exercise every day and feel the freedom of movement or throw a stone into the river or the sea and watch the ripples of freedom as the water scatters.

Daily Prayer

The truth will set you free

PASSOVER MEAL

will be held on Tuesday 15th April at 7.30pm sharp.

The tickets are on sale after Mass this weekend costing €20.

NB In order to gauge numbers for catering please buy or reserve your tickets this weekend.

ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN
THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU CONFESSIONS FOR LENT
A Message from Archbishop Martin

When asked by an interviewer who he considered himself to be, Pope Francis surprised many by responding that the best description of himself was: "I am a sinner".

Lent is the season of conversion and return to God. It is a time also in which we can rediscover the joy of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Earlier this year Pope Francis set out a challenge for us all:

"I would like to ask you — but don't say it aloud, everyone respond in his or her own heart: when was the last time you made your confession? Two days, two weeks, two years, twenty years, forty years? And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Be courageous and go to Confession! Jesus will receive you; he will receive you with so much love".

As Lent comes to a conclusion I have asked a number of Centre City Churches (listed below) in Dublin to provide Confessions continually on the two

Final Saturdays of Lent 12th and 19th April, all day from 09.30 until 18.00

There will be a number of confessors available throughout the day so that ample time will be available for a conversation about your life.

The Light over the confessional is still on for you and I ask you to make the most of this special occasion of grace.

Other parishes may wish to associate themselves with this initiative in their own way. Resources, posters and leaflets are available from the Office of Evangelisation.

+Diarmuid Martin,
 Archbishop of Dublin

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| • Saint Mary's, Pro-Cathedral | Saint Saviours, Dominick Street |
| • Saint Andrew's, Westland Row | Saint Francis Xavier, Gardiner Street |
| • Saint Teresa's, Clarendon Street | Our Lady Queen of Peace, Merrion Rd. |
| • Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Bachelors Walk | Saint Joseph's, Berkely Road |
| • Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Whitefriar | St. Our Lady Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines |
| • Saint John's Priory, Johns Lane | Saint Mary's, Haddington Road |

Palm Sunday

The blessing of palms takes place at the Saturday evening Mass at 6 o'clock. This year the parish will supply the branches which can be taken at the end of the Mass and also on Sunday at 11.00 Mass.

Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him, and those who followed were all shouting:

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

Mt 21:8-9

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions for this Week

Sat. 5th 6.00pm Alice Sherry, May O'Doherty,
 May & Stephen Dowling

Sun 6th 11.00am Liam Davis

Mon 7th - Fri 11th 9.30am

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

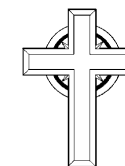
Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Iona Road :

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.



RECONCILIATION SERVICES will be held at 5.30pm on Saturday 12th April and at 10.30am on Sunday 13th April as an end to our Seven Step Journey of Reconciliation. See Prayer Card on the Front of the Link.

Unbind him and let him go free

Parish Contributions for the week commencing March 30th = €1147.60
 Many Thanks

Parish Book Centre—Confirmation cards, medals, and gifts
 available in the book centre this week-end.
 Open before & after mass Friday, Saturday & Sunday.
 Call in today and have a look around.



Iona Active Retirement

Sunday 6th April: Abbey Hotel, Donegal town.
 Friday 11th April: Committee meeting in room at back of sacristy
 @ 10.00 a.m.
 Monday 14th April: Monthly meeting in Annex @ 10.15 a.m.

"St. Columba's Care is a local voluntary housing association, founded in 1981, to provide accommodation to elderly people in the locality. We currently have a vacant single apartment for rent in our Iona Road premises, to a person capable of independent living. Enquiries to Ethna @ 8305239"