



Outing to St. Mels Cathedral in Longford on Sat. 26th Sept. 2015

Our Lady of Dolours Parish Pastoral Council has arranged an **outing to St. Mels Cathedral in Longford on Sat. 26th Sept. 2015**. We will be collected by coach at 9.30am at the Church car park and dropped back again at approx 8.30pm. The itinerary includes a stop for tea/coffee and scones in Mullingar, a **visit to the Franciscan Friary in Multyfarnham**. In the afternoon we visit St. Mels where we will have a guided tour of the Cathedral before heading back to The Greville Arms Hotel in Mullingar for a **4 course evening meal. (Numbers limited to 50 spaces)**. Cost of the tour is **€50 and early booking is advisable**. Contact Marion at 087 3379001 between 9 -1p.m.

Hairdresser available to come into your home in the Drumcondra and surrounding areas.
Phone Agi @ 085 113 5336



Experienced 21 year old babysitter available. Keen rates. Reference on request. Contact Caroline @ 0857487780 or carmcm@gmail.com



Note from Fr. Jim..... *With my departure for Mepkin imminent, I will celebrate Mass before I go on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30 in St. Alphonsus Monastery. All my friends in Iona are most welcome.*



WORLD YOUTH DAY

KRAKOW, POLAND - 2016
PILGRIMAGES



Will take place in Krakow, Poland in July 2016. The Archdiocese of Dublin will lead a pilgrimage of young

people from many parts of the diocese. As well as young adults 18+, the pilgrimage will include a youth section aged 16-18 year olds. Young parishioners who are interested in being part of World Youth Day, its program of preparation, beginning in September, and the celebrations in Krakow, should speak with Fr



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: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.
Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

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NOTHING THAT ENTERS
ONE FROM OUTSIDE
CAN DEFILE THAT PERSON;
BUT THE THINGS THAT
COME OUT FROM WITHIN
ARE WHAT DEFILE.

MARK 7:15

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Invitation to join with Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew in a World Day of Prayer for all Creation on Tuesday, 1st Sept.

On Tuesday, 1st Sept., an Ecumenical Service will be held in Holy Cross College at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday evening's ceremony will include readings and reflections on Laudato Si, with music, chosen by Fr. Pat O'Donoghue, from seasons, with Ellen Denise Kelly, for Creation and the Harvest



The **Iona Church** honoured by being arrange the flowers.

Vivaldi's Four Cranitch and Psalms of Praise Thanksgiving as approaches. **Flower Society** is requested to

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.



I sometimes try to make three points on Sundays and once made it five questions and answers. Kindly allow four points as we begin again our weekly Parish Link.

The schools re-opening means that the summer is over! Every good wish to all our boys and girls returning to class and a special good wish to those who are beginning school and those who are going to a new school.

September sees many of our parish activities back to full working order.

Our choir and folk are back though we were able to maintain some music at Mass. Committees begin to meet again. It's time to plan ahead, to assess what needs to be done and to encourage more to be involved.

Fr John tells us that he got a great report from hospital after been unwell at Mass in mid-August. His gentle and generous involvement in the parish is much appreciated. There has been a very generous response to the diocesan initiative Living the Joy of the Gospel. August saw the completion of the first stage of the campaign and then the invitation to all to participate. That participation is a decision for each parishioner to make and it includes taking part or not and if taking part, to decide on the donation or pledge, when it begins and the method best suited to each person or family. Please take the pledge form at the table in the church, a return envelope and, fill out the details, returning the form to the safe at the back of the church or to the Parish Office or send it through the post. We would like to make the final statement about the initiative next weekend.

Fr Paddy



Sr. Margaret Davis, who is a Daughter of Jesus and Mary at 65 Iona Road, has been on the staff of St. Vincent's School for the past twenty years. During this time she has, with co-operation from the

teachers, prepared the children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. She has now decided that the time has come for her to retire - however knowing her work ethic it will be retirement in name only. We thank Sr. Margaret for her dedication to the boys in St. Vincent's and wish her every happiness and good health in her retirement.

The monthly meeting of our local Neighbourhood Watch will take place on **Tuesday next Sept. 1st at 8 p.m. in the Maples Hotel, Iona Road.** As usual a member of An Garda will attend and deliver details of crime in the district during the month of August. All welcome.



Watch and Pray.... There will be a Holy Hour on Friday 4th of September after 9.30 Mass, from 10.00am to 11.00am.

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions For week beginning 29th August 2015

Sat. 29th	6.00pm	Helen Kiernan (A) Robert Conlon (Birthday remembrance)
Sun. 30th	11.00am	Dermot Flaherty (A)
Mon. 31st	9.30am	-
Tue. 1. Sept.	9.30am	-
Wed. 2nd	9.30am	-
Thur. 3rd	9.30am	-
Fri. 4th	9.30am	Altar list of the dead
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

The Holy Rosary Missionaries (Killeshandra Sisters) would like to thank the parishioners for welcoming them to the Parish and for the Church gate collection which amounted to €676.00.

There will be a Collection for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Fund this weekend.

The Redemptorists have organized a pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of St. Alphonsus" for 21 May 2016. Pilgrims will be based in Sorrento. Full details from Joe Walsh Pilgrimages. Early booking is advisable.



Meditation Group

The Meditation Group is a group who meet every two weeks for a period of short reflection. The Meditation Group will meet on Wednesday, 2nd Sept. in St. Alphonsus' Monastery @ 7.30 - 8.15pm. New people are most welcome.

Tomorrow's Parish: a vision and a path

By Donal Harrington
Book launch by Joe Duffy RTE
Thursday 10th Sept. @ 7 pm
In All Hallow College,
Grace Park Road.



IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The outing to Kildare last Thursday was inspiring. St. Brigid's Cathedral has the font where St. Laurence O'Toole was baptised and the foundations of the cell where St. Brigid kept the flame burning - it burned until the Reformation - was fascinating. A visit was also made to the new St. Brigid Centre which was opened by the Brigidine Sisters. Fish and chips in the "Silken Thomas" were enjoyed by all.



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