



Our Lady of Dolours Parish Pastoral Council has arranged an outing to **St. Mels Cathedral in Longford on Sat. 26th Sept. 2015**. Cost of the tour is **€50 and early booking is advisable**. Full detail from Marion at 087 3379001 between 9 -1p.m.

Returning to work? Need to Up-Skill? Places still available on Office/Health Administration courses, Whitehall College, Mobhi Road, Dublin 9. Contact Catherine or Barbara on (01) 8376011 for interview.



Mercy Centre is run by the Sisters of Mercy and a Core Group. Our aim is the 'full flowering of the person' (de Mello) as Jesus came that we may have life and have it to the full.' We do this by offering programmes that encourage the personal and spiritual development of each individual. Contact the following for the full programme for Autumn 2015 **Mercy Centre, St. Brendan's Drive, Coolock Tel 01 8487259 or email mercycoolock@eircom.net**



*This is the day
the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it
and be glad.*
Psalm 118:24

The **Migraine Association of Ireland** is holding an all day event on **Saturday, 12th of Sept. in the Regency Hotel Drumcondra**. This event is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. There is no fee for the event and light refreshments and lunch will be provided, also free of charge.

The Redemptorists have organized a pilgrimage **"In the Footsteps of St. Alphonsus"** for 21st May 2016. Pilgrims will be based in Sorreto.

On a pilgrimage ...



Full details from Joe Walsh Pilgrimages. Early booking is advisable.



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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*The day will come when,
The blind will say I see.
The deaf will say I hear.
The lame will say I walk,
The sick will say I am healed.
The poor will say I am rich.
The dead will say I live.
God said it. I read it. I believe it.*



Sr. Bridget has decided to retire! Yes, it's true. Her decision comes after twenty five years of pastoral service here in our parish of St Columba's. Hers is no ordinary service; she is known in every nook and cranny of the parish, by young and old - you didn't say 'no' to Sr. Bridget and in fact, you couldn't and wouldn't! Despite ill health in recent times, Sr. Bridget has always been ready to help. Through all the changing times, she has played a vital and constant part in our parish. So while October 16th marks a moment of retirement, Sr. Bridget will still be in the parish; still with her friends and parishioners.



Thank you, Sr. Bridget, - a true legend!

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.

Living the Joy of the Gospel

Building Our Community of Faith

Over the summer months we rolled out Living the Joy of the Gospel in our parish and it has been a great success. Thanks to your generosity and I'm delighted to share that our total raised to date is close to **€240,000**. A wonderful achievement!

The funds raised will help us to achieve the three elements of our plans:

1. Upgrading and maintaining facilities of St. Columba Church including:
 - Assessing the sanctuary and Altar area from a safety and spacing aspect.
 - Updating and refurbishing the shrine areas and entrance of the Church.
 - Explore options to include wheelchair accessible toilet facilities.
2. Support trained Lay Ministry - specifically the Parish Pastoral Worker programme.
3. Support for clergy in active Ministry and promoting Vocations.

Your Participation

If you have not already done so, I invite you to please consider contributing to this vital initiative. Our hope is that parishioners will consider what they can as every pledge counts and all gifts will bring us closer to our goal. The decision to support is a voluntary and personal one that will be decided between you and your family.

A **reminder** that forms can be picked up after Mass at the back of the Church today and returned next weekend to the Parish Office or directly through the post by using one of the return envelopes provided.

Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of Living the Joy of the Gospel in our parish community in Iona Road. With the blessing of God, working together, we can look forward to achieving our aims.

With blessings, Fr Paddy

Archdiocese
of Dublin

It is not always possible to publish notices from the Dublin Diocese but the following is the website which is updated daily with all kinds of interesting and informative events, notices and courses from around the parishes both city and country wide:

Full listing of notices available at www.dublindiocese.ie/category/notice-board

Pathways Exploring Faith and Ministry. This two-year course runs from Sept. to May each year. It is held on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm in Clonliffe College.

Entry requirements: 1. Willingness to listen 2. Openness to participation

3. A desire to explore Faith
4. An interest in new ideas and approaches to Ministry.

No academic qualifications necessary, No required written work during the course.

Brochure available at the back of the Church

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.*



Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

For week beginning 5th September 2015

Sat.	5th - 6.00pm	Patricia Gilligan (A) Maureen & John Ryan (A) Jimmy Bergin (A)
Sun.	6th - 11.00am	Denis Byrne (A)
Mon.	7th - 9.30am	-
Tue.	8th - 9.30am	Pat O'Donnell
Wed.	9th - 9.30am	Timothy & Mary Bowler (A)
Thur.	10th - 9.30am	Josephine O'Brien (A)
Fri.	11th - 9.30am	Maura McMahon (A) Sr. Marie Mercy (A)

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 weeks commencing June 28th. to week commencing August 23rd. inclusive were €5,568.17.

Week commencing 30th August was €835.91.
Many Thanks

The Collection for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Fund, last weekend was €752.18. All donors are associates of the Pilgrimage.



Donal Harrington's latest publication
'Tomorrow's Parish: a vision and a path' will be launched by Joe Duffy
RTE Thursday 10th Sept. @ 7 pm in All Hallows College, Grace Park Rd.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT Thursday 10th September: Meeting at 10.15 a.m. in the Annex. Subscription €10 (ten euro) now due for year 2015/16. The Committee has resigned and nominations are requested for all posts.



Nominations should be sent to The Secretary c/o Parish Office by Monday 7th September.

The Bingo and Cards groups return on Wednesday, Sept. 9th, at 2:15pm for 2:30pm, in the Annex. The Writers' Group returns on Friday, Sept. 18th, at 10:15am to 12:00 in the Annex.

New Writers Are Most Welcome.

Error in last week's Link:
Sr. Margaret Davis, retiring from St. Vincent's School, is a Daughter of Mary and Joseph and not Daughter of Jesus and Mary. Sorry!



Iona Bible Group is resuming on Tuesday, September 8th at 10:15 am. in the Annex. We hope that this new time after morning Mass will suit more people. We meet for 1 hour 15 minutes with tea interval.

