



St. Columba's Parish would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our visitors this summer.

If you are *"UP FOR THE MATCH"* in Croke Park we hope you have a great day and enjoy the games.

St. Columba

Patron of our parish and secondary patron of Ireland. Abbot and Missionary. Columba is noted for his great love for people and for all living creatures. He died 9th June, 597.

"I have but one weapon, his love. I love and lo, I conquer."

Exploring the Extraordinary with Dublin Zoo

Monday 7th July 11.30am

Drumcondra Library will host a workshop on wildlife conservation on Monday 7th July at 11.30am with Jim MacMonagle of Dublin Zoo.

Admission is free. Booking is advised.

This event will take place in Drumcondra Library and is aimed at children ages 9-12 years.

Contact Drumcondra Library for details
Tel 01 8377206 Email:

Annual Matt Talbot Mass will take place on Sunday 6th July at 3.00pm in Christ the King Church Cabra, The Celebrant will be Bishop Eamonn Walsh. A very warm invitation is extended to all. For more information on the Venerable Matt Talbot visit:

www.matttalbot.ie

Croagh Patrick : Join them for Mass to celebrate Reek Sunday on the Summit on Sunday, July 27th from 8:00 a.m. . 2.00 p.m. (Confessions 7:30 a.m.-2.00 p.m.)



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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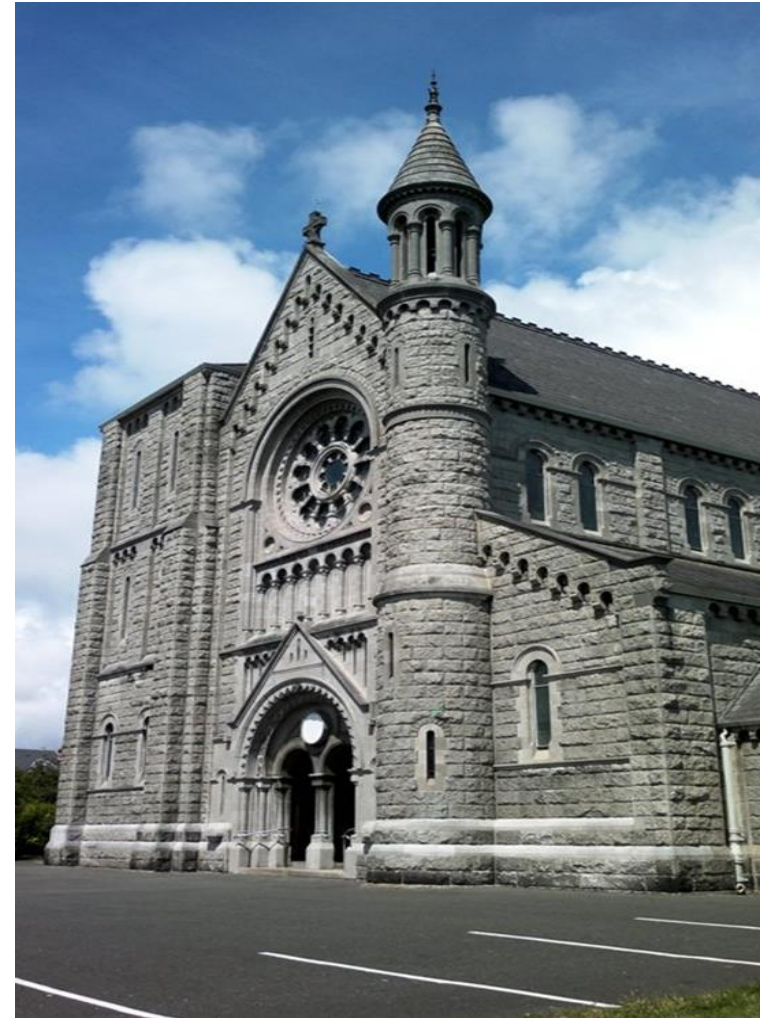


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Mission Statement

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.

A Note from Fr Paddy

Some weeks ago I mentioned that, while repairing slates on the roof of the church, damaged or blown off in the earlier storms, some other work that needs to be done was brought to our attention. An inspection and the initial repair work have been carried out under the supervision of the Properties division in the Finance Secretariat of the Diocesan Offices. Also, as mentioned previously, the inspection includes drains and gutters and more seriously, several areas of dampness damage in the interior of the church. When the report is available and before we reach a time for making some decisions, all of this will be placed before the parish and before the Parish Pastoral Council and our Finance Committee.

I have mentioned also some concerns about the sanctuary area of the church. Having worked most of my life in liturgy, it is not surprising that this particular aspect of our church building should command my attention! Lighting and sound need examination but, more seriously, are safety issues. Many of us find the marble floor and the several steps a little unnerving. We are seeking advice on this, a serious matter. Summer time is with us and, thank God, with many very fine days already. It offers a break for our music groups but that does not necessarily mean that we cannot have singing at our Masses. Every weekday we sing Alleluia and the Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. That Amen, often called the Great Amen, is our most important acclamation as it is our assent to the great prayer of thanksgiving, the Eucharistic Prayer. Incidentally we have been standing for the first part of the Prayer, that is, the Preface. This is the appropriate posture, as given in the Missal, as we name a particular reason to lift up our hearts and to give thanks to the Lord our God. Let the congregation at our Sunday Masses be our summer choir!

Enjoy the summer. Take care, especially on the roads and in water.

May it be a time of peace and refreshment.

Fr. Paddy

An Information Evening on **the Land of the Bible**, sometimes known as the Fifth Gospel, will be presented by Fr. Kieran O' Mahony OSA next Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm in the Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin. The evening will be of particular interest to parishioners from our pastoral area (ie: **Ballymun Road, Ballygall, Iona Road, Drumcondra, Glasnevin**) who are hoping to participate in the pilgrimage to the Holy Land 15th-23rd April next year, but **the evening is open to all.**

Congratulations to
**Michael Quinn & Elaine Boyle and
Samantha Memory & Mark Kearney**
two couples getting married in our
Church in
July.

Best of
luck to you
all on your
big day



Lourdes 2014 The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 7th to Friday 12th September. Geraldine, in the Lourdes Office (Phone 01 837 6820), will be able to give you more informa@on

Parish Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm: St. Columba's Church
Sunday Morning 11.00am: St. Columba's Church
Daily Mass 9.30am Monday to Friday St. Columba's Church

Also

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

Bap@sms: For all bap@sms please contact Sr. Bridget through
the Parish Office @ 830 8257

Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus

Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm.

Saturday morning @ 9.30 am. and Sunday morning at 9.30am

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place on the 13th July

Sr. Noreen from the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary will speak at Masses on the weekend of 19th and 20th July. A Church gate collection follows mass.



Saturday, 26 July is the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Prayer for Grandparents was composed by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in 2008 for the Catholic Grandparents Association.

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of
Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families,
for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their
families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals,
living treasures of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations
the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the
years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them
on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers,

grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. **Amen.**