

Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission?
 Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 16th January 2016 at 12.00 at
 VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7
 Tel. 01-8689986 info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com

Yoga / Pilates fusion classes starting on Monday the 11th of January.
 Monday's 7pm-8.30pm Yoga / Pilates Fusion
 Tuesday's 7pm-8.30pm. Yoga / Pilates Fusion
 Wednesday's 7pm-8.30pm Yoga / Pilates Fusion
 All classes €5 pay as you go.
 St. Francis Xavier's hall 65 lower Dorset street.
 For more information call/text Terry 087-9872359

Our Open Day is Thursday January 21st 2016, 2.00pm-6.30pm at Whitehall College of Further Education which is situated at Colaiste Caomhin, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin. Tel: 018376011. Email: info@whitehallcollegecfe.cdetb.ie



Aware Volunteering Opportunities

Aware, the national organisation providing support and information to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder, is now recruiting new volunteers to train on a number of services. Aware was this year awarded the Investing in Volunteering Standard in recognition of the level of training and support it provides for its 400 volunteers. See www.aware.ie for specific info and requirements for all volunteering opportunities including the Aware Support Line (phone); Support Mail (email); Support Groups (face-to-face), and Life Skills (Online) programmes. Minimum commitment is 18 months. Help Aware continue to be a supporting light through depression. www.aware.ie

Special Knitting Club starting soon -
 Tuesday morning 11.00am to 12.30pm
 Watch this space - more details later....



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. Phone contact is **Parish Office 01 8308257 or 087 6728761**



Parish Office Opening Times and contact: Monday to Friday 09.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.
 Ph. 8308257 or email: saintcolumba@eircom.net

PARISH LINK



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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.

2016

Best Wishes for 2016 and Many Thanks

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend marks the end of the season of Christmas. We move into Ordinary Time on Monday but only for four and a half weeks until Ash Wednesday on 10 February. Easter is early this year, on 27 March. But it is early days yet in the New Year and I take this opportunity of wishing each and every one a very **Happy New Year.**

The New Year is also special for me personally. After over ten weeks of recovering from a fractured shoulder I have returned to normal duties. While not fully back, those ten weeks were enormously helped by the support, patience and understanding that I received from so many in the parish. Things went on as usual, again thanks to many people. Thank you for the cards, the prayers and Masses, the phone calls and messages.

New Year means resolutions! May I suggest one that we might all try and do and it means building on what we have already achieved: to involve as many people as possible in the life of the parish, to look out for one another, to welcome everyone so that we are always what our Mission Statement says, 'a vibrant and welcoming community of faith.'



Fr Paddy Jones

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday – Sunday January 18th to 25th
Inaugural Service: St. Bartholomew's Church,
Clyde Road, Dublin 4 on
Sunday 18th January at 3.00pm.
Theme: The Well is Deep (John 4:1-42)

The Meditation Group

will meet on Wednesday
13th January 2016
Venue: St. Alphonsus' Monastery
Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm
New people are most welcome.

LITURGY COURSES AT THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR LITURGY SECOND SEMESTER

The **National Centre for Liturgy** begins its Second Semester Course in Pastoral Liturgy and Ministry on Monday, 1 February 2016.

The course welcomes anyone with an interest in **parish liturgy and ministry** and those who wish to learn more about the Church's worship. The topics covered in the Second Semester will have a strong emphasis on the Sacraments. Topics such as: *Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, Liturgy and Pastoral Care, Funerals, Liturgy and Culture, Catechetical Programmes (Do This in Memory and You Shall be My Witnesses), Ministry and Preparing for Liturgy* and many more.

Classes are conducted on **Mondays and Tuesdays, 10.00-12.00 and 2.00-4.00** and may be taken as a participant wishes, e.g., both days, Monday or Tuesday, or by choice from the timetable.

Second Semester Classes begin Monday, 1 February 2016

For further information contact:

Rev. Danny Murphy, Director
National Centre for Liturgy,
St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
Tel: 01-708 3478

email: liturgy@spcm.ie www.liturgy-ireland.ie



Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for week commencing Saturday

Sa. 9th 6.00pm Graham Fitzpatrick (A) Patrick Slattery (JA)
Su. 10th 11.00am Joan Boardman (A)
Mo. 11th 9.30am -
Tu. 12th 9.30am Jim and Alice O'Connor & Mai Hanrahan (A)
We. 13th 9.30am -
Th. 14th 9.30am Gerry McMahan (A)
Fr. 15th 9.30am -
Sa. 16th 6.00pm Una Quinn (A)
Su. 17th 11.00am William Scott (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



FAMILY OFFERING

We thank you for your contribution to the FAMILY OFFERING the parish collection, amounting to €923.00 last weekend and €1,676 the previous weekend. (This is the amount received in weekly envelopes; an average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order). **Many thanks.**

Iona Bible Reading Group

We resume on Tuesday, January 12th at 10:15am to 11:15am to read a chapter from the Old and New Testament in the Annex, rear of 87 Iona Road. We hope to increase membership of this prayerful sacramental in 2016, The Year of Mercy. Welcome. M. Chawke

Iona Active Retirement

Tuesday 12th January -
Committee meeting at 10 a.m. in room at back of Sacristy.
Thursday 14th January -
Monthly meeting at 10.15 a.m. in Annex.



Begin 2016 with an Introduction to Centering Prayer Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 9 2016

7.30 – 9.00 pm including tea/coffee | Cost: €50 (concession available)
Booking essential | Minimum number required for course: 12
For more information and details of more events contact the centre at:
Tel: 01 7979364 Mobile: 087 6649862

Email: mcfglasnevin@gmail.com
Holy Faith Sisters, Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin, D11
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