

### Calendar of Events for 2016 Dublin Community Games released.

See noticeboard at entrance to church or refer to Iona Community Games - Facebook for details of all the Events available. Please advise (Ronan Gately - details below) of which event(s) your child is interested in.

Dublin Finals for Table-tennis and Chess are scheduled for Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Mar and Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar respectively. These are both open to u 13s and u 16s Parents with children interested in taking part in either/ both of these contact Ronan Gately on 086-8289296 or [ronangately@hotmail.com](mailto:ronangately@hotmail.com) a.s.a.p. Further Events

15<sup>th</sup> Apr Draughts for u 10s, u 12s, u 14s and u 16s (we may get a local venue for this event, depending on no. of teams entered).

16<sup>th</sup> Apr (one wall) Handball (Na Fianna) is available for u 13s and u 16s

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Apr Basketball finals available to u 11s, u 13s and u 16s. in National Basketball Arena in Tallaght (will know exact night closer to April)

### Mindfulness Days for a Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Venue: Ruah Retreat Centre Time: 10.30 - 13.00 on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Bring a yoga mat and blanket. €25 per day. Tea & coffee inc. for Booking and queries Contact Kay Murphy on 085 1094553. [www.aframeofmind.org](http://www.aframeofmind.org)



### 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](http://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



Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to [info@ionaroadparish.ie](mailto:info@ionaroadparish.ie) Items for the **Parish Link** can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

# PARISH LINK

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## The Wedding Feast of Cana



### 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.

## Proclaiming the Word

**Helen Norton** will bring the best out of Liturgy readers by working on their use of voice as they proclaim God's word in the liturgy. This one off session will take place in Clonliffe College on **Thurs 4 Feb 8.00 – 9.30 p.m.** Booking is required – a contribution of €5 is invited.

## Catholic Schools Week 2016

Catholic Schools Week will take place from **Sunday 31 Jan to Saturday 6 Feb 2016** on the theme "Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy". Catholic Schools Week is an all-Ireland annual event which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education. Resources are available from the website of the Irish Bishop's Conference – ([www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie))

This year's inaugural service for **the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will take place at **8pm on Mon 18th January in St Paul's Church**, Arran Quay, Dublin 7. Leaders of around 14 different Christian traditions will be present, including our own Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. The homily this year is being given by the Very Reverend Dr Kenneth Newell OBE, former Moderator of the Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, Belfast, well-known for his commitment to peacemaking.

You are invited into an '**Oasis of Mercy**' for an evening of music, reflection, drama and prayer on **Monday 22 Feb 2016 at 8.00 p.m.** in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Drumcondra. Music will be led by the members of Dublin Diocesan Music Group. You can also view on webcam

## 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 Mon, 1<sup>st</sup> February. The topics 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, Do This in Memory and You Shall be My Witnesses*

For further information contact:  
Rev. Danny Murphy,  
St Patrick's College, Maynooth,  
Co. Kildare. Tel: 01-708 3478

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 **Sat 16th Jan 2016 12.00** at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Rd, Phibsboro, Dublin 7  
Tel 01-8689986  
[www.viatoreschristi.com](http://www.viatoreschristi.com)

## Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

### Mass intentions for week commencing Saturday 16th January 2016

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

Sat.	16th	6.00pm	Una Quinn (A) Fergus Scarlett (A)
Sun.	17th	11.00am	William Scott (A)
Mon.	18th	9.30am	-
Tue.	19th	9.30am	Heffernan Family & Patrick Nugent (A)
Wed.	20th	9.30am	-
Thur.	21st	9.30am	-
Fri.	22nd	11.00am	Teresa Leonard (A)
Sat.	23rd	6.00pm	Michael Chawke (A) Barry & Ita Stephens (A) Denis Boland (A)
Sun.	24th	11.00am	Bridget Kelly (A)

**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 €1041.19 last weekend. (This is the amount received in weekly envelopes; an average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order).

**Many thanks.**

**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.cdetsb.ie](mailto:info@whitehallcollegecfe.cdetsb.ie)

## Iona Active Retirement

**Monday 25th January:** Meet at 10.15 a.m. in the Maples Hotel for a chat and a cup of tea/coffee.

**Monday 29th February:** Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow: 3 nights bed, breakfast & Dinner €149 pps. Single room €15 per night. Make your own booking @ 059 913308. We are joining with the Ballingarry Group.

The Conference of St. Columba acknowledges, with deep gratitude, receipt of the sum of €689.59 (six hundred and eighty nine euro and fifty nine cents) which was collected in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus in December. Donors may rest assured that it will be spent on the poor of the parish—Paul Lenehan (Treasurer)

