

**MASS TIMES in St. Columba's Church**  
 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 Chapel**  
**Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus**  
 Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm. Saturday morning @ 9.30 am.  
 Sunday morning 9.30am.

**MASS INTENTIONS for the coming week**

Mon 20th 9.30am	Deceased members of the Heffernan and Rickerby families
Tue 21st 9.30am	Betty Murphy (A)
Thur 23rd 9.30am	Vincent O'Connell (50th anniv)
Sun. 26th 11.00am	Kay Kirwan (1st A)



INNOVATION & ACTION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

### PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Taizé Song  
 Prayer and  
 Reflection  
 Holy Faith  
 Convent  
 Chapel  
 Glasnevin



Friday March  
 31st 2017  
 @ 7.30pm  
 All welcome

**CROSSCARE**  
**The Annual Collection for**  
**CROSSCARE Youth Services**  
**will be held at all Masses this**  
**weekend, 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March. It**  
**will replace the normal**  
**SHARE Collection.**

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€530.000** last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.



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.

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](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

# PARISH LINK

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## Third Sunday of

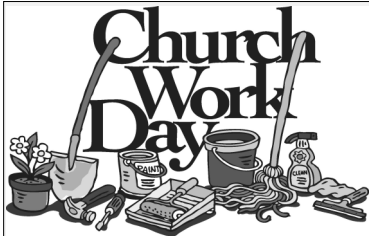


### Thought for the day

Today we are greatly helped by the wonderful Gospel of the Woman at the Well. On the third attempt, Jesus finally gets through to her but after that there is no stopping her. As Augustine teaches, she represents us: what do I thirst for? What is the most important thing in my life? Where do I now find God? By relentless challenge and resolute honesty, we too can be led to that encounter with Jesus, which changes everything, "giving life a new horizon and a decisive direction." You see, not only are we blinded by our prejudices against people like the Samaritan woman with her unseemly life style, we are also blinded to the fact that we are the Samaritan woman. We, too, have fallen short of the grace of God, but the hand of grace is reached out to us as well.

### 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.**



Many thanks to all those who volunteered and turned up to clean the church on last Saturday. Lots done but more to do! So more help needed on next Saturday, 25th March, from 12 noon. Please contact Eilin Kirwan @ 087 985 3475.

### IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Tues: 2 - 4pm. Bridge - all welcome

Wed. Morn: Knit an Knatter

Wed. Afternoon: Cards & Bingo

Wed. 5th April: CORK

and lunch in The English Market. Michael Chawke's minibus will leave church at 8.15 am. to connect with 9 am. train to Cork.

Sun. 10th September: Galway Bay Hotel, 4 Day B/B & D €339. Single supplement €20 per night. Please book and mention you are with Iona Active Retirement. Ph: 091 518 343.



### Drumcondra Music Society presents

The Humanitarian Symphony Orchestra & Adult Choir concert fundraiser, in collaboration with St. Columba's National School

on Friday, 31st March @ 8pm  
in St. Columba's Church, Iona Rd.

Come join us and listen to St Columba's Children's choir sing beautifully with the Orchestra. The concert promises to be a wonderful evening of classical, modern song and music.



Tickets available at the door. Doors Open @7.30pm. Adults €10 / Children €5  
Free Parking: Dublin City council waived paid parking on the block around church

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21st-26th August, 2018.

Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of 1st and 2nd April. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.



Saturday 20th May.  
Contact Michael  
Chawke @  
087 244 11 19  
Early booking essential

### PASSOVER MEAL

A Passover Celebration will be held in the Maples Hotel on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm organised by the Liturgy Group. Tickets priced €25 will go on sale in St. Columba's Church after each Mass on the weekend of 25/26<sup>th</sup> March and 1/2<sup>nd</sup> April and 8/9<sup>th</sup> April.



Discussion on 'Thoughts on Lent' @ 7pm, Wednesday, 29th March in St Alphonsus Monastery, Iona Rd. All welcome, specially young adults. The Patrician Discussion Group is organised by the Legion of Mary, St. Columba's Parish, Iona Rd.

### Meditation

Wed: 22nd March

Venue: St Alphonsus' Monastery

Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm

This group meets every to weeks for a period of quiet meditation.

New people always welcome



**BOOK CENTRE**  
We have Easter cards & Mothers Day cards & gifts, along with a wide selection of cards for every occasion. Call in

today and have a look around. Open before & after mass this week-end.



### Need a babysitter?

My name is Elizabeth Murchan, a 16-year-old Transition Year student. I am looking for baby-sitting work in the Iona/Glasnevin area. I live in the Iona area. I am qualified in First Aid. Contact info: 0852362712 elizabethmurchan@gmail.com



.. And Summer time begins.

### A Silent Day of Centering Prayer

Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue, HFC, Glasnevin. with Fionnuala Quinn O.P. Saturday April 1st: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Cost: €30 - Deposit - €15. Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Booking essential. Minimum number required is 12.



*Into the human predicament - and the season of Lent - Jesus comes proclaiming "Repent, the reign of God is nearby".*

Fionnuala is a Dominican Sister, living in Ballyfermot. She opened Contemplative Outreach Dublin in 2007 and presently serves as the International Coordinator for Contemplative Outreach worldwide.

The Choristers of Saint Patrick's Cathedral would like



to invite you to attend their forthcoming free concert on Friday 24 March at 6.15pm with a retiring collection in aid of the Diocesan Refugee Housing Fund. Joined by jazz singer/songwriter Suzanne Savage, the programme is a mix of old Irish favourites alongside the toe-tappingly catchy Jazz Songs of Innocence by Bob Chilcott and a few very familiar jazz standards thrown in for good measure!!