

St. Columba's Parish Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 11.00am. Mon-Fri: 9.30am. Holy Days: 9.30am.
Public Holidays Mass at 11.00am in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus

Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel : Sunday: 9.45am. Holy Days: 9.45am.

St. Alphonsus Monastery: Saturday: 9.30am Sunday: 9.30am. Mon-Fri: 5:45pm.

Eve of Holy Day: 5.45pm Vigil Mass. On the Holy Day: 5:45pm.

Mass Intentions this week:

Sat.	30th. Jan	6.00pm	Brian T. Mooney (A)
Sun.	31st. Jan	11.00am	Pearse McQuillan (A)
Mon.	1st. Feb	9.30am	Stephen Caffrey (A)
Fri.	5th. Feb	11.00am	First Friday Altar list of the dead
Sat	6th. Feb	6.00pm	Teresa O'Reilly (Month's Mind) Ned Boardman (1st A) William Brady (A)
Sun	7th. Feb	11.00am	Johanna O'Brien (A)



World Day of the Sick 2016 Annual Conference on Sat. 6th Feb. at the Talbot Hotel, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Bishop Donal Murray and Professor Walsh, will reflect on the Lourdes experience. Further information 087 6220349.

The Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick is on Sun. 7th Feb. at 3.00 pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Merrion Road. **Copies of the World Day of the Sick Diocesan Prayer Book** are available from the Book Shop

DCU ILP are offering FREE computer courses to the over 55's. To register contact Carmel on 01 7007423 or email ilp.info@dcu.ie



The local **Neighbourhood Watch** meeting will take place on Tue. 2nd Feb. at 8 p.m. sharp in The Maples Hotel, Iona Road. All welcome.

Mindfulness Days Ruah Retreat Centre Time: 10.30 -13.00 on Sat. 13th and 27th Feb. Contact: Kay Murphy on 085 1094553

Catholic Schools Week Sun. 31st Jan. to Sat. 6th Feb. The theme for 2016 is 'Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy'. A Mass will be broadcast by RTÉ on Sun. 31 Jan. to celebrate both Catholic Schools Week and the new Grow in Love religious education programme for primary schools.



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**



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PARISH LINK

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They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside"'. And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'



This Week:

Mon, 1 Feb:	Feast of St. Brigid, secondary patron of Ireland
Tue, 2 Feb:	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Blessing of Candles at 9.30 Mass World Day of Consecrated Life
Wed, 3 Feb:	Feast of St Blaise Blessing of Throats after 9.30 Mass
Fri, 5 Feb:	Holy Hour, 10.00-11.00
Sat, 6 Feb:	Enrolment for Confirmation at 6.00 Mass
Sun, 7 Feb:	Baptism at 11.00 Mass

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

It's a long note this time, based on discussions at our Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and Liturgy Committee where a number of areas have been identified that we must attend to and a wish list that we might work on. This is also an invitation to join in the conversation.

The first group that must receive attention:
REGULAR CONGREGATIONS at Sunday and weekday Mass, providing well for their worship and prayer, providing, where possible, for their social needs and activities.

Three groups that must receive our attention:
YOUNG PEOPLE must be invited into community and parish life by the community and parish providing something attractive to be part of.

NEW COMERS must be welcomed and receive information on the parish as well as been invited to be involved.

HOUSEBOUND must be included by been visited, cared for, kept in touch with parish through radio, webcam and, above all, through other people.

A WISHLIST that might be part of our parish vision, though it requires refining, finance, consultation, diocesan approval, prioritising and decisions:

A MEETING SPACE, looking realistically at a range of possibilities from a new building to a modest designated space within the church building.

At the ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH, a sense of welcome, hospitality, with facility for tea and coffee, and plenty of information on display boards and electronically. This could also include an attractive devotional space, with shrines and candles.

Addressing the SAFETY concerns regarding the sanctuary of the church. The solution may include developments within the present space which would enhance its use in worship, a greater level plain or platform eliminating the many steps and dangerous marble floor. But it might also affect the present arrangements of altar, ambo, chair and elements that are part of the history of the church but not used, like the pulpit and altar rails. And it might include the use of the transepts so that the congregation would be a gathering around the altar.

Aspects of HOSPITALITY and GATHERING SPACE that may not be addressed above, such as coffee morning facility, bookshop, small meetings area, for existing groups like Active Retirement and for new groups.

WHEELCHAIR FACILITIES include toilet, spaces for wheelchairs in the body of the church. This probably would include an assessment of the sacristy space, existing toilet facility and parish office.



Pub Quiz in support of Childline

Hedigans Pub Thur. 4th Feb. 8.00pm

Tickets available after Mass in the Church and from Danielle Rourke 087 2511932 Donations also Welcome.

The Glasnevin Grouping of parishes is organising a **Lenten series of talks on St. Luke's Gospel**, each Monday during Lent from Mon. 8th Feb. given by Dr. Kieran O' Mahony. Luke is the Gospel that we are reading at Mass each Sunday this year and is often seen as the Gospel of mercy. Kieran is a biblical scholar, who has a unique gift for making the scriptures accessible to all. **The talks will take place in the Margaret Aylward Centre** for Faith and Dialogue from 8.00-9.30pm each evening and will include time for questions and refreshments.

WATCH & PRAY There will be a **Holy Hour** on First Friday 5th Feb. after 9.30am Mass from 10.00 to 11.00am

FAMILY OFFERING We thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€399.00** last weekend. (This is the amount received in weekly envelopes; an average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order).

Lough Derg

On Saturday 14th May Michael Chawke is bringing a group of pilgrims to Lough Derg. Michael does things in style - breakfast on the way out and dinner on the way back will be at the Kilmore Hotel in Cavan. Early booking is essential. Please contact Michael at 8304 365.

IONA 2015 The annual Iona News has gone on sale in the Bookshop. It is full of parish news and costs €2. All monies from the sale of the booklet go to parish funds.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje
May 2nd to May 9th.
Contact: Clare Conlan
087 2192640



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. The next session commence on Wed, 3 Feb 2016 for 7 Wed. evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St. For further info: 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The visit to the Maples last Monday was most successful. It is hoped to visit again on 22nd Feb. & 21st Mar. Coffee at 10.15 am. and lunch at 12.30 pm.

Thur, 4 Feb. 10.15 am. - 12.15 pm. in the Annex. Crafts will take place.

Thur. 18 Feb: The first Craft class will be card making - all material needed will be supplied. €4 per class. Names of all those who wish to take part to Betty O'Brien please.

Thur, 11 Feb.: Monthly meeting at 10.15 am. in Annex. : Guest speaker: Mark Roxburgh