




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.

The following are the Mass Intentions for the coming week

	Sat.	11th	6.00pm	Fr. Eugene McGeogh (A) Teresa Ryan (A) Frank Cooper (A)	
	Mon.	13th	9.30am	Ann Hallahan (A)	
	Sat.	18th	6.00pm	Maisie & Michael Flanagan (A) Mary & Tom Dowling (A) Kathleen & Brendan Hurney (A)	
	Sun.	19th	11.00am	Mary Sorohan (Month's mind)	

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€1677.00.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by S/Orders.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is seeking your help in its Annual Clothing Appeal in this Parish. The Appeal is for **CLEAN, GOOD-QUALITY CLOTHES, BEDCLOTHES, CURTAINS, SHOES ETC.** The Society will collect the bags outside the church **This WEEKEND** at the Vigil Mass and Sunday Morning Masses **11th and 12th November**



Why not consider studying Theology at Loyola Institute Trinity College Dublin? Mature Student Open Evening 23rd November 5.30 -7.30pm
All welcome. See more at www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute.

 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

PARISH LINK

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READY OR NOT!
MATTHEW 25:1-13
www.spreadjesus.org

The Wise and Foolish Virgins

While the parable has clear end-of- time applications, it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves.



Ordinations of Rev. James Daly and Rev. Bill O'Shaughnessy
 On the Tuesday 14th November, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will ordain Deacons James Daly & Bill O' Shaughnessy as priests for the Archdiocese of Dublin. Their Ordinations will take place on the Feast Day of Saint Laurence O'Toole in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral at **11.00am on Tuesday 14th November**. The community of faith in Dublin has nurtured and sustained Bill and James in their journey. As they prepare for ordination, to a ministry of witness to Jesus Christ, Archbishop Martin has asked the Priests and people of the Diocese to remember James and Bill in prayer at Masses over the coming weeks.

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.

Saint Columba's National School, Iona Road

Applications are being taken for girls for Junior Infants beginning next September 2018. Please phone the school secretary any school day morning (Phone 8305040) between 9 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. for a Pre-Enrolment Form.

Interested parents should also note that we may have a limited number of vacancies for girls in some of the classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class. School website is www.stcolumbaionard.net

Commemoration of the Servant of God FRANK DUFF Founder of the Legion of Mary

37th Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Saturday 18th Nov. @ 3pm.

The Most Rev. Dr. Eamon Martin Archbishop of Armagh Principal Celebrant and Homilist.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Parish Shop

Call in today to see our large selection of greeting cards & gifts. 2018 calendars & diaries

available now along with a large selection of Christmas cards. Open before & after mass, every Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

The Humanitarian Symphony Orchestra (HSO) will perform in concert. Come Join Us!

As the Orchestra perform in music and song at St Peter's Church Phibsborough.

The concert promises to be a wonderful evening of classical music such as William Tell Overture, Beethoven Symphony No. 7, blockbuster movie Star Wars and much more...

Thursday @8pm 7 Dec 2017
Tickets available at the door
Adults €10 / 8 / Children Free
Doors Open @7.30pm



Meditation on Wednesday 15th Nov. In St Alphonsus' Monastery @ 7.30 - 8.15pm. All welcome.



Iona Ladies wish to thank all those who supported their coffee morning in aid of St Francis Hospice the amount raised was €540. Many thanks also to Fr Paddy for allowing us the use of the church.



Receipts for contributions to the Family Offering collection and the Dues collections were sent out recently. Kindly let us know if any corrections are necessary, including names and addresses. Kindly note that the receipts are for **2016**. Monies given as Christmas 2016 Dues but lodged in January 2017 cannot be recorded on the 2016 statement to comply with the Charities Act. They are recorded on the date lodged and will appear on the 2017 receipt though for last Christmas. Fr. Paddy.



Dominican College Griffith Avenue Dublin 9 School Fundraising Event
Thursday 16th November 2017
Cookery Demonstration by Catherine Fulvio and Christmas Market.
Tickets €35 Market- 6.45pm Demo- 8pm (Cash only for Christmas Market)

Mater Foundation - Hospital Foyer Volunteer – Can you spare 2 hours a week?
If you are a friendly and warm person with a passion for the work of the Mater Foundation, we would love to have you on board! The work of our volunteers allows the Mater Foundation to continue advancing care for every patient of the Mater Hospital. If you are interested and would like more information please **contact Elizabeth or Melissa in the Mater Foundation on 01 8303482 or contact@materfoundation.ie** Thank you for your interest.

What does Ireland need to Nurture it's Soul?

Mark Patrick Hederman OSB will give a public lecture.

The evening will then be opened for dialogue with the audience, facilitated by **Tony Bates**.

Location: Smock Alley 6-7 Exchange Street Lower, Temple Bar, Dublin 8

Date: Nov 22nd 2017 and **Time:** 7:30pm

Price: €30 (book online www.sanctuary.ie & student discount available)

Fun Day Night

Meet Your Neighbours

Friday 17th Nov. @ 8pm in the Maples Hotel

Tickets €25.00

Available after all masses this weekend or phone John @ 087 299 9244, if you forgot to bring your money!

DINNER AT EIGHT & DANCING TILL LATE

Organised by the Funday Committee



Active Retirement

Tuesday 2pm to 4pm: Bridge. All welcome.

Wednesday morning: Knit & Knatter. All knitters welcome.

Wednesday afternoon: Relax with Bingo and Cards - lots of prizes!

Don't forget Christmas lunch on Thursday 7th Dec in Maples €23. **Hope to see you there!**

