

St. Columba's Parish Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 6.00pm **Sunday:** 11.00am. **Mon-Fri:** 9.30am. **Holy Days:** 9.30am.
Public Holiday Mass at 11.00am in **St. Alphonsus Monastery.**
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 FOR THIS WEEK

Sat. 13th	6.00pm	Hugh O'Neill (A) Thomas McDeromtt (A) Jack Shouldice (A)
Sun.14th	11.00am	The Grehan Family (A)
Sat. 20th	6.00pm	Kathleen Kelly (A) Mary & Pat Dempsey (A)
Sun.21st	11.00am	Robert Conlan (A)


† **Remembering the Dead** †
Mary Fay, formerly Clonliffe Road, who died 29/01/2016 and
Una Dolphin, Iona Drive, who died 3/02/2016
 † **May they rest in peace** †

FAMILY OFFERING
 Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering, amounting to €433.92 last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to **thank all** for their contributions to the recent collection which raised **€478.00**


 Welcome to ...
Eoin Thomas Casey and Marcus Sean McArdle
 who were baptised on 7th February last.
Congratulations to their parents and families.


Acknowledgements of contributions to Christmas Dues, Easter Dues and Family Offering received within the year 1st January - 31st December 2015, are been sent out from the Parish Office. Kindly note that this includes, in accordance with Charities Act, only the contributions received or lodged within the calendar year 2015. Contributions received or lodged after 31 December 2105 are not included and will be included in the calendar year 2016.


 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 for **Parish Office** - **01 8308257** or **087 6728761**

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PARISH  **LINK**
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First
SUNDAY IN
LENT





Working for a Just World
Support their Lenten Appeal

We hear Teresina's story from the Trocaire Lenten Campaign on Valentine's Day. We hear of an effect of climate change that is often overlooked – a family forced apart because of dry land. This past year we have seen large movements of refugees around the world, and we know that the next generation of refugees will be climate refugees, forced from their homes and their land because of the effects of climate injustice. It does not have to be this way.

As we enter the season of Lent we are being called once again into the 'wilderness'. The temptations are not just a testing episode in the life and ministry of Jesus, but are an integral part of his mission.....
 Our temptations are many: to have more, to use more, to take more... As we enter the 'wilderness' of Lent, let us spend time with the temptations in the Gospel today and hear the call to 'trust'. Trust what the Lord is trying to tell us through the Book of Creation. It is in the wasteland that we find the signs of God's renewal. How will you commit to climate justice this Lent?

Pope Francis says *'I wish to address every person living on this planet ... I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all'*. Laudato Si', 1, 14

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.

The Annual Collection of ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend 13th/14th February 2015. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.



ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

Marriage Preparation Courses

Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationship

A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in Schools

ACCORD Dublin needs your support Please give generously THIS WEEKEND



Choral Extravaganza DOLCE CHOIR and the Newbridge Gospel Singers

Will perform on Friday 19th February 2016

Venue: **Corpus Christ Church**

Time: 8.00pm Tickets: €10

Tickets available from the Parish Office
MONDAY – FRIDAY (9.30-11.30)/Parish shop after weekend masses

OR

EDEL 087 9090488, GINA 087 6390456,
YVONNE 087 2706185

All proceeds donated to ARUSHA scholarship fund and CAIRDES

Date for your Diary...



The Liturgy Group are planning to hold a Passover Meal on **Tuesday 22nd March** as part of our Holy Week Ceremonies. The venue proposed is the Maples Hotel. More details to follow next weekend.



The first meeting of the **Legion of Mary**, met in St. Columba's Parish last Thursday 11 February and named the new praesidium "**Our Lady of Lourdes**". The weekly meetings of this new group will take place on **Fridays at 7.30 pm in the Parish Annex, behind 87 Iona Rd.** If you are interested in learning more, please come along. **Contact Tommy at 086 8175102.**

The Glasnevin Grouping of parishes has organised a **Lenten series of talks on St. Luke's Gospel**, given by **Dr. Kieran O'Mahony**, which started last Mon 8th Feb. and continues during Lent. 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. **All are Welcome**

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mark Roxburgh was the Guest Speaker last Thursday. He gave a fascinating talk on the future of technology in our lives.

Monday 22nd February: The Maples Hotel: Coffee at 10.15 a.m. and lunch at 12.30 p.m.

Monday 29th February: Carlow Mini holiday. 17 have already booked. Minibus will leave church at 12.30 p.m. to connect with 13.15 p.m. train to Carlow. If you wish to book a seat on the minibus please give €10 (ten euro) to Maureen Phelan to cover the cost. **Booking is essential.**



IONA 2015

The magazine, which gives details of the main events in the parish last year, is now on sale in the Book Shop priced €2.



On Saturday 14th May, Michael Chawke is bringing a group of pilgrims to Lough Derg. Early booking essential. Michael may be contacted at 8304365.



"**I am with you**" a booklet published for world day of the sick, is available this week end in the Parish Book Shop. We also stock cards for all occasions including **St. Patrick's Day and Easter**. Call in before or after mass to see our wide selection of goods.

David Loughrey is a PhD researcher based in Trinity College Dublin investigating the impact of hearing loss on cognitive functions such as memory and attention in older adults. He is looking for volunteers, aged over 50, to take part in the study. Volunteers don't need to have a hearing loss to take part as he needs older adults with different levels of hearing. Taking part involves completing a questionnaire, a few tasks of memory and attention and a hearing test. Volunteers will be asked to attend **DeafHear** in North Frederick St. for a testing session that will take no longer than two hours. Refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in taking part, please contact

David: Email: loughred@tcd.ie. Phone: 087 432 7986

Lent 2016

Year of Mercy

<u>Corporal Works of Mercy</u>	<u>Spiritual Works of Mercy</u>
feeding the hungry	converting the sinner
giving drink to the thirsty	instructing the ignorant
clothing the naked	counselling the doubtful
sheltering the stranger and homeless	comforting the sorrowful the
visiting the sick	bearing wrongs patiently
ministering to prisoners	forgiving injuries
burying the dead	praying for the living and the dead

Some surprising Facts about St. Valentine ...

The St. Valentine who inspired the holiday may have been two different men...

In all, there are about a dozen St. Valentines, plus a pope....

Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy...

You can celebrate Valentine's Day several times a year.

A Valentine Prayer (Council for Marriage and Family of the Irish Episcopal Conference, The Family Prayer Book)

I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul with the precious gift of love.