

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 20/02/2016

- 20th** 6.00pm Kathleen Kelly (A) Mary & Pat Dempsey (A)
Dermot Kelly & Betty Bowers (A)
- 21st** 11.00am Robert Conlan (A)
- 22nd** 9.30am Ciss Prenderghast (A)
- 23rd** 9.30am Francis Haughey (A)
- 25th** 9.30am Patrick Ward (A)
- 26th** 9.30am Betty Murphy (A)
- 27th** 6.00pm Patrick Murray (1st A) Ellen & John Looney
- 28th** 11.00am John Gibbon (A)



FAMILY OFFERING
 Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering, amounting to **€548.80** last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order.

Acknowledgements of contributions to Christmas Dues, Easter Dues and Family Offering received within the year 1st Jan. - 31st Dec. 2015, are being 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 Dec. 2015 are not included and will be included in the calendar year 2016.

OLV Gospel Choir & Young Adult Group presents:
VOICES OF HOPE
 A night of inspirational music and reflection
 Our Lady of Victories Parish Church, Ballymun Road
 On Thursday 25th February at 8pm
ALL WELCOME



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.



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PARISH LINK

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Parish of St. Columba

21st. February, 2016

Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top in today's Gospel. It is in this withdrawal from the everyday tasks that the disciples have the profound experience of the Transfiguration. In that space, they are invited to see Jesus for who he really is. One can empathise with the disciples in this story as they do not want to leave that space. We all have had experiences that we want to last forever and are hugely disappointed when they are over. However, commitment to any cause very often involves a long and painful journey. Like the disciples in the Gospel today, there is a 'hook'



moment, when Jesus or any leader shows us something different, a vision, a dream, something that is so wonderful and hope-filled that we commit there and then to making it happen. Then we realise that there is much work to be done and the path will not be so easy. Obstacles will arise, people will fall away, enthusiasm will waver, there will be setbacks and disappointments. We are being called to commitment today, to the more difficult path. We are being called to open our ears and eyes to the Gospel message of transfiguration, of transformation.

Last year three rivers dried up near Teresina's village, a direct consequence of climate injustice. This has made life extremely difficult for the families who live there. Lifestyle changes may be difficult for us. We become used to our comforts, our gadgets, driving our cars and so on. But per capita, Ireland is one of the highest polluters in Europe. This is not a statistic to be proud of. We know we can do better. Coming down from the mountain, like the disciples, means saying no to certain things and to making changes in our lifestyles that lower each of our carbon footprints. We start with ourselves.

Pope Francis says '*We require a new and universal solidarity . . . All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own cultures, experience, involvements and talents*'. *Laudato Si'*, 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.

Date for your Diary...The Liturgy Group are holding a Passover Meal on **Tuesday 22nd March**. This is an opportunity to experience the most sacred Jewish liturgy and its influence on Christian Worship. Time : 730pm in the Maples Hotel. Tickets cost €22 and will be on sale after all Masses next Weekend.



"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.



The **Meditation Group** will meet on Wednesday 24th February 2016
Venue:
 St. Alphonsus' Monastery
 Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm
 New people are most welcome

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

Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 Make-A-Wish® Ireland has one simple aim – we grant the wishes of children aged between 3 and 17 years living with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy and create extraordinary memories for them and their families.

Volunteers are needed for WISH DAY, our annual fundraising day, on **Friday 8th April 2016**.



There are a number of ways you could get involved and support us:

* select a location nearby and volunteer to sell our badges there for the day

* hold a coffee morning or bake sale in aid of Make-A-Wish

* hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day in aid of Make-A-Wish

Money raised on the day goes to continuing to grant wishes to our brave wish children.

If you can commit to the full day or even a few hours selling our badges, please visit www.makeawish.ie to register online. Alternatively contact Emma Horgan emma@makeawish.ie or call 01 2052012 for more details

On behalf of everyone at Make-A-Wish; our wish children and their families, thank you for your support, we really do appreciate it.

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 on 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

Monday 22nd February:

The Maples Hotel: Coffee at 10.15 a.m. and lunch at 12.30 p.m.

Thursday 25th February in annex - Craft class at 10.15 .m. Card making for Easter. The members who attended the classes have now produced five cards suitable to all occasions.

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



Our Lady of Victories Pilgrimage to Lourdes

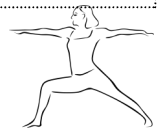
26 June 2016 5 nights full board Hotel La Solitude €729 per person sharing
 For further details: Mary Carolan (01) 8422832

The pastoral statement of the Bishops on the General Election is available at end of the church and also on their website (www.catholicbishops.ie). It encourages engagement with candidates on issues like health, homelessness, education, security, human ecology (Pope Francis' expression which includes life-style, family support, right to life) and international responsibility.

The first meeting of the **Legion of Mary**, was held in St Columba's Parish on 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.

Inner Wellbeing A Yoga and Mindfulness Day
 Experience Yoga and Mindfulness at the Ruah Retreat Centre located on the grounds of the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 Saturday 27th February 10.30am-1pm
 Cost €20, includes tea and coffee for your mindful break.



Free Parking. Please bring yoga mat and blanket, wear comfy clothes
 Facilitated by Kay Murphy, Educator and Mindfulness Teacher
www.aframeofmind.org & Terry McGauran, experienced and successful Yoga Teacher
 Please book in advance as places limited, contact Kay on 085 1094553 to confirm place