

### 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 FOR THIS WEEK

Sa. 6th.	6.00pm	Teresa O'Reilly (Month's Mind) Ned Boardman (1st A) William Brady (A)
Su. 7th.	11.00am	Johanna O'Brien (A)
Fr. 12th	9.30am	Mary Collis (A)
Sa. 13th	6.00pm	Hugh O'Neill (A), Thomas McDermott (A)
Su. 14th	11.00am	The Greham family (A)



**FAMILY OFFERING** We thank you for your contribution to the FAMILY OFFERING the parish collection, amounting to **€858.35** last weekend.

(This is the amount received in weekly envelopes; an average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order).

The Annual Collection of **ACCORD**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses next 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 on the 14/15th February

### Mindfulness Days

Ruah Retreat

Centre Time: 10.30 -13.00 on

Sat. 13th and 27th Feb.

Contact: Kay Murphy on

085 1094553

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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.

Phone contact is **Parish Office 01 8308257 or 087 6728761**



Parish Office Opening Times and contact: Monday to Friday 09.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.

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# PARISH LINK



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But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.



### This Week:

Sun, 7 Feb:	Baptism at 11.00 Mass Day of Prayer for Temperance
Tue, 9 Feb:	Shrove Tuesday
Wed, 10 Feb:	Ash Wednesday Day of Fast and Abstinence Mass with Blessing of Ashes at 9.30am Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes at 7.30pm
Thu, 11 Feb:	World Day of the Sick
Sun, 14 Feb:	First Sunday of Lent Rite of Election at Pro-Cathedral (Men and women from parishes in the Diocese preparing for Baptism enrol or are 'elected' for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in their parishes this Easter.

### 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

A short note on three items, like some homilies!

**New shrines.** After a lengthy trial period and consideration of rent and running costs by the Finance Committee, a new candle system has been installed at the shrines in the church. Let them be an invitation to stop, reflect and say a prayer.

Some will have seen them installed recently. Indeed there has been some activity around the church, unfortunately, examining areas of the church where there are leaks and water damage.

**“May I have a Mass said on Sunday the third, please?”** But that Sunday is already booked. The Saturday evening Mass is available as a ‘shared Mass,’ when a number of intentions are included. It’s hard to get a right way especially with only one Sunday Mass celebrated. We are not taking long-term requests in order to give priority to a request for a First Anniversary or a Month’s Mind. Also, a Parish Priest is obliged to celebrate Mass for the parishioners on Sundays and holidays. While this can be honoured on another day, it is appropriate to have some Sundays with the Mass pro populo. Bear with us as we try to work towards a good and satisfactory method.

**Help required.** All our parish groups and activities welcome new members, not simply as help but also to have parishioners involved in these groups and activities. An immediate area that would welcome new members is the sacristy and general cleaning and care of the church building.

The Glasnevin Grouping of parishes is organising a **Lenten series of talks on St. Luke’s Gospel**, each Monday during Lent from Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick** This Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> 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

### IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The members who attended the Craft Class on Thursday with thrilled with the greeting cards they produced. Further Craft Classes will be held on Thursday 18th and 25th February.

**Tuesday 9th February:** Committee meeting after Morning Mass in room at the back of Sacristy.

**Thursday 11th February:** Monthly meeting at 10.15 a.m. in Annex. Guest Speaker: Mark Roxburgh

**Monday 29th February:** Carlow: Minibus will leave church at 12.30 p.m. to connect with 13.15p.m. train from Heuston. Those who wish to book a seat on the minibus please give names to Maureen Phelan. Cost (out and back) is €10. Money should accompany the name.



**Anois teacht an Earraigh** Spring came to Iona with a flourish last week. On Monday the Mass of St. Brigid was celebrated by Fr. Pat O’Donoghue while on Tuesday (Candlemas Day), the Parish Priest led the Morning Mass Brigade, all of whom carried lighted candles, to the sanctuary, where the candles were placed ceremoniously on the altar rails. On Wednesday, following Morning Mass, the Feast of St. Blaise was celebrated by the blessing of the throats.

### 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.

### LOUGH DERG

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

### Meditation Group

The Meditation Group will meet on Wednesday 10 February 2016  
Venue: St. Alphonsus’ Monastery  
Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm  
**New people are most welcome.**

### Parish Secretary in

**St. Joseph’s Parish, Balcurris, D.11.**

Further info: Fr. Eamon Sheridan, S.S.C., Adm at balcurrisparish@eircom.net or post to St. Joseph’s, Balcurris, The closing date is: Friday 12th February at 4.00pm.

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

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](mailto:ilp.info@dcu.ie)



**St. Columba's School**  
**Iona Road**  
**Annual Table Quiz**

is on  
**Friday, 12th February** at 8pm in the Addison Lodge. Come along, have fun, win great prizes and support our school.  
Tickets on sale in school yard from Friday, 5th, and at the door on the night.

**Venerable Matt Talbot:** First Friday Novena Mass and prayers for healing will be held in St. Agatha’s Church, N. William St, D.1 on 5, Feb at 7.30 pm. We pray especially for those suffering from any form of addiction, those in recovery, their families and the wider community affected by alcohol and drug misuse. Further Info: please call 01 855 4078

The Legion of Mary, is an organisation for lay people which was started by Frank Duff in 1921. It has both active and praying members, covering 10 million people in over 170 countries. The active members meet once a week and undertake a variety of parish works including the visitation of homes, the sick and the elderly, and discussion groups for young adults. We are planning to restart the Legion in this parish on **Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> February, the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, at 8pm in the Parish Annex, behind 87 Iona Rd.** If you are interested in learning more please come along.  
Contact Tommy at 086 8175102.

