


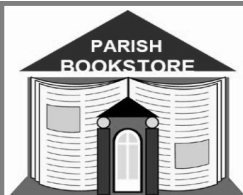
St. Columba's Parish Mass Times
Saturday: Vigil 6.00pm **Sunday:** 11.00am. **Mon-Fri:** 9.30am. **Holy Days:** 9.30am.
Public Holiday Mass at 11.00am in **St. Alphonsus Monastery.**
Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel : **Sunday:** 9.45am. **Holy Days:** 9.45am.
St. Alphonsus Monastery: **Saturday:** 9.30am **Sunday:** 9.30am.
Mon-Fri: 5.45pm.
Eve of Holy Day: 5.45pm **Vigil Mass on the Holy Day:** 5.45pm.

MASS INTENTIONS For the coming week 26/03/2016

	Holy Sat.	26th	8.00pm	No Intentions
	Easter Sun.	27th	11.00am	No Intentions
	Mo.	28th	11.00am	Mass in the Monastery
	April Fr.	1st.	9.30am	Mass Followed by Holy Hour.
	Sa.	2nd	6.00pm	John O'Connor (A) Veronica Scarlett(A)
	Su.	3rd	11.00am	Thomas Kelly (A)

Pray for Recently Deceased ...
 Ciaran Smyth, Botanic Avenue,
 and Sidney Harrison,
 St. Alphonsus Rd.
May they rest in peace.

**There will be a Holy Hour on
 Friday 1st April after 9.30am Mass
 from 10.00am to 11.00am
 All are welcome to watch and pray.**



Call in to the **Book Centre** today. We have a beautiful selection of Easter cards on sale this week end as well as cards for every occasion - Confirmation, First Communion, Birthday, Wedding, and lots more. **Open before and after Mass every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.**

FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering, amounting to **€532.45** last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Order.



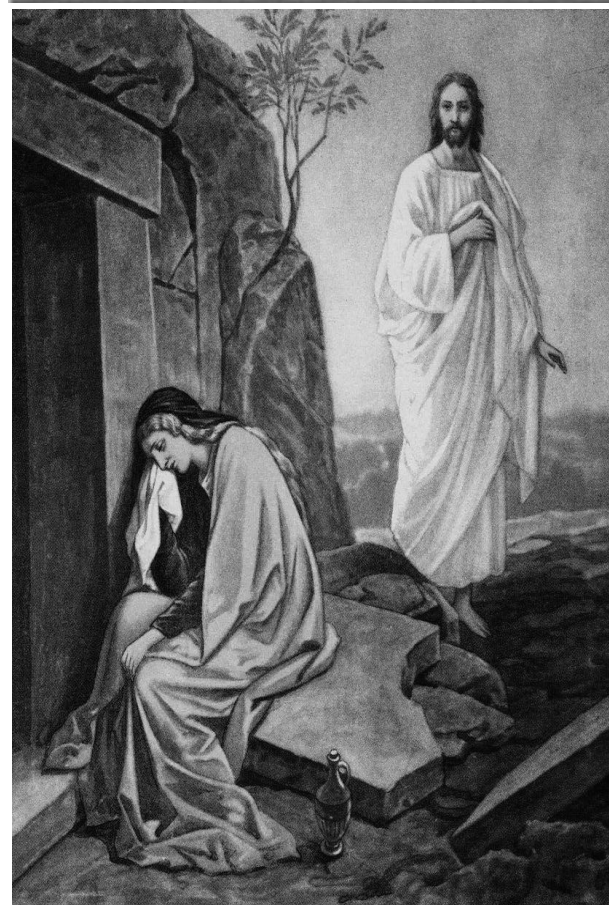
Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to info@ionaroadparish.ie Items for the **Parish Link** can be e-mailed to parishlink@gmail.com or dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, marked 'Parish Link', by 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**

**Parish Office Opening Times and Contact: Monday to Friday
 09.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.
 Ph. 8308257 or email:saintcolumba@eircom.net**

PARISH LINK

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Christ is Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Thought for the day
 Traditionally, we have found it easy to think of the Cross as the measure of God's love for us. Because of the focus on the Cross, we find it more difficult to think of the Resurrection as also the love of God, perhaps "all the more so"! The originality of the Fourth Gospel says it all: the disciple Jesus *loved*, the head cloth recalling Lazarus (*see how much he loved him*) and, not least, the great figure of Mary Magdalen (*Mary!*). In summary, Jesus died and rose again for love of us.

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.



Easter is very early this year, though, we might remember that it was even two days earlier six years ago. Small wonder there is a debate going on in places wondering if it could be a fixed date, with the suggestion that Easter might be, for example, the second Sunday in April. We would have to wait until 10 April this year. On the other hand we could stay

with the date agreed at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325: the Sunday after the full moon which comes after the Spring equinox. The date is beyond our control!

At this time we are marking the centenary of the Easter Rising of 1916, though in that year it was a very late Easter; Easter Monday was 24 April. As Christians we are celebrating the greatest feast of the year, indeed of all time. The journey of Lent is over and we have reached the holy mountain of Easter, celebrating the Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

A very happy and peaceful Easter. Fr. Paddy

Remember to return your Trócaire Boxes this Easter



Divine Mercy Sunday: Join Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin/ Glenageary Parish on Sunday 3rd April for Divine Mercy Sunday commencing at 2pm. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Faustina's Praises, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confessions, Mass and Benediction. All are welcome.

Holy Land - Year of Mercy
Christian Solidarity Pilgrimage

Led by
Archbishop Eamon Martin
9th Sept - 8 nights - direct flights
€1,495.00 pps half board
MAP Travel (01) 8783111
www.maptravel.ie

HEARING CLINIC COLLECTION OF UNWANTED HEARING AIDS FOR CHILDREN'S CHARITY

As part of the Hearing Clinic at Dr Kennedy's GP Surgery, 16 Prospect Rd, Glasnevin, we collect unwanted/unused Hearing Aids. The Hearing Aids are reprogrammed and sent to a school for Deaf Children in Beirut, Lebanon where they assist the children with

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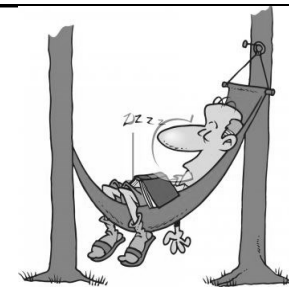
Monday 28th March: Easter Monday.

Meet at the Monastery of St. Alphonsus after the 11 a.m. Mass. Depending on weather an outing will be arranged.

9th October:

Lourdes, Loyola, Compostella (St. James) and Fatima. 9 nights. Book direct with Joe Walsh Pilgrimages.

The Committee wish all members an enjoyable Easter.



Amen Support Services are looking for volunteer counsellors for 3 hours per week in Navan. Counsellors need to be pre-accredited members of IACP. For further details, please contact info@amen.ie or 0469023718. **Amen** is the only dedicated support service in Ireland assisting male victims of domestic abuse.



DCU 4 week FREE computer sessions for the over 55's will start again from Tuesday March 29th.
They run everyday from 10am to 12noon or 2pm to 4pm.
To register call Carmel on 01 7007423.

Upcoming events in Manresa..... no booking required.

Sing of the Lords Mercy!

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Thursday 7 and 14 April 2016 (Donation)

Music and prayer in Eastertide led by Marie Dunne CHF Join composer Marie Dunne for an evening of music and prayer.

Wake up to Life: de Mello Meditation Evenings

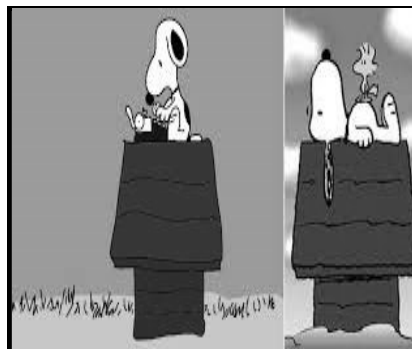
8:00 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday 12, 19 and 26 April 2016 (Donation)

Remembering Anthony de Mello SJ, this series of evenings will be based on some of de Mello's basic principles for wholesome living, using guided meditations.

Movies that Matter

7:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Wednesday 13 April 2016 (Donation)

The popular Movies that Matter series brings a new selection of films this spring. Each film will be preceded by a brief introduction and followed by a discussion.



Kristopher, who plays the Organ and helps out with the Choir here in our church, is **seeking a room to rent.**

Currently, he is residing at All Hallows College, but the accommodation is closing 31st May. He is a PhD student in Theology at Trinity College. He can be reached at seamank@tcd.ie or on his mobile @ **087 330 1473**