

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 5/02/2016

Sa.	5th	6.00pm	Una Dolphin (Months mind) Thomas, Paddy, & Michael Lanney (A) Dolores Giblin (A) Matt Halton (A) and Pray for Rita Lynch) Eileen Tomlin, (A) Gerard Traynor (A)
Su.	6th	11.00am	John Walsh (A)
Mo.	7th	9.30am	O 'Doherty family (A)
Fr.	11th	9.30am	Diane McEnroe (A)
Sa.	12th	6.00pm	Joan Redmond (A) Peggy Sweeney (A) Danny & Betty L'Estrange (1st A) Elizabeth Brady (A) Mary & Timothy Bowler (A)
Su.	13th	11.00am	Marie Ward (A),

FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering, amounting to **€931.90** last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €535.00 is also contributed by Standing Order.



The Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day in St. Columba's church will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th March and 11.00am on Thursday 17th. March

Monastic Vocations Weekend: The Redemptoristine Nuns invite you to a Monastic Vocations Weekend on the 18th - 20th March. For more information please contact : Sr. Lucy at lucy.conway@redemptorists.ie



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

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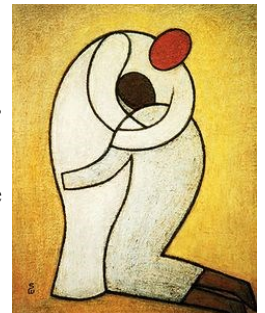
6th March 2016



Trócaire
Working for a just world.

Sometimes we can be so familiar with a particular Gospel passage we tend to switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when this is one of the great blockbuster parables. The Pharisees were a group obsessed with ritual purity and Jesus' parables of things lost and found is his response to these barriers which excluded people from community and from God. The real challenge in this parable is what happens after the lost son returns. The elder brother has 'worked like a slave' all those years and is understandably upset. But the point the Father makes is that his outreach to the younger brother will not change his inheritance. It will cost him nothing to reach out. He has nothing to lose by welcoming home the lost. The Father's behaviour towards the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those around him. But the message is clear: no matter how far we wander from home, God is still a loving God. The elder brother has a choice, to come to the party or to sulk in the corner. Luke, being the excellent

storyteller that he is, leaves the reader to decide the outcome. Today, we can try to place ourselves somewhere in this parable. Where do you stand? We might even think of the thousands of refugees who are displaced around the world. Can we open our hearts and our communities to them? Today's parables shows us that God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we have put in place, and teaches a lesson in radical hospitality. God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. *Laudato Si'*, 246



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...

Passover Meal

The Liturgy Group are holding a Passover Meal on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Maples Hotel. Tickets cost €22 per person and are on sale at the back of the Church after each Mass this weekend. Tickets will be on sale in the Cemetery Church on Sunday 13th March. This is an opportunity to experience the most sacred Jewish liturgy and its influence on Christian Worship.



Book Centre

Mother's Day Cards & St. Patrick's day cards and badges available in the book centre this week-end.



Mothers Day

Thank you Lord for all mothers. On this day let us think of them, whether they are with us or gone to their heavenly reward.

We think of their kindness, their compassion, their care for us and above all their unconditional love.

We Pray that you will watch over them and support them in the joys and struggles of their daily lives. This we ask through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



Movies that Matter 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. For details of the films being shown, sign up for our newsletter at www.manresa.ie

Spring Weekend Guided Retreat (11th to the 13th March)

Take a cue from the world of nature and spend a weekend noticing signs of growth, considering how to respond to the prompting of God's Spirit. Opportunities for guided and common prayer or to meet a spiritual director will be offered.

8:00 pm Friday 11 March 2016 to 2:00 pm Sunday 13 March 2016

Directed by :Tom McGuinness SJ

(01) 833 1352 for more information or to make a booking.

The Glasnevin Grouping of parishes continues its **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

The 15 members who visited Carlow had a most enjoyable mini holiday. The Seven Oaks Hotel made us very welcome and the food was first class. Special thanks to Marjorie Chawke and Maureen Phelan who worked hard to make the mini break so worthwhile.



Tuesday 8th March: Committee meeting after Morning Mass in room at back of Sacristy.

Thursday 10th March: Monthly meeting in Annex at 10.15 a.m.
Guest speaker: Angela McCann.



Table Quiz - Maples Hotel, Friday 11th March at 8.00pm

All Proceeds to Mater Foundation Cancer Research and St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown, in honour of the memory of Aine Chawke. Quiz master on the night George Murray
Table of 4 €40

Select Read and Return

A variety of Spiritual Publications were donated by Fr. Jim as he left us. They are available to everybody to peruse. They are situated on the book shelves to the right of the main door. (Also available some tapes of a spiritual content.) Just Select, Read and Return.....



The Meditation Group will meet on
Wednesday 9th March 2016
Venue: St. Alphonsus' Monastery
Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm
New people are most welcome.

Child Minder in Drumcondra

We are looking for a local child minder for our two year old daughter during term time in our own home or the child minder's house.

Five days per week from 7.45 to 4.30-5.
Interested parties, please phone 0861640473.

LIGHT THE FIRE!

St. Patrick's Day 2016 – You're invited to a special event on the Hill of Slane to pray together for Ireland, on the very spot where St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Smith at 5.30pm, 17th March, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an outdoor event; please dress for the cold weather; feel free to bring a chair.



For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, 041 983 0441.