

MASS TIMES in St. Columba's Church		
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00pm:	St. Columba's Church
Sunday Morning	11.00am:	St. Columba's Church
Daily Mass	9.30am	Monday to Friday St. Columba's Church
Also Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel		
<i>Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus</i>		
Monday to Friday	@ 5.45 pm.	Saturday morning @ 9.30 am.
	Sunday morning	9.30am.

The following are the Mass Intentions for the coming week			
Sat.	23rd	6.00pm	Alice Lacy (A) Eileen Cooper (A)
Sun.	24th	11.00am	Remembrance Maeve Ward
Mon.	25th	11.00am	Yvonne Roche (remembrance)
Sat.	30th	6.00pm	Mary O'Reilly (A) Ricky O'Rourke (A)
			Margaret & Terry O'Rourke (50 Wedding A)
			Eileen Cooper (A)


St Columba's Church, Iona Road, Christmas 2017 TIMETABLE	
Christmas Eve	6.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.
25 December Christmas Day	Mass 9.45 a.m. (Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel)
	Mass 11.00
Tuesday, 26 December	Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
27th/28th/29th/30th December	Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
Saturday, 30 December	Mass 9.30 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
	Mass 6.00 p.m.
Sunday, 31 December	Mass 9.30 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
	Mass 9.45 a.m. (Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel)
	Mass 11.00 a.m.
Monday, 1 January 2018 (New Year's Day) Feast of Mary, Mother of God	Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
Saturday 6th January 2018	Mass 11.00am / Mass 9.45 a.m. (Glasnevin Cemetery)

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€1310.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by S/Orders.



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.
 Parish Link contact: Ann 087 6728761 or Parish Office.
Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.
Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

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When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to

release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart... And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say: then the work of Christmas begins

Greetings, every blessing and good wishes for Christmas. Best wishes are also sent by the parish teams from our Grouping (Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall, Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road, Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin, Corpus Christi, Drumcondra, St Columba's, Iona Road).

Christmas is a time for looking back, not just over the past year but in a special way to the birth of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary at Bethlehem. Let us keep that extraordinary event of our salvation before us as we celebrate Christmas.

Over the past year parish life has been busy. There have been special occasions, for parish, for families, for individuals. Many of the memories will come back to us at Christmas. Let us think of those who are remembering loved ones who have died. Let us remember those who are alone, sick, and those who are homeless. Our parish is a generous parish, as shown recently in our contribution to the Crosscare Food Bank, to the Christmas appeal of the Society of St Vincent de Paul and, at the carol service, to Br Kevin's Day Centre and the Fr Peter McVerry Trust. Thank you for your support of the parish.

For the past couple of years I have mentioned the importance of addressing the needs of the parish, including our church. Let us engage in that conversation with courage and with the conviction that we can contribute to making and shaping the future, even if that future has its uncertainties.

A happy and peaceful Christmas. Fr Paddy

You are invited to welcome in the New Year in a reflective spirit by joining us in Our Lady of Dolours Church for a Service of Music, Reflections, Silence and Prayer, on Sunday 31st December (New Year's Eve) from 11.30pm-12.15am. All are welcome.



Peace

The World Day of Peace 2018 will be celebrated in the diocese at a special Mass in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, on Monday 1st. Of January at 11.00am.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father this year is:
Migrant and Refugees - Men and Women in search of Peace



As part of our **World Meeting of Families** journey all the children who have been baptised in our church over the past year have been invited to join us at Mass on **Sunday 7th of January 2018, at 11.00am.** Afterwards, Café Columba will be open so please join us for a cuppa and home-baking with your friends and neighbours. Feel free to bring some of your own 'New Year' baking to share with each other.



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.



4th Sunday of ~Advent
**'Rejoice, so highly
favoured!
The Lord is with you.**



**INVITATION TO ALL CHILDREN
to come to the 6.00pm Mass on
Christmas Eve dressed as
Angels or Shepherds to
help carry the
Baby Jesus to the crib.
Treats after Mass!**

CLAREVILLE CENTRE

The past four weeks have been hectic in Clareville. The festive season began with a party in the Alzheimers Cafe on 28th November. On Sat. 2nd December the Christmas lunch was held in the Skylon Hotel and on Tues. 5th the Glasnevin Tennis Club joined with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in hosting dinner for 12 persons. Another group went to the Red Cow Inn for the June Rodgers Show on the 7th while the Residents Christmas Dinner, which was attended by the Parish Priest, was held on Tues. 12th. On Sunday 17th the Invincibles in Glasnevin Cemetery, played "Christmas in the Trenches 1917" while that afternoon 32 residents attended the Croke Park Party. On Tuesday 19th Fr. John Dalton had lunch with the residents and the Centre closed after carol singing on Thursday 21st. In addition to all this activity a new "calming room" was opened. This enables residents, who are upset in any way, to recover their equilibrium in privacy. The Centre reopens on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Save the Date: Archdiocese of Dublin Knock Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday April 21st 2018. Theme:
"We are Pilgrims – Knock invites us to Healing and Peace".

The parish Pastoral Council would like to wish every parishioner a Happy Christmas and a very Peaceful New Year

Saint Columba's National School

Applications are being taken for girls for Junior Infants beginning next September 2018. Please phone the school secretary any school day morning (Phone 8305040) between 9 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. for a Pre-Enrolment Form.

Interested parents should also note that we may have a limited number of vacancies for girls in some of the classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class. School website is:
www.stcolumbaionard.net

