

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 Days, Vigil Mass: 5.45 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS For the coming week 9/04/2016

Sat.	9th	6.00pm	Frank Conroy (A) Alice Sherry (A) Una & Frank Hurley (A) Helen Gannon (A) Martina Doyle (A)
Sun.	10th	11.00am	Dermot & Marie Breheny (A)
Wed.	13th	9.30am	Seamus Savage (A)
Sat.	16th	6.00pm	May & Stephen Dowling (A) Eileen Butler (A) James Mulligan (A) Catherine O'Shea (A)
Sun.	17th	11.00am	Maureen & Sean Penston (A)

FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering, amounting to €519.55 last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Order.

The Annual Palm Sunday collection in aid of the **St. Vincent de Paul Sunshine House Fund** raised **€1,600**. Your continued very generous and loyal support is greatly appreciated. The **monthly collection** for the local conference of the **Society of St Vincent de Paul** takes place **after Mass this weekend**.

Mass intention

Sunday 17th April,
9.30am

Monastery of
St. Alphonsus
Michael and Attracta
Flaherty RIP
(7th and 2nd Annivs.)



THE PASSOVER MEAL

The Passover Meal was held in the Maples Hotel on Tues 22nd March at 7.30 p.m. It was an outstanding success. The Parish Priest led the gathering through the various stages of the meal and explained the symbolism. Special praise is due to Anne Coyle and her hardworking committee who organized the event. The wine and grape juice were generously donated by Sweeneys of Finglas Road.



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**



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PARISH



LINK

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Parish of St. Columba

10th April 2016



*"It is the Lord.....
Jesus then
 stepped forward,
 took the bread and
 gave it to them, and
 the same with the
 fish. This was the
 third time that Je-
 sus showed himself
 to the disciples af-
 ter rising from the
 dead."*

A Note from Fr Paddy

'Who said the 11 o'clock Mass?'

The question might better be, 'Who celebrated the 11 o'clock Mass?' The liturgy is always the action of Christ, the Priest and we share in his Priesthood through Baptism. Therefore the question might be answered, 'We all celebrate ... all who gather at 11 o'clock and we do so, "through [Christ], and with him, and in him,' **Being active participants, being celebrants of worship**, using the words of Vatican II, is our right and duty because of our Baptism. Before we exercise any other ministry, that ministry of being the assembly at worship is the most fundamental. **These thoughts come to mind** as we celebrate the Easter sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, as our boys and girls prepare for their First Holy Communion and as our boys and girls celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. **These thoughts come to mind** as we prepare to elect some parishioners to our Parish Pastoral Council. At first, inviting parishioners to express their interest, or accepting a nomination to be considered for election. Then, inviting all parishioners, to take part in the election, whether they exercise a particular ministry or not, but above all, all who exercise that fundamental **active ministry of being a member of the Sunday or daily worship of the parish.**

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.

Shout for Joy!
Psalm 100:1
A joyful celebration of the Easter Season in song, word and prayer.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus
 Monday
 18th April
 @ 8pm.
 With full-time chaplaincy students of MDI/DCU and the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord



17th April - World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Do you believe that God calls all people to spread the Good News? How are you responding to the call? Do you want some help? Next week is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Come, join with the parish in prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in our Diocese. The **annual collection** for support of Dublin Diocesan students preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood **takes place next weekend.** It replaces the **Share** collection.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Last week's Parish Link contained a statement of vacancies to be filled by election to our Parish Pastoral Council. The statement is available at masses this weekend as well as a form of **expression of interest** or **nomination**. This declaration of interest may also be written by letter and returned to the Parish Office in a closed envelope addressed to Parish Priest **before Sunday, 17th April.**




Remembering Áine Give Cancer The Boot!





CAKE SALE

After Masses next weekend
 Sat. 16th and Sun. 17th April
 Bring A Cake - Buy A Cake - Super Raffle
 Your Support Would Be Much Appreciated
 Proceeds divided between Mater Foundation
 Cancer Research and St. Francis Hospice.

ACCORD Dublin, Catholic Marriage Care Service, is currently recruiting volunteers as Marriage and Relationship Counsellors and Marriage Preparation Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. For further information please contact Frances on 478 0866 or fstephenson@dublin.accord.ie

 Parish Book Centre
 Open before and after mass, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ISPCD CHILDLINE
TODAY SUNDAY 10th APRIL @ 19 IONA DRIVE
 Tea & Scones from 12.00 No donation too small!
 All proceeds go towards
 Childline's 24/7 Helpline which is in danger of closing due to a lack of funding.

The Table Quiz held in the Maples Hotel on Fri 11th March in honour of Áine Chawke was a great success. A big thank you to all who attended and to those who donated generously towards the Hospice and the Mater Foundation Cancer Research. The total raised was €1,955.00
Quiz winners:
 1st prize: €100 Voucher sponsored by the Maples Hotel - table: Minus Dave
 2nd prize: 4 Bottles Champagne - table: The Doms
 3rd Prize: 4 scented Oil burners - table: The 4 Arugos
 The lucky winners of the raffle were Gerry Bolger, Ann Smyth, Paddy McFadden, Sr. Mary, Seán Conlan, Karen Ryan, Deirdre McFadden, Norah Chawke, Emer Hanna, Laura Conlan, Alejandro Trevino, Martin Farrell, Kay Young, Gareth Jenkins, Kate Close, Ernan Tobin.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT
 Four members took part in the outing to Maynooth on **Easter Monday**. The swans and ducks were swimming on the canal and the college grounds were magnificent. A delicious lunch was enjoyed in the Glenroyal Hotel.
Tuesday 12th April: Committee meeting in room at back of Sacristy after Morning Mass.
Thursday 14th April: Monthly meeting 10.15 a.m. in the Annex. The Guest Speakers will be Julianne Savage and Senan Turnbull who will talk about "Croke Park".
Monday 25th April: The Maples Hotel. Coffee at 10.15 a.m. and Lunch at 12.30 p.m

Help us D-Activate Decline Volunteers Aged 60+ Needed
 Researchers in the D-Activating Decline project in the Trinity Centre for Health Sciences, St.James' Hospital are inviting volunteers to take part in a research study that aims to understand how low vitamin D levels can be improved for older adults and how this may benefit our health as we age. We are looking for 80 adults aged over 60, who would be interested in checking their vitamin D levels. Following from this you may be asked to take a vitamin D supplement, which we will supply for 6 months. We will also ask you to perform some tasks which will assess your memory and physical function. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Ms. Niamh Aspell, RN, Irish Research Council Postgraduate Candidate, at niamha@tcd.ie or call 0852114649.

You never truly understand something until you can explain it to your grandmother.
 --Albert Einstein