



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
Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus
 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.	21st	6.00pm	Joe, Kathleen & Dermot Scully (A) Elizabeth Boland (A) John MacGuill (Month's Mind) Margaret Burke (A)	
	Sun.	22nd	11.00am	Anne Carmel Duff (Rec Deceased)	
	Fri.	27th	9.30am	Sean & Maureen Penston (A)	
	Sat.	28th	6.00pm	Mary McCarthy (A) Joan & Charles Henry (A) Mary Doyle (First A) Chris & Tom Leen (A)	
	Sun.	29th	11.00am	Margaret Lyons (First A)	

Mass intention: Sunday 22nd April, 9.30am in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus
 Anniversary Mass in memory of Michael and Attracta Flaherty RIP
 (9th and 4th Anniversaries)

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of prayer for vocations.
 The Annual collection for the support of students preparing for priesthood in
 Dublin takes place, replacing Share collection.

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection,
 amounting to €359.00 **last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes.
 An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by S/Orders.

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and
 weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can
 grow. You have to trust God. Pope Francis



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

PARISH LINK 

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**I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own
 know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the
 Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.**

Choose Life 2018 is a Newsletter from the Catholic Communications Office. Its
 purpose is to encourage discussion and reflection on the value of every human life.
 It is available on a weekly basis on www.choselife2018.ie, the Dublin diocesan
 website and the Bishop's Conference website, on Facebook and Twitter. Copies are
 also available at the back of the church.

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.*

GLASNEVIN GROUPING OF PARISHES INVITES YOU TO

a series of three conversations -

Let's talk Family!

Let's be Family! -

based upon themes in Pope Francis's *The Joy of Love* in preparation for the **World Meeting of Families**. Each evening will involve watching a short video piece on a theme, followed by general group discussion.

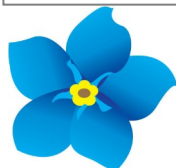
Dates are **Wednesdays 25th April, 2nd May and 9th May** in Margaret Aylward Centre, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Last Saturday the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes held a Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea Party in aid of the project to bring Ethiopian families to Ireland to participate in the World Meeting of Families next August. The venue was the hall under Our Lady of Dolours Church. Iona had four tables there but unfortunately did not win the best hat prize. However Nora Chawke, Eilín Kirwan and Anne Smyth won prizes in the raffle. The tea was delicious and served on the best china; it was outstanding value for the admission charge of €15.

Our Easter Garden

Thanks and congratulations to the handiwork of Seán & Maura, for our much admired and photographed beautiful Easter Garden.

This year was the best ever and has been much admired and commented on by many. Thank You



The Iona Flower Society will hold their Annual Collection after 6pm Mass on Saturday 28th April and Sunday 29th April.

Your continued generous support in helping to maintain a supply of fresh flowers in St. Columba's throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks for your kind generosity

The Iona Flower Society.

Iona Bible Group

Meet Ezekiel, Elisha, Paul and Timothy at 10:15am in the Annex on Tuesday mornings.

Enjoy a cup of tea / coffee as we discuss and pray the Scriptures.

You are most welcome. Phone 01-8304365.



CONGRATULATIONS to all the children in the parish who made their FIRST COMMUNIONS on Saturday

Mount Mellary Pilgrimage

Travel with Tony Malone 087-9526337.

on Saturday, April 28th, 2018

Mass in Portlaoise at 10:00am.

Dinner in Durrow.

Collect at No 9 Bus Stop, at Prospect Road at 8:20am.

Cost €50.

ROUNDERS CLUB NA FIANNA

Lots of teams available.

Opportunity to win All-Ireland titles, play in Croke Park, play on Provincial teams and win All-Stars (Na Fianna won Juvenile and Junior All-Stars in 2016 & 2017)

For more info. or to join up contact Ronan Gately on 086-8289296 or rounders@clgnafianna.ie

Iona Active Retirement

Monday 2 to 4. Bridge for all

Tuesday. 2.15 to 4 Easy Exercise with Colm.

New people always welcome

Wednesday Morning

Knit & Knatter - lots of knitting. Then 2.00 to 4.30 Bingo and card games



Dates for diary. B/H outing 4th June.

& Mystery tour. 21st June. We will have more details at monthly meeting on 10 May. Guest speaker to talk on mindfulness

SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY

Thank you for your contributions which amounted to **€704** "To make the parish of the future a reality, we need to constantly develop new ways of working together, sharing resources and expressing solidarity. **SHARE** is crucial in enabling a better future for all. Your contributions to Share will ensure that we meet all our responsibilities while prioritising working together for mission" **Archbishop Diarmuid Martin**

ALONE: The First 40 Years is a new book by author and journalist Valerie Cox. It tells the inspiring story of ALONE, the charity that supports older people to age at home, from Willie Bermingham's selfless dedication in the early years to the new challenges and issues faced by the charity today. ALONE: The First 40 Years is available to purchase from Veritas and Easons. Priced at €15.00, all proceeds will go directly to ALONE's services.

Free Swimming Lessons/Free Swim for adults continues every Wednesday at 2pm in Sean McDermott Street Pool (beside Our Lady of Lourdes Church). Just turn up at 2pm. Any query ring Carol Finlay, Swim Ireland 0868384346

You wouldn't think it but..... Fr. Paddy will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination on **May 26th**. Archbishop Martin will celebrate the **6.00p.m. Mass** that evening here in Iona. After the Mass there will be refreshments in the school hall. All welcome to join in the celebrations!

Parish Pastoral Council

Discussion on : **"God's Messengers: The Angels"**

Date: Tuesday 24th April 2018 Time 7.00pm

Venue: St. Alphonsus Monastery,

All Welcome

The patrician Discussion Group is organised by the Legion of Mary, St. Columba's Parish, Iona road.

