


**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.	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)
	Tue.	1st	9.30am	Kathleen McCluskey (A)
	Wed.	2nd	<b>There will be no 9.30am Mass. Confirmations at 11am and 2pm</b>	
	Thur.	3rd	9.30am	Sr Bridget Devane (A)
	Sat.	5th	6.00pm	Sr Bridget Devane (A) John Hadley (A)
	Sun.	6th	11.00am	Letty Cusack (First A)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection, amounting to €469.00 **last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by S/Orders.

**Last Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday**, a day of prayer for vocations. The Annual collection for the support of students preparing for priesthood in Dublin took place, and amount received €851.00

**A Discerning Church Listens** Gardiner Street Church invites you to engage with the questions raised by the forthcoming referendum on abortion.

- **Tuesday 1st May, 8pm:** What is the Church's teaching on abortion, the informed conscience and the law? Speaker: Emeritus Prof. Pat Hannon, Moral Theologian, Maynooth. Chair: Bishop Eamonn Walsh.
- **Tuesday 8th May, 8pm:** What is the experience of women in Ireland facing challenging pregnancies? Speakers: Ann-Marie Lee, Health Nurse; D. Twomey, Obstetrician. Chair: Pat Coyle, Jesuit Communications.
- **Tuesday 15th May, 8pm:** What will be the likely legal consequences of a yes/no vote? Speaker: Prof. Gerard Whyte, Trinity College Dublin. Chair: Brian Lennon SJ.



Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to [info@ionaroadparish.ie](mailto:info@ionaroadparish.ie)

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)**

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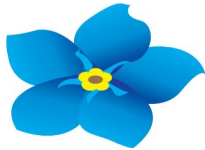


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**Choose Life 2018** is a Newsletter from the Catholic Communications Office. Its purpose is to encourage discussion and reflection on the value of every human life. It is available on a weekly basis on [www.choselife2018.ie](http://www.choselife2018.ie), 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.*



**The Iona Flower Society** will hold their Annual Collection after 6pm Mass This 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.**

**Ecumenical Bible Week** will take place from 20th-27th May 2018. Now in its fifth year, it is a parish-based event that is jointly sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dublin, the combined dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough, and other key groups such as Scripture Union. The theme this year is 'Handing on Faith - Crisis, Challenge and the New Cosmology'. It begins on Pentecost Sunday with the launch event, 'Praying the New Cosmology', and will take place in 13 venues across Dublin and surrounding areas. Two key events take place in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, on Thursday 24th May.

- Symposium chaired by Brenda Drumm which will include presenters John Waters – 'Taking us Back to the Father'; Ginnie Kennerley – 'The Family Today: Healing and Expansion in Christ'; and Nick Park – 'Modern Family - Ancient Problems'. Time 2-5pm. Cost €12. Pre-registration required at [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie)
- 'Thinking Allowed' - What have we from our personal experience discovered about living and passing on the faith? A chaired panel discussion with audience participation. Panellists will include three married couples from different Christian experiences, Archbishop Eamon Martin (Armagh) and Archbishop Michael Jackson (Dublin). Free event, starts at 7.30pm. Further information and free downloads and material on [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bibleweekie](http://www.facebook.com/bibleweekie)



**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.

**Confirmation will be celebrated at Masses at 11.00 and 2.00 next Wednesday. The minister this year is Fr Liam Ó Cuiv, episcopal vicar for the pastoral area of the diocese that includes our parish. There will be no Mass at 9.30.**

**Pathways:** Exploring Faith and Ministry begins this year in Holy Cross College in September. Pathways is a two-year, one night a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. There are no exams and no written work – the only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year. Contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme, Phone: 01 8087594 | Email: [athways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:athways@dublindiocese.ie)

**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



**Watch and Pray**  
There will be a Holy Hour on First Friday 4th May after the 9.30am Mass from 10.00 to 11.00am All are welcome.

**Iona Active Retirement**

**Monday 2.00pm to 4.00pm Bridge**

**Tuesday 2.15pm to 4.00pm. Exercise to music with Colm**

**Wednesday Morning Knit&Knatter. & 2.00pm to 4.30pm Cards and Bingo**

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May - Outing - 1 place available contact Marjorie.



Finally thanks to Ita who delivered the Messenger tirelessly for many many years. I have taken over so if you have not received your Messenger, I would appreciate a call so that I can update my list. Many thanks Joan 0879907750

**'Let's Talk Family'**, a series of 'conversations', in preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August, which take place on three successive Wednesdays, 25th April, 2nd and 9th May from 7.30-8.45pm in the Margaret Aylward Centre (behind the Holy Faith convent on Glasnevin Hill). Each evening begins with the showing of a short 'vox pop' video (recorded in Ireland) on a particular theme followed by discussion. The theme of the first evening was The Reality of Family Life Today. The themes of the other evenings are: Wed 2nd May: God's Mercy - No One Excluded and Wed 9th May: A Gospel of Hope for our Families. 'Let's Talk Family' is inspired by the letter of Pope Francis on The Joy of Love. The aim of the conversations is to contribute to a broader discussion within the Church on the reality of family life today. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome. It is possible to attend on the individual evenings.

Check out the **Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue**, Holy Faith Sisters, Glasnevin, Tel : (01) 797 9364 Mob: 087 6649862. E: [cfdglasnevin@gmail.com](mailto:cfdglasnevin@gmail.com) | website: [www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie](http://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie) for their upcoming courses.

**Mary and Gerry Bolger** and family would like to **thank all** of you who supported the Coffee Morning last Saturday. It was a great success and we raised **€1370** for Aidlink, an Irish Charity working in Africa, Conor will travel to Ghana with St. Mary's College in June as part of a school trip. The funds raised will go towards Aidlink's development projects in Africa.

**B.E - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. Next residential weekend will be held 25th – 27th May 2018, in Dominican Retreat House, Tallaght. For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com). [www.beginningexperience.ie](http://www.beginningexperience.ie)

**May meeting Neighbourhood Watch Maples House Tues May 1st 8pm All are welcome**

**Meditation All welcome**  
Date : 2nd May Time : 7.30 - 8.15  
Venue : St Alphonsus' Monastery

**Trócaire** would like to thank the people of St. Columba's Parish for their donation of **€280**