

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 2/04/2016

Sa.	2nd	6.00pm	John O'Connor (A) Veronica Scarlett (A)
Su.	3rd	11.00am	Thomas Kelly (A)
Fr.	8th	9.30am	Special Intention
Sa.	9th	6.00pm	Martina Doyle (A) Alice Sherry (A) Una & Frank Hurley (A) Helen Gannon (A)
Su.	10th	11.00am	Dermot & Marie Breheny (A)



FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering, amounting to €1,076.50 last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Order.

Welcome to ...

Myles Anthony McCourt, Laura Christina Townsend Alice Delia Lynch and Erin Lily Walker who were baptised on Easter Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and families.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ISPPC CHILDLINE

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

Meditation Group will meet on
 Wednesday 6th April
 Venue: St. Alphonsus' Monastery
 Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm
 New people are most welcome.



Parish Book Centre

Open before & after mass every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Neighbourhood Watch

The monthly meeting of Neighbourhood Watch will take place on Tuesday next 5th April in Maples Hotel, at 8 p.m. sharp. All welcome.



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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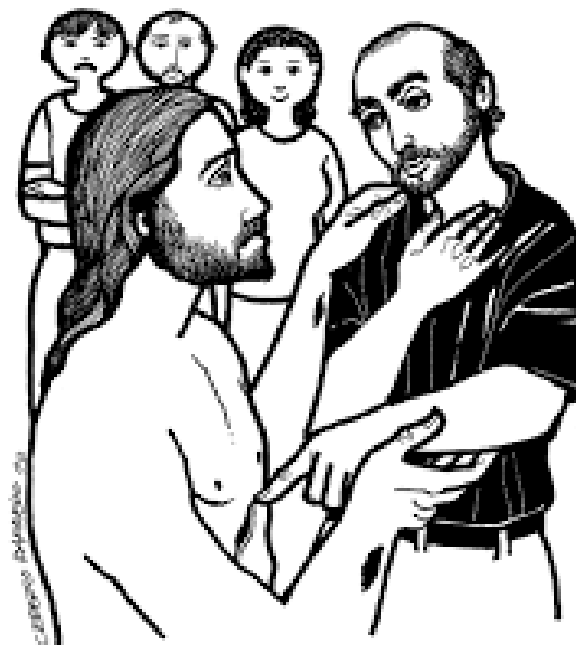


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Parish of St. Columba

3 April 2016

2nd Sunday of Easter



Sisters and brothers in Christ,
 God invites us to bring our doubts and fears,
 our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise,
 and offer them for the earth and all its creatures.

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.



Parish Pastoral Councils

are part of **parish** life and work since the mid-2000s. Their role is to identify **pastoral** needs and to help plan and coordinate **pastoral** programmes and services. The focus is **pastoral**, not administration or finance, though these areas are addressed, not to override the work of the many excellent

groups active in the **parish**, but rather to maintain an overview of **parish** activities and provide coordination and identify needs and gaps where necessary.

The **Council** meets on a monthly basis. Its members act as representatives of all parishioners, not a particular group or for a particular interest. The parish priest and chair of the Parish Finance Committee are ex-officio members. Other members are nominated by the parish priest or elected by parishioners.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** is guided by our 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.

Over the past few years the Parish Pastoral Council has been active in building up relationships with our sister parishes in the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes. In addition occasional attendance at diocesan events is needed.

Two vacancies now exist among the elected members. Therefore those active in the parish now have an opportunity to elect two new members, two parishioners representing, like all members of the Council, the parish of St Columba, its community of faith. In addition it is envisaged that three vacancies will shortly arise among the nominated members and these will be filled by the parish priest in accordance with the adopted Guidelines.

A three stage process is proposed to fill the vacancies for elected members.

First Stage:

Invitation and submission of expressions of interest

There is an invitation to parishioners to express their interest or, with their acceptance, to be nominated by another parishioner or other parishioners. This declaration of interest to be considered for election by parishioners should be in writing on the form available or by letter specifying name, address, contact details, statement of expression of interest, acceptance of nomination if presented by another parishioner, acceptance that name will be made public in the event of an election. The declaration of interest should be returned to the Parish Office in a closed envelope addressed to Parish Priest before Sunday, 17th April.

Second Stage:

Offer of briefing and finalisation of list of candidates

Parishioners who have submitted an expression of interest are offered a briefing on the commitment involved. Only those who continue to be interested at the end of this stage will be made public.

Third Stage:

Election at parish assembly if required

The election will take place at an assembly of parishioners active in any ministry in the parish. Prayer and a prayerful atmosphere are essential elements of the assembly. All voting and counting of votes will take place in the assembly. Candidates duly proposed are required to be present unless exceptional circumstances have been advised to the parish priest in writing and accepted by him at his absolute discretion. Similarly if a parishioner active in any ministry in the parish cannot be present due to exceptional circumstances, the chairperson of the assembly may accept a proxy vote from him or her, stating in writing his or her voting intention, provided that the parish priest has certified the existence of such exceptional circumstances in advance and at his absolute discretion. It is envisaged that the assembly will take place during the week beginning Monday 25th April.

