

**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.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Monday 2nd May morning Mass will be in St Alphonsus Monastery at 11.00am**

MASS INTENTIONS for the coming week 30/4/2016			
Sa.	30th	6.00pm	
Su.	1st.	11.00am	Daisy West (A)
Tu.	3rd	9.30am	Kathleen Malone (A)
Sa.	7th	6.00pm	John Looney (A) John Hadley (A)
Su.	8th	11.00am	Josephine McDonnell (50 A)

**FAMILY OFFERING**

Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering, amounting to € 400.50 last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Order.

**Give Cancer the Boot ! - Cake Sale Raffle Results**

Tefal Saucepan – Fr. John Dalton, Quilted Pillow Set – Connell Kelly, Bottle of Wine & Afternoon Tea Biscuits –Fr. Paddy Jones, Pepper Penguin – Marjorie Chawke, Chocolates & Biscuits – Mary Gallagher, Candle Gift Set – Sr. Dolores, Cadbury Milk Tray & Biscuits – John O’Grady, Framed Picture – Rosaleen Fitzgerald, Leather Wallet & Notepaper – Adrienne Bolger, Tin of Biscuits – Binta Obola, Box of Sweets – Brian McLoughlin (Donated)  
 Michael and Marjorie thank everyone—€1750 raised.



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.  
 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](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

**PARISH**

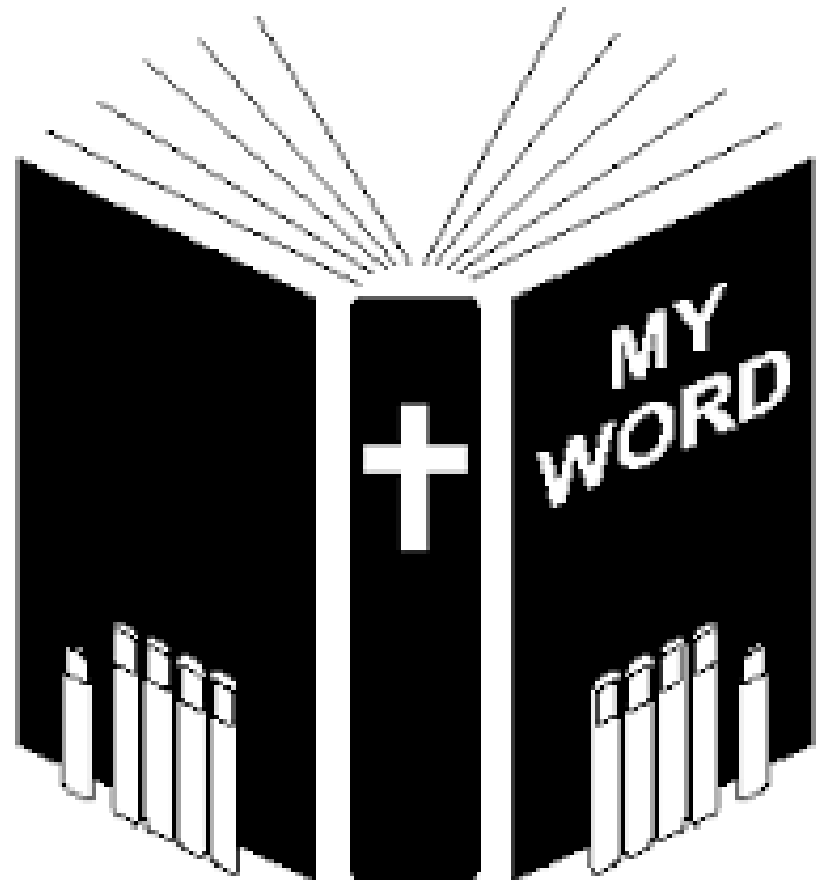


**LINK**

Issue No. 23/17

Parish of St. Columba

1 May 2016



**Whoever Loves Me  
 Will Keep It**

**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.

### Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

7-12 September 2016

This year the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has an allocation of 175 places on the Special Section for the Sick. A parishioner who is sick at home, in hospital or in a nursing home may apply for consideration for a place, subject to acceptance by the Pilgrimage Medical Board. Please be in contact with Fr Paddy if you would like to be considered as an applicant or if you know of someone who might be considered.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the 104 boys and girls who received First Holy Communion last weekend.

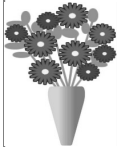
Many thanks to the teachers for all the work of preparation in the schools and for so much work on the day itself. Thanks to the parents and families for making it such a memorable occasion for the children and for the parish.

### Ministers of Holy Communion

A meeting of Ministers of Communion will take place on

**Thursday, 5 May at 7.30**  
in the Church.

Please let Fr. Paddy know if you are able to attend.



### Iona Church Flower Society

The members acknowledge, with deep gratitude, receipt of the sum of €595.00 at last weekend's collection.

The money will be spent on flowers for the altars and shrines during the year.

### Children of the Rising

(Joe Duffy)

1916 – 2016 Memorial

Sunday Morning May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 11am

Glasnevin Cemetery

Assemble at main gate.

Reciting of names of the children and a short reflection by

Fr. Bryan Shorthall OFM Cap with Declan O'Rourke performing his song 'Children of Sixteen'.

**All welcome**

**Light refreshments afterwards.**

### UKRAINE APPEAL

50% of last weekend's Share collection, the second collection at Mass, both Diocesan and each parish, has gone to the humanitarian aid appeal of Pope Francis. Our parish 50% contribution was €523.50.

The **Meditation Group** will meet on Wednesday 4th May 2016 in St. Alphonsus Monastery from 7.30 - 8.15pm.

New people are most welcome.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

To fill vacancies on our Parish Pastoral Council, we asked parishioners to express their interest in being considered for election as members and then, at stage two, we offered them a briefing on the working of the PPC and asking them to state their continued interest in letting their names go forward. Four parishioners have done this.

Since this number is less than the number of vacancies, they are deemed to be members of the PPC. Stage three, election at parish assembly if required, is not necessary. The nominations to the outstanding vacancies will be made shortly.

However the distinction between those on the panel of members elected and members nominated will be maintained and two names of the four new members from stage two will be

drawn by lot and they will be regarded as part of the panel of members elected. This distinction will be relevant at the end of the term of appointment but does not impact on the deliberations of the PPC during their term of appointment as each member, elected or nominated, represents all parishioners and the interests of the parish.

The term of appointment to the PPC is three years, and is renewable.

Any vacancies during the term of three years will be filled by nomination.

I am deeply grateful to the officers of the present PPC (Seán Ó Faircheallaigh, Mark Roxburgh, Éilín Kirwan) for offering a three stage process and for the above directions, which I have fully accepted.

Fr. Paddy

### IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May:**

Meet at Monastery of

St. Alphonsus after 11am. Mass.

Depending on weather, an outing will be arranged.

**Tues. 10th May**— Committee meeting in room at back of Sacristy after 9.30 a.m. Mass.

**Thurs. 12th May**— Monthly meeting at 10.15 a.m. in Annex.

*"Could you not spend  
One hour with Me"  
Holy Hour will be held  
on First Friday 6th  
May after 9.30am Mass  
from 10.00am to 11.00am  
All are Welcome*

The Parish Priest, Fr. Paddy Jones, represented the parish at the launch of "The Graves of Glasnevin" CD which was hosted by the Glasnevin Trust. The Speakers were George McCullough, CEO of Glasnevin Cemetery, Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and Mick Brophy, Chairman of Clareville Centre. The CD was produced by Clareville Day Centre, and was sponsored by Dublin City Council, the HSE and Glasnevin Trust. It was recorded in the Church of the Resurrection, where the acoustics are excellent and is on sale in the Cemetery Shop. Angela Rooney (Biddy Mulligan) and Christy McEvoy (Kevin Barry) both sang beautifully and The Invincibles and the Chorus were superb.

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Monday 9th of May from 19:30 to 21:00 in Dominic's Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

The monthly meeting of Neighbourhood Watch will take place on Tuesday next 3rd May at 8 pm sharp in the Maples Hotel, Iona Road - All Welcome.