

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		
<u>Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus</u>		
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.	2nd	6.00pm	Desmond & Elizabeth Roxburgh (A) James Kelly(A) Mary & Joe Cloherty & deceased members of the Cloherty Family.
Sun.	3rd	11.00am	Andrew Lyons (Months Mind)
Mon.	4th	9.30am	Frank & MaryAngela McCluskey (A)
Fri.	8th	9.30am	Heffernan & Rooney families (A)
Sat.	9th	6.00pm	Edna & Brid Dempsey (A) Kennedy Family (A)
Sun.	10th	11.00am	Elizabeth Sheehy (Months Mind)

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€541.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by S/Orders.



CROSSCARE Innovation and Action for Social Justice **Annual food collection** will be held **THIS** weekend.

Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for this year's Annual Parish Food Appeal which takes place this weekend, December 2nd and 3rd for the Crosscare Foodbanks. Crosscare works with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items.



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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Parish of St. Columba

3rd December 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

Advent is a time where we are asked to 'Stay Awake' and it is a time of preparation. We need to prepare for the comings and goings of the Christmas Season but we also need to stay awake as a Christian and prepare in a Spiritual way for the coming of Christ.

The first Candle on the Advent Wreath represents Hope – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God!

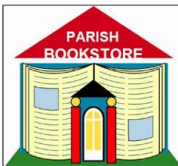


"And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations, the Gentiles will hope in him.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." ~ Romans 15:12-13

The Jesse Tree will be displayed during Advent where you can write a prayer or intercession on the stars available and place them on the tree. These stars will then be taken from the dead wood of the Jesse tree at Christmas on to the Living Tree and continue to be displayed throughout the Christmas Period.

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 Shop

Visit our Parish pop-up shop every week-end
Located beside the main entrance Beautiful
selection of Christmas Cards & Gifts Calendars,
Diary's. Open before & after Mass, every
Friday, Saturday & Sunday.



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards available in the Shop pack of 12 cards for €5.00



The joy of Grandparents'

Gaudete Sunday – 17th December

As part of our parish participation in the lead up to the
World Meeting of Families (WMOF), we would like to
celebrate the gift of all Grandparents here in our parish.



Grandparents play a pivotal role in the lives of their grandchildren and we welcome all
Grandparents to the **11 am mass on Gaudete Sunday, 17th December**. There will be
a special blessing for Grandparents. It's an opportunity, too, to invite your grandchil-
dren to come along with you. We will also have some seasonal treats after mass!

Further update in next week's Parish Link.

Discussion on : Is Christmas too Commercialised?

Christmas Starts with Christ

Wednesday 13 Dec @ 7.00pm in
St Alphonsus Monastery, Iona Rd
All Welcome

The Patrician Discussion Group
is organised by the
Legion of Mary St. Columba's Parish

The death has occurred of Tommy
McCabe, Dalcassian Downs,
last Monday 27th November. He
will be sadly missed by his Brothers
and Sisters in The Legion of Mary.

Meditation 13th December
St Alphonsus Monastery
Time: 7.30 - 8.15p.m.



Carols by Candlelight

We would like to invite you to
join us on Thurs 7th Dec at
7:30pm in the Holy Faith
Convent Chapel in Glasnevin
for "Carols by Candlelight".

The St. Mary's Secondary
School Choir and Schola
choir will perform an evening
of festive music, Carols,
& reflections in the beautiful
surroundings of the Convent
Chapel. There will be Tea/
Coffee and mince pies served
afterwards in the School
Choir Hall Free admission
and all are welcome.



My Drumcondra Christmas Tree Lighting up Ceremony at Tolka River

At 3.30 Sunday 3rd Dec
Christmas Choir singing seasonal
Tunes. Complimentary tea & coffee
St. Patrick's Boy's School invites you
to join them after the ceremony
for music and light refreshments
and of course, the man himself,

Santa Claus, will
be there with
gifts for the
children. (4.15)
People attending
are invited to give
a donation to local
charity Cari.

Active Retirement

Tuesday 5th Bridge as usual 2 to 4pm

Wednesday 6th Morn Knit & Knatter special thanks to
all the home knitters Join us some Wed.

Wed 6th 2 to 4pm Bingo and Cards lots and lots of prizes

Thursday 7th 12.30 Christmas Lunch at Maples not too late to get your
ticket a great chance to catch up with your friends and make new ones



The Humanitarian Symphony Orchestra at St Peter's
Come join us as the Orchestra perform in music and
song. The concert promises to be a wonderful evening
of classical music such as the William Tell Overture,
Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and much more. Tickets

available at the door and from Louise Mooney on **087 431 4450**,
adults €10 / OAPs, students & unwaged €8 / under 12yrs FREE.

Thursday, 7 December at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm).

All proceeds are going to the Cystic Fibrosis Service at St Vincent's
Hospital, Dublin



Prepare the Way of the Lord with

Isaiah –Advent services will take
place in the Pro-Cathedral for three
consecutive Weds from 11:15am to
12.30pm on Nov 29th, 6th and 13th
Dec. Let us rediscover the beauty of
being together along the way.

Neighbour Hood Watch

Maples Hotel

Tuesday 5th Dec 8pm

Last meeting for 2017



Ladies Club Christmas Dinner in
Ashbourne on Thurs 7th Dec.
Bus leaves the church at 3-20pm

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality—Prepare for Christmas
through our sessions of guided prayer on each Tuesday of Advent.
These evenings create 'sacred spaces' for you to open your heart to
the Word of God, helping you to prepare to celebrate God's great
love for us. You can come for any one evening, or all four as you
wish. There's no need to book. Just come along yourself, or bring a
family member, a friend or anybody who you think may benefit from
an evening of prayer and meditation on the events of Advent and
Christmas. All are very welcome.

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Tuesday 28 November 2017

Tuesday 5 December 2017

Tuesday 12 December 2017

Tuesday 19 December 2017

