

### 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.



### MASS INTENTIONS for the coming week

Sa. 17th 6.00pm Dermot Ryan (A) Josie O'Brien (A)  
Mary & Michael O'Sullivan (A) Dermot Cross (A)  
Margaret Fitzpatrick (A)  
Su. 18th 11.00am Sean O'Reilly (Months Mind)  
1st Anniversary Remembrance for Eamonn Ryan  
Mo. 19th 9.30am Sadie Chawke (A)  
Tu. 20th 9.30am Bridget & Bernard Kelly (A)  
We. 21st 9.30am Mary Finucane (A)  
Fr. 23rd 9.30am Maeve Ward (A)

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€363.50** last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes; an average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.

**Carol-Singing**—A very sincere “Thank You” to all our parishioners who gave so generously to the pupils, parents, teachers and members of the Board of Management of St. Columba's N.S. on their annual carol-singing on the roads of the parish on Wednesday night, 14<sup>th</sup> December. A total of €1700 was collected by the different carol-singing groups in one hour.

This has now been divided between the local Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Simon Community – each receiving €850. A special “thank you” to the members of the Parents' Association for kindly providing warm hot chocolate with marshmallows to us all after the carol-singing back at the school.

A very *Happy Christmas* to you all from  
**St. Columba's School.**

E. Whelan, St. Columba's N.S., Iona Road.



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.

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# PARISH



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18th December, 2016

## EMMANUEL

God With Us

ISAIAH 7:10-16

### Thought for the Day ..

In a culture where God, apparently, is absent, it may sound strange to hear words such as “Do not be afraid” and “God is with us.” Such assurances are at the heart of our biblical faith from start to finish. Everyone who is anyone in the Bible is told not to be afraid. And the assurance “I will be with you” is found throughout - starting with the very name of God in Ex 3:14,

*I am who I am.* The God - in whom we live and move and have our being - is there all along, whether we are aware of it or not. Faith is the moment of discovery and recognition.



### 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.**

**Ballygall Parish** looks forward to extending a warm welcome to everyone in the Glasnevin Grouping, and invite you all to join us in an evening of prayer at our annual Service of Reconciliation, with the Franciscan Fathers from Merchants Quay, in **Our Mother of Divine Grace Church, Ballygall**, on **Wednesday next December 21st at 7.30pm.**

**St. Columba's Church Iona Road**  
**CHRISTMAS IN**  
**SONG AND WORD**

with **The People's College Choir**  
the Children of St Columba's School,  
St Vincent's School  
and **Eoin Tierney** - organist  
**This Sunday 18th December**  
**5.00pm to 6.00pm**



**Three Sisters**  
**Craft**  
**Christmas**  
**Pop-Up Shop**  
187 Botanic  
Road,  
(adj to Botanic Gardens)  
Felting, Crochet,  
Knitting, Wood Turning,  
Jewellery, Cards,  
Ceramics,  
Decorations, Wearables  
Open Tuesday - Sunday  
11am to 6 pm.

**The St. Vincent de Paul**  
**Society** would like to  
thank most sincerely all  
who contributed to the  
Annual Appeal last  
weekend. The amount  
raised was **€3773.00**  
In the current  
economic climate once  
again the generosity  
of the people  
has proved  
extraordinary.

Discussion on  
**"Spiritual Renewal**  
**for the New Year?"**  
a@7pm, Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> December, 2016  
in St Alphonsus  
Monastery, Iona Rd.  
All welcome,  
especially young  
adults.  
The Patrician  
Discussion Group is  
under the auspices of  
the Legion of Mary



**Christmas Morning Reception**

Following on from the success of the recent Café gathering, celebrated with those baptised during the year, we would like to invite you all after 11am Mass on Christmas morning in the Church to spend some time in the company of fellow parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are welcome.



**St Columba's Church, Iona Road Christmas 2016**

Saturday, 24 December	Christmas Eve	Mass for Christmas 6.00 pm. and 9.00 p.m.
Sunday, 25 December	Christmas Day	Mass 11.00 a.m. Mass 9.45 a.m. (Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel)
Monday, 26 December		Mass 11.00 a.m.. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
Tuesday, 27 December		Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
Wednesday, 28 December		Mass 11.00 a.m.. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
Thursday, 28 December		Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
Friday, 28 December		Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
Saturday, 31 December		Mass 9.30 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)
<b>Vigil Mass for Sunday 6.00 p.m.</b>		<b>Sunday, 1 January 2017 (New Year's Day)</b>
Feast of Mary, Mother of God		Mass 9.45 a.m. (Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel) Mass 11.00 a.m.
Monday, 2 January		Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Advent Reconciliation Service

**Wednesday, 21 December 7.30 p.m. in**  
**Our Mother of Divine Grace Church, Ballygall.**

Confessions in St Columba's Church: Saturday, 17 December 12.00-1.00 p.m.  
Saturday, 24 December 12.00-1.00 p.m.

**CAROL SERVICE**

Preparing for Christmas  
Sunday, 18 December 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 pm.

**PARISH BOOK**  
**SHOP**

**Continues to have**  
**the Christmas pop**  
**-up shop at the**  
**back of the church**  
**every week-end**  
**for the Christmas season.**  
**Come and have a look at our**  
**lovely selection of Christmas**  
**cards and gifts. We also**  
**have Christmas candles and**  
**2017 Calendars & diaries.**



**Senior Help Line**

Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10.00am to 10.00pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. **LoCall 1850 440 444**, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.

**IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** Axis in Ballymun: Film-Butchers Boy @ 2 pm.  
**Tue 20<sup>th</sup>** from 2-4.30: Bridge with tea & mince pies. **Wed 21<sup>st</sup>** Bingo /Cards  
All weekly activities resume on week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June.  
Nollaig Shonasaigh agus Athbhliain le Gach Duine

Fiona Corcoran came from Cork to collect what the group had knitted for the orphanage in Kazakhstan. It was a wonderful collection of knitting and crochet in multicolours. The group will hopefully travel by train to Cork before Easter to bring more goods to Fiona and have lunch in the English Market.