

### 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.

### Thursday, 8 December

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS 9.30 am (St Columba's) 9.45 am (Cemetery Chapel) 5.45 pm (St Alphonsus

Monastery) Vigil Mass on Wednesday 5.45 pm (St Alphonsus Monastery)



### MASS INTENTIONS for the coming week

**Sun 4th** 11.00am Brian Bennett (month's mind)

**Wed 7th** 9.30 am Deceased members of the Richeby and Heffernan families

**Sat 10th** Patrick Flanagan (A), Jams, Bridget and Seamus Sheridan (A),  
Edna Dempsey (A)

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€780.90** last weekend and **€1012.05** the previous weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes; an average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Annual collection for the Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers Society, Dublin's oldest charity, last weekend, replacing the Share collection., amounted to **€762.00**.  
Thank you.



### We member our parishioners who died in November

Brian Bennett, Chapelgate,  
Eileen Kavanagh, formerly Crawford Ave.,  
Phyllis Cashell, Crawford Ave.,  
Patrick Brennan, Botanic Ave.,

Sean O'Reilly, St Columba's Rd Up.  
Bridie Houlihan,  
formerly St Brigid's Rd. Lr.  
Liam Tobin, Lindsay Road

**May they rest in peace**



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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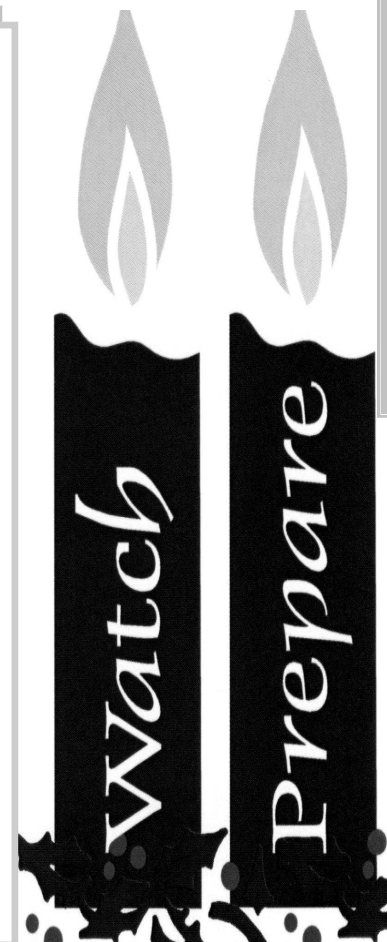
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Parish of St. Columba

4th December, 2016

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

**A voice  
cries in the  
wilderness;  
Prepare  
a way  
for the  
Lord,  
make his  
paths  
straight.**



John the Baptist came to  
bear witness to Jesus.  
Who have been the people  
who have borne witness to  
us of the good news that  
God loves us -  
a friend, a parent, a  
teacher, etc.?  
To whom have we borne  
that witness?

John appears in the story  
as one who had the  
courage to be himself in  
the face of opposition.  
He knew his own value,  
did not make  
exaggerated claims and  
was content with his  
mission. Can you recall  
times when you have  
been content to be  
yourself, without  
pretending to be more  
than you are?

### 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.**

## Carol Singing

The pupils, parents, teachers and members of the Board of Management of St. Columba's N.S. will have their annual carol-singing on the roads of the parish on Wednesday, 14th December between 7-8pm. The monies collected will be divided between the local



Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Simon Community. We thank you most sincerely in advance to all our parishioners. Ms Eileen Whelan Principal St. Columba's N.S.



"The Parents' Association of St. Columba's School will be holding a Cake Sale at the rear of the church

following 6pm Mass on Saturday December 10th 2016. This is the ideal opportunity to buy your first mince pie and other baked goodies of the festive season!"

The next monthly meeting of our local branch of Neighbourhood Watch will take place in the Maples Hotel, Iona Road, on Tuesday 6th December at 8 p.m. sharp. All welcome and be vigilant as the dark nights approach.

**Celebrate Advent ...  
Joyful in Hope  
Waiting with Wonder  
Centering Prayer in Advent  
Advent Sacred Dance Day**

[www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie](http://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie)

*Enjoy some quiet time during the weeks before Christmas. When we link the Christmas story to our own story it becomes alive.*



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

**Crosscare**, the diocesan social care agency, is appealing again this year in the lead up to Christmas to help in the collection of vital foodstuffs for the Crosscare Food Banks. These Food Banks give food directly to individuals and families in need through local community food banks and also to over 70 other charities in Dublin who are working with those most in need. Throughout the year, demand on the Food Banks has remained very high and Crosscare appeals for parishioners to bring non-perishable food items to Mass this weekend. Special boxes are provided. The Society of St Vincent de Paul holds its Christmas Appeal at Masses next weekend. The collection replaces the Share collection.



***Mindfully waiting for Christmas*** and more... check out [www.sanctuary.ie](http://www.sanctuary.ie) The Sanctuary is based in Stanhope Street, Dublin 7.

The AlzheimerCafé  
...A great place to talk

**It's back... our famous Christmas Party!**



Date: Tuesday 6th December 2016 - Time: 7 - 9pm  
Venue: Clareville Centre, Claremont Lawns, Glasnevin (Opposite Glasnevin Cemetery, keep left to end of estate).  
LIVE MUSIC, Dancing, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies

**PARISH BOOK SHOP**  
We will have a 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 & diary's.



**'Make Your Own Christmas Card' at Drumcondra Library**

Drumcondra Library will host a 'Make Your Own Christmas Card' card-making workshop for adults on Wednesday 7th December at 11.00am. Admission is free, and booking is essential. Email: [drumcondralibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:drumcondralibrary@dublincity.ie) Tel 01 8377206 Information on events in Dublin City Public Libraries can be obtained from the website: [www.dublincitypubliclibraries.ie](http://www.dublincitypubliclibraries.ie)

The Clareville Invincibles invite you to  
**Christmas in the Trenches 1916**

A Remembrance of The Rising and the Somme  
In Prose Poetry Music and Song  
The Milestone Gallery  
Glasnevin Cemetery Museum  
11 December 2016 at 11am

Christmas got off to a great start on Thursday 1st December when Teresa Killeen hosted the first of the festivities.

A delicious dinner was served at 7 p.m. and Grace was said by the Parish Priest. Dublin City Council was represented by Niall Burns. Music was provided by "Past Times" and Clareville Chairman, Mick Brophy, presented the awards. Two Dominican Transition Year pupils, Saidhbh and Jolene helped serve the dinner.

## IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**Mon 5th** Christmas lunch

Looking forward to meeting everyone, hope it is a good day  
**Tues. 6th** 2pm to 4.30pm Bridge for all interested, any grade.

**Wed. 7th** 10am to 12.30pm Knit & Knatter /  
2pm to 4pm Bingo & Cards for all money prizes

**Friday 9th** 11am to 4pm

Demonstration in Ballymun for all interested in moderate exercises & facilities  
Names will be taken on Mon. 5th so that transport can be arranged.  
Sounds interesting.... Clare Early will be taking names

