

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 31 Dec and 1 Jan 2017

Sat 31st. Dec. Mary O'Reilly (A) - Frank & Elizabeth McGoldrick (A)

Sun. 1st. Jan. Teresa O'Reilly (1st A)



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)

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, 29 December Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)

Friday, 30 December Mass 11.00 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)

Saturday, 31 December Mass 9.30 a.m. (St Alphonsus Monastery)

Vigil Mass for Sunday 6.00 p.m.

Sunday, 1 January 2017 (New Year's Day)

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)

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€1,480.01** last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes; an average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Just letting you know..

There will be
no Parish Link
next week



Carol Service collection last Sunday
amounted to **€886** which has been divided
between the **Fr. Peter McVerry Trust** and
Brother Kevin Capuchin Day Centre.



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

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Parish of St. Columba

Christmas Day - 25th December, 2016



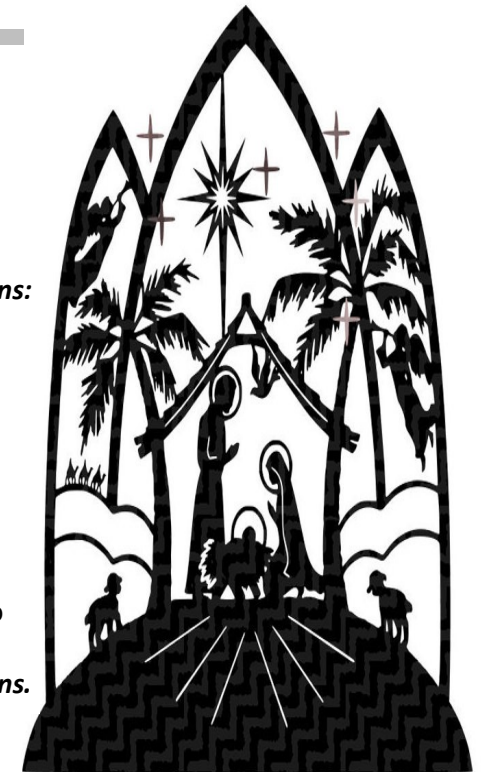
Merry Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the
flocks,

then the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...
And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do
and in all that we say:

then the work of Christmas begins.



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.**

Christmas Day

Last year I began this message saying: Didn't the year simply fly! I can say the same this Christmas.

At this time of the year, we look back. There are events and occasions that come to mind. 2016 was a year when we looked back at 1916, to the Easter Rising and later to the Battle of the Somme. Parish life continued as normal. We remember parishioners who died in the past year. We recall the death of St Bridget on 3 May, and more recently, the death of Fr Colm Kenny, Ballymun Road, in our Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes. May all our departed sisters and brothers rest in peace. Our sympathy to all who lost loved ones this year.

Early in the year, we became very aware of the plight of migrants and refugees and later, nearer home, the people who were homeless. These issues still exist. There has been a very generous response from parishioners to the earlier collection for the Christian communities suffering in Syria, the earthquake victims in Italy, and more recently, to the Crosscare Food Bank, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the Capuchin Day Centre and Fr Peter McVerry Trust.



Last year I mentioned the importance of a conversation about the needs of the parish, its church, and about the future. Let us engage in that conversation, knowing that we are making and shaping the future at present, even if that future has its uncertainties.

A very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Fr Paddy

Christmas Morning Reception

You are all invited to spend some time in the company of fellow parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments after 11am Mass on this Christmas morning in the Church.



All are welcome.



Three Sisters Craft

**Children's Craft Classes - January 2017
@ 187 Botanic Road (opp. Botanic Gardens)**

Day 1 - 2nd Jan Felting
Day 2 - 3rd Jan Beading /Knitting
Day 3 - 4th Jan Comic Book Making
Day 4 - 5th Jan Printing
Day 5 - 6th Jan Making a moving Toy
Each day consists of 3 classes:
11:30 - 1pm. 1:30 - 3pm. 3 - 5pm.
Classes of 8 for over 8 yr olds.
Classes are €15 each

Further details from Jean @ 087 2482583



PARISH BOOK SHOP ...wishes to thank you all for your support.

The Book Shop will be open, as usual, after Masses over weekends. Take a look at our selection of cards, gifts as well as candles and 2017 Calendars & diaries.

Evening of Prayer & Music: Join Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin, on Saturday 31st Dec. 11.30am-12.15pm for a Service of music and reflection as we ask God's blessing and wisdom as we begin a New Year.



Discussion on
"Spiritual Renewal for the New Year?"
@ 7pm, Thursday 29th 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.

Training for Carers - Looking for a career in the care sector? Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in 2017 in or around your area based on demand. One day topic specific workshops also available. **Further details, contact the training unit on 057 9322920.**

COMPUTERS FOR THE TERRIFIED! 1 TO 1 TRAINING FOR OVER 55's

Are you frustrated by your lack of computer skills? Do you feel that the digital age has passed you by? Are you confused by well meaning family instruction (i.e. no patience with you!)

Learn how to.. search the Internet, send & receive emails, shop and book flights. Use your own device or use computers available at some venues.

Age Action runs beginner courses in Computers, iPads and Tablets for older people who have little or no experience or for the absolutely terrified!

Courses run once a week for 5 - 6 weeks depending on the venue. Classes are run in Artane, Ballymun, Cabra, Clontarf, City Centre, Drumcondra, Donnycarney, Finglas, Raheny and Santry.

If you wish to become a volunteer or to book a course **TEL: (01) 475 6989**

Watch & Pray

There will be a Holy Hour on Friday 6th January 2017 after the 9.30am Mass from 10.00am to 11.00am.

All Welcome



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.

VOLUNTEERS to help with

Meals on Wheels are always needed. If you have any spare time during weekday mornings and would like to give a hand



please **contact Paul @ 086 260 3226**

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Last Sunday, 18th Dec., 30 members were entertained to a Christmas dinner by the GAA in Croke Park. The guests were welcomed by An Garda Síochána from Mountjoy Station and by Julianne Savage (Mannix Road) who was delighted to see so many of her neighbours there. Grace before Meals was said by the Sergeant and the Superintendent announced that it was hoped that Fitzgibbon Street Station would re-open soon. When the party finished, An Garda Síochána were at the door to help the less able get home safely. It was a most enjoyable afternoon of music and good food.