

### 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.	10th	6.00pm	Patrick Flanagan (A) James, Bridget & Seamus Sheridan (A) Edna Dempsey (A) Stella Lawless (A) Michael Durkan (A)
Mo.	12th	9.30am	Niamh Ní Nuallain (A)
Tu.	13th	9.30am	Breda & John Walsh (A)
Wd	14th	9.30am	Greta & John McGrath (A)
Sa.	17th	6.00pm	Dermot Ryan (2nd A) Josie O'Brien (A) Mary & Michael O'Sullivan (A)
Su.	18th	11.00am	Sean O'Reilly (Month's Mind)

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to €765.24 last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes; an average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

Please note....St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal takes place this Sat/Sun. 10th/11th Dec.

**Café Columba.... Last week, on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we invited our latest little parishioners to join us again in the celebration of Mass and the opening of Café Columba. It was a great success and on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, we thank everyone for making it so ! It's about being a Christian community - young, old, everyone. It's worth building on... and so we will!**



Garden Centre for all your Christmas Plants  
Gracepark Rd open every day from 10.00am to 16.00. Call 087 602 8880 for further Info.



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.  
Ph: 8308257 or email [saintcolumba@eircom.net](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

# PARISH



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**Our prayers and sympathy with the parishioners of Our Lady of Victories Parish on the death of Fr. Colm Kenny Co Parish Priest. May he enjoy eternal peace and rest.**

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# GAUDETE



#### Thought for the Day ..

Joy in believing might seem an "extra" in today's challenging climate for faith. Many of us struggle simply to hold on, not to mention being exuberant about it all. And yet, of course there is deep happiness in faith. First of all, everything around is a gift and behind all the gifts stands a giver. Secondly, love is at the heart of it all and, in the faith, nothing is ever "lost" or "wasted." Faith, hope and love endure and the greatest of these is love. Finally, why not "permit" ourselves true joy in all that God has done for us and still does for us in Jesus and in the Holy Spirit?

#### 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.

### 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.

"The Parents' Association of St. Columba's School will be holding a Cake Sale at the rear of the church following 6pm Mass This Saturday Dec 10th This is the ideal opportunity to buy your first mince pie and other baked goodies of the festive season!"



### Crosscare Food Appeal:

Thanks to everyone for their fantastic support for the Crosscare Food Appeal last weekend.



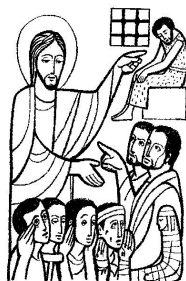
An Evening of Carols and Reflections with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group in the **Monastery of St Alphonsus on Monday 19th December at 8.00pm**  
In aid of Football for Refugees in Lesbos, Greece

Do you ever feel there is something better you could do with your free time? Would you like a new opportunity to do something meaningful and rewarding? Does your day-to-day work ignore some of the valuable life skills you have built up over the years? If you answered yes to any of the questions above, we may have the answer for you. Aware is currently recruiting for its Support Services. A three-hour weekly commitment that can and does make a significant difference in the lives of individuals and families who are dealing with depression or bipolar disorder. Aware will provide you with training and ongoing support. Why not have a look at our website and read more about the opportunities available? More information and application is available on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie) We would love to hear from you.



An Ideal Christmas gift would be a one year sub to the **Irish Messenger**. Your gift will be delivered to your friend each month of 2017 - on payment of that yearly sub of €18. Contact 8302866 for further information.

**1916 Exhibition in the Pro Cathedral:** Ministry, Advocacy and Compassion 1916 Exhibition which examines the role of the Catholic Church in 1916 continues from 1.30-5.30pm daily at St. Kevin's Chapel, Pro-Cathedral. Admission is free. To arrange a group booking, please contact the Pro-Cathedral parish office at (01) 874 5441



**Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall** Healing Service - Wednesday 14th December.  
**Reconciliation Service** (With the Franciscans) - Wednesday 21st December 7.30pm

### 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.



### Charity Concert

**St Mary's Pro Cathedral** is hosting "Voices from the Pro Cathedral" on Tuesday the 13th December at 7.30pm in aid of Brother Kevin Capuchin day centre for the Homeless and Dogs aid Animal Rescue. Contact Orla Kearney, 087 9949010. Tickets on sale on the door. Join us for a magical star filled night of songs and readings.

**Meditation Date:** Wednesday 14th December  
Venue: St Alphonsus Monastery Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm  
This group meets every two weeks for a period of quiet meditation. **New people always welcome.**

## 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



**Sunday 18th December 5.00pm to 6.00pm**

**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** Trip to Belfast by train - Anyone interested contact Betty O'Brien.

**Tuesday 2.00pm to 4.30pm** Bridge - Next week is the final week.  
**Wednesday Knit and Knatter 10.00am to 12.30pm.** We now have a large consignment of Knitting available for Fiona Corcoran who visits from Cork to collect and arrange for delivery to the orphan children of Russia.

**Wednesday 2.00pm to 4.30pm Cards and Bingo**  
Finally a big thank you to Maples Hotel we had a most enjoyable Christmas lunch on Monday 5th. Tables beautifully decorated - food was superb everyone enjoyed themselves meeting up with old friends



**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 21st of December from 19:30 to 21:00 in B.A.S.E Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.