St. Doulagh's Church on the Malahide Road at Balgriffin will welcome people on Sat. 11th to Mon. 13th October with a "Festival of Flowers" Our theme for the Festival is, "Lord for the Years, We Give Our Thanks Today". Admission is €10 this includes full guided tours of this amazing church.



Groups are welcome, please phone 087-6711547 in advance.

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Faith for Life is a new course designed to help you discover more energising and empowering ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world. It includes four weekends (Sat. & Sun morning) of facilitated conversations, teaching, personal and group reflection and prayer and liturgy, Taking place in Margaret Aylward Centre (Holy Faith Convent), Glasnevin (beginning 1-2 November) Application forms are available from the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism: -

evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie

Let Peace Begin With Me A Service of Prayer, Music and Reflection on the theme of 'War and Peace' will take place in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Rd, Drumcondra on Monday 13th Oct. at 8 p.m. The liturgy will be presented by 3rd vear students of Mater Dei Institute of Education and the music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.



Youth 2000 will be hosting a Catholic youth retreat for 16-35 vear olds in St Raphaela's Secondary School, Stillorgan from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th of Oct. The weekend will consist of talks. music, workshops, prayer, dramas and testimonies. Retreat starts on Friday at 8.00pm. Online booking necessary. For more information see www.youth2000.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 **Parish Office Opening Times:** Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm. Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

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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.

ST COLUMBA'S SERVICE SATURDAY 2014 18th October

Can you lend a hand or do you need a hand?

Do you have any small jobs around the house that you just cannot manage yourself? Well Mr Fixit is here to lend a hand! All you have to do is fill in the form available at the back of St Columba's church and put it in the box provided.

All services are free – and provided with a smile! All ages and abilities



encouraged to take part in giving a hand.

Harvest Supper in St. Columba's Church The day will conclude with a very special meal, centred around a succulent pig roasted on a spit before your very eyes! Tickets cost €10 on sale after Mass

The final Service Day meeting will be in the Annex at 8 o'clock next Wed.

Next Weekend the Mission Sunday collection takes place on the 19th Oct. The theme for this year's Mission Month of October is 'That they may have life' ... life in all its richness and dignity. The richness of knowing the Gospel and Jesus and dignity of having food to eat, a roof to sleep under and work to go to, through their work, our missionaries strive to make this a reality for the people they serve.

A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart, and can sing it My back to you when you have forgotten the Words

Meditation Group The Meditation Group will meet on



Venue: St. Alphonsus' Monastery Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm This group meets every two weeks for a period of short reflection and meditation. If you would like to come along you are more than welcome.

IDRA (Iona District Residents' Association) There is a big public information meeting being organised for Tuesday 21 October at 7.30pm in the Maples. The developers (Westhill) will be there to discuss their new plans.

"Qui bene cantat bis orat" or "He who sings well, prays twice".



If you sing, why wouldn't you sing with the Choir? Our Choir sings at the 11am Sunday mass and would love some new members. We practise on Tuesday evenings for about an hour. Talk to Eoin, our organist, after mass or contact him on 087 852 3216

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	Sun. 12th Oct	11.00am	Sean Kirwan (A)	14
	Mon. 13th Oct	9.30am	Margaret McEnroe (A)	- VI
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	Also Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery C			Ê ()
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	Baptisms: For all baptisms please contact Sr. Bridget through the Parish Office @ 830 8257			
Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm.				N
	Saturday morning @ 9.30 am. and Sunday morning at 9.30am			

Message from Fr. Jim

A deeply felt thank you to my many friends form St. Columba's who contacted and supported me at the time of Daddy's death. I was very moved by the number of parishioners from Iona Road at his funeral Mass in Ballygall. Also, thanks to all who attended the Mass celebrated by Abbot Stan in St. Alphonsus Monastery. He was greatly impressed by your Faith. I hope to enter Mepkin when my visa comes through in February/March 2015.

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Cards and Bingo as usual on Tues. and Wed.

Monday 13th October: Monthly meeting at 10.15 a.m. in Annex.

Sunday 19th October. Mini Holidav in Maldron Hotel. Cork - Minibus will leave church at 9.15am to connect with 10am train from Heuston to Cork. 3 nights B&B&D €139 pps. Single room €20 extra per night. Book direct with hotel @ 021 452 9200 and mention you are Iona Active Retirement.

Parish contributions for week commencing Sept 28th were €579.08 and for week commencing Oct 5th, €643.90.



Healing Prayer with Eddie Stone. Wed. October 15th. 2014. Bus departing from St. Columba's Church, at 8:30am. Healing Service Commences at 12:00 noon and finishes with Mass at 3:00pm. Morning break / Evening meal will be available. Bus Fare €28.00. For full details please contact: Eileen Kelly Ph: 8306849



Ann and Karen Sheehy would like to thank everyone that battled through the rain on Friday 3rd Oct. and supported the ARC Cancer Centre Coffee Morning. ARC were delighted with the fantastic donation of €755 raised. Ann and Karen would also like to thank everyone for their contributions towards the raffle.