

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.



PARISH



LINK

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Parish of St.Columba

5th October 2014

Rosmini Community School will be holding an open evening on Wed. 8th of October from 7-9pm in St. Joseph's hall Childvision. All students, parents and guardians of fourth, fifth and sixth class are cordially invited to attend.

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

DCU Intergenerational Learning Programme invites all parishioners to the **OPEN DAY**

Come along and hear all about this semester's modules including FREE computer classes

DAY WEDNESDAY

TIME 1PM TO 3PM

VENUE; ROOM QG21 Business School

The Irish Deaf Society Presents a One Day Super Sale New and designer bags, shoes, clothes & toys.

10th October 2014

11:00AM - 4:00 PM

Cabragh Hall, Deaf Village Ireland,

Ratoath Road, Cabra, Dublin 7

Contact Lorraine 086 413 7970

funds@irishdeafociety.ie

The annual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help concluded last Wednesday. It was conducted by a Redemptorist, Fr. Gerry Ryan and was very well attended. On two occasions, Fr. Joe Merck from the USA, who led the Iona pilgrimage to Multyfarnham last January, concelebrated Mass. It was good to see Sr. Gabrielle back at the organ - she was much missed while she was hospitalized. The organ music- which was augmented by Sr. Maura on the flute - that accompanied the hymns, added to the solemnity of the occasion.

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

Visit Parish website at

www.ionaroadparish.ie or

email info@ionaroadparish.ie



Jesus said to them " Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builder's rejected has become the cornerstone; This was the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes".

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, will represent the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference at the Third Extraordinary General Assembly of Bishops which takes place at the Vatican from 5 to 19 October, to discuss the topic: "The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelisation." The bishops of Ireland invite the faithful across the country to pray this prayer for the Synod:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

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**

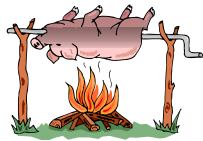
**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Can you lend a hand or take a hand? (We need both)

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.



Evening Meal 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

**Coffee stalls and CAKE SALE after 6pm Saturday
Mass and 11am Sunday Mass
on this weekend to highlight the day.**



The Folk Group are looking for a few good folks with a generous heart, A little extra time, and the willingness to sing with us at our Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 6pm. We practice on Mondays from 7:15pm to 8:15pm.



Come along any Saturday after the 6pm Vigil Mass and talk to us. Or, you can phone Clare 01-8305271 - Eoin 087-6648589. Look forward to meeting you The Folk Group.

This year's Day for Life in Ireland falls on this Sunday 5 October 2014.

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death.

Holy Mary, Mother of Love, holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb, graciously look upon our earth and remove from it all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes to the preciousness of human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Through the example of your tenderness teach us the ways of compassion and love that we may build up the civilisation of love

among us and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.

Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death, and to work with others of goodwill in promoting the culture of life. Bring us ever closer to your Son, so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us and come to know that life more perfectly, with you, and all the angels and saints, in the eternal life of Heaven. **Amen**

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Sat. 4th Oct (Vigil)	6.00pm:	Mary O'Brien (A) Jim Kennedy (A)
Sun. 5th Oct	11.00am:	John O'Reilly (A)
Mon. 6th Oct	9.30am	Maura, Jim & Marie Chawke (A)
Tue. 7th Oct	9.30am	Mary O'Brien (A)
Wed. 8th Oct.	9.30am	Derek Leonard (A)
Thur. 9th Oct	9..30am	
Fri. 10th Oct	9.30am	John Leogue (A)

Also Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel

Daily Mass Monday to Friday @ 9.30 am

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.

Saturday morning @ 9.30 am. and Sunday morning at 9.30am

The recent St. Vincent de Paul collection raised €600.00
The Cross Care Collection held on 20/21st September was € 2055.00

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

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Cards and bingo as usual on Tue. and Wed. **Friday 10th October:** Committee meeting in room at back of Sacristy at 10 a.m.

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

Sunday 19th October. Minibus will leave church at 9.15 a.m. to connect with 10 a.m. train from Heuston to Cork. Mini holiday in Maldron Hotel in city centre. 3 nights b & b & d €139 pps. Single room €20 extra per night. Book direct with hotel 021 452 9200 and mention you are with the Iona Active Retirement.



CRIME CRIME CRIME -

The monthly meeting of Neighbourhood Watch will take place on Tuesday 7th October at 8 p.m in The Maples Hotel, Iona Road. An added bonus this month will be the attendance of a crime prevention officer from An Garda Siochana whose guidance/knowledge should prove worth hearing. As usual the crime statistics for the area during the month of September will be delivered and discussed.