

The Silver Surfer Awards celebrate older people who have embraced technology and those who support them.

Nominations close on Sunday, 5th Oct 14

Nominate someone today!

The winners of the Google Silver Surfer Awards with Age Action will be announced at an awards ceremony on Monday 20th October at Google Headquarters in Dublin. **3 easy ways to nominate:**

1. Fill in a nomination form at www.ageaction.ie/silversurfer
2. Email us at silversurfer@ageaction.ie
3. Call Anne-Marie Walsh on 01 475 6989

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS AUTUMN
BLOOD DONATION CLINIC
BALLYGALL
SCOIL CHIARAIN
ST CANICE'S ROAD
on Wednesday 10th September 2014
from 5pm – 8:30pm**



Meditation and Mindfulness At the Sanctuary

A List of our upcoming workshops and courses can be obtained from The Sanctuary - Stanhope Street, Dublin 7, Ireland. | Tel: +353 1 670 5419 | Email: enquiries@sanctuary.ie

Margaret Aylward
Community College

**Open Night
Tuesday 9th September
6.30-8.30pm
All Girls post-primary school
Enrolments for September 2015
now being taken
Come and meet our teachers
and look around our school**

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 3rd Sept. for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2 For further information phone 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com

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

Visit parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie

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**"Again, truly
I tell you, if two of you
agree on earth about
anything you ask, it will
be done for you
by my Father in heaven.
For where two or
three are gathered in
my name, I am there
among them."**

Several people said to me this week, "They're looking great." They meaning the church grounds. Yes, plenty of work has been done, not just to keep the place tidy but also for health, safety and security reasons. And we can all play a part in keeping the grounds tidy and safe, especially as they are part of our parish place of worship. I often think of that word 'worship.' It is an Old English word, woerthscipe, worthy-ship, an acknowledgement of worth. In this case, it is our acknowledgement of the immeasurable worth of God and, as a consequence, the importance of making sure that what we do is worthy of God and of God's people.

I have also heard very complementary remarks about making the sanctuary area of the church itself more safe. We have put an anti-slip safety tape at the edge of the marble steps. Many haven't noticed –which is good in itself- but those who serve as ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion have and are glad to see the steps clearly marked.

Fr. Paddy.

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.

Wireless Public Address System (WPAS)

It has come to our attention that there may be a problem with those of you who have a radio from the church in order to listen to our Mass each day.

Can you let us know if you have one of these radios and if you are receiving the Mass without interference? Contact the Parish Office at 8308257.



Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith & Dialogue.
A place of Prayer, tranquillity, conversation and dialogue for all

Introduction to Centering Prayer with Mary Teresa Power chf The first of these sessions will focus on the question: What is prayer? 5 Evenings at 7.30 – 9.00pm. Sep 8, 15, 22, 29 and Oct 6 or 5 mornings at 11.00 - 12.30pm. Sep 10, 17, 24 and Oct 1 & 8. Each session will last approximately one hour followed by tea/coffee. A Holy Faith Sister and former secondary school teacher / Career Guidance Counsellor. She has a special interest in prayer with scripture and in Centering Prayer.

Space for Reflection - You are welcome to come to Centre and spend some time in our Sacred Space there you can be nourished with silence, reading and reflection. Contact Centre to arrange time.. To see full programme of events for Autumn/winter 2014. Contact us at www.holyfaithsisters.org or phone Holy Faith Sisters Glasnevin.01 7979 364 / 087 664 9862

Iona Active Retirement

Monday 8th Sept

AGM at 10.15 a.m. in Annex.

Monday 22nd Sept

Mystery tour leaves church at 10.15 a.m.

Sunday 19th Oct

Imperial Hotel, Cork. D, B & B €55 pps. Single room €75.

Booking 021 427 040. Mention the Iona Active Group.

Catholic Distance University:

The Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism is partnering with the Catholic Distance University in America to provide an online course in Adult Faith for the Autumn. The course is ideal for anyone involved in the life of the Parish, Parish Council members, . The course begins on the 29th September registrations take place the week of the 15th September. To learn more about CDU you can log onto www.cdu.edu For more information about the new course beginning at the end of September you can email veronica.jackson@dublindiocese.ie in

“Does your spouse have

dementia? We are carrying out research looking to gain an insight into the health and wellbeing of those who live with someone who has dementia. For more information about taking part please contact Alan Galvin or Dr Maria Perl at Trinity College on 01 896 8414”

Parish Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Saturday 6 th Sep (Vigil)	6.00pm:	Ciaran Andrews (2 nd Anv) Patricia Gilligan (7 th Anv)
Sunday 7 th Sep.	11.00am:	Denis Byrne
Monday 8 th Sept.	9.30am:	Maura & Sean Fanning (Wedding Anv)
Tuesday 9 th Sept.	9.30am:	Timothy & Mary Bowler (A)
Wed. 10 th Sept.	9..30am:	Patrick O'Donnell (A)
Thurs 11 th Sept.	9.30am:	Maura McMahon (A)
Friday 12 th Sept.	9.30am	Kitty & Nuala O'Donohoe (A)

Also Sunday morning Mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery (Finglas Rd)

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

Parish contribution for week commencing Aug 31st **€937.61** Many thanks

Harvest of Hope: The African Chaplaincy invites you to their Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving "Harvest of Hope" on Sunday, 14th September at 12.30p.m. in the National Show Centre, Swords, Co-Dublin. For further information contact Fr. Cornelius on 087-467257 or Fr. Paul on 086-3127392. All Welcome .

Welcome to September on Lough

Derg: Lough Derg continues to offer a sacred space during September – an oasis of calm from the pressures & challenges of life. One Day Retreats available. Fasting or walking bare-footed is not required. Booking is essential. For further information contact Maureen or Sharon Tel: 071 9861518 or [Email:info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)



Congratulations to Aisling Ryan and Paul O'Brien who were married this weekend. We wish them all the best of luck for the future .



St Alphonsus Monastery Mass

Abbot Stan, the abbot of Mepkin will celebrate Mass with me in St. Alphonsus Monastery on Monday 8th September at 7.30pm. I would love all my friends from St. Columba's to come to the Mass and meet him.
Fr Jim