

St. Columba's Parish would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our visitors this summer.

If you are "UP FOR THE MATCH" in Croke Park we hope you have a

great day and enjoy the games.



St Columba's school & St. Vincent's school re-open for all pupils on Friday 29th of August 2014

### A note from Fr. Jim

Abbot Stan, the abbot of Mepkin will be visiting Ireland shortly. He 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.

The monthly meeting of **Neighbourhood Watch** is due to be held on Tuesday 5th August in the Maples House Hotel, Iona Road at 8 p.m. sharp. All issues relating to crime locally will be addressed and as usual an account of criminal activity in our area during the month of July will be read out by a member of our local Gardai.



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)

The PARISH LINK will resume weekly publications on Sunday 31st of August

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)**

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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.*



Many have noticed and commented very favourably on the work being done in tidying up the grounds of the Church. The Lourdes grotto is looking well and St Columba has re-appeared! Some of this work was part of the general inspection of the Church and grounds done by the buildings and property agency of the Diocese. It was also necessitated for health and security reasons.

Inside the Church there are some areas of dampness that need to be addressed. And there is the day to day, week to week task of keeping our place of worship in order. Many thanks to our sacristans, our Flower Society and to Maureen, Madge and Ita for their regular cleaning work. A few extra hands would be most welcome. May I suggest that anyone who

might be able to help on a regular basis might be with us after morning Mass on Thursday, 14 August. We also might be able to plan a more general and bigger cleaning and tidying up day in September.

**September will see the formal establishment of the grouping of neighbouring parishes: with St Columba, Iona Road, will be Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin, Corpus Christi, Drumcondra, Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall and Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road. Each parish retains its own identity and has its own Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and resident priest, but the grouping will enable us to work towards a common pastoral plan for the area, including areas that can better be done together as a cluster.**

August is a month that usually flies by. Schools move so quickly to their re-opening dates. We still have plenty of time to enjoy what has been a very good summer weather-wise. Continue to enjoy and stay safe on the roads and in water. **Fr. Paddy**

### Iona Active Retirement 2014

**Tuesday 29th July** Sixteen members travelled by train to Athlone. After lunch in the Sheraton they wandered around the town as they choose. Those who visited the Castle enjoyed the DVD re-enactment of the 1690 Siege of Athlone. The Harry Clarke windows in the church of Sts. Peter and Paul were much admired.

Special thanks to Michael Chawke who transported the members to and from Heuston Station in his minibus.

**Monday 11th August:** Dublin Bay Cruise. Leaves the Ferryman on Sir. John Rogersons Quay at 11.00am. Arrives Howth 12.15 and leaves Howth for

Sir John Rogersons Quay at 13.00. Arrives back Sir John Rogersons Quay at 14.15

Tickets: €19 to Howth and €25 for both journeys.

Booking by email at [booking@dublinbaycruise.com](mailto:booking@dublinbaycruise.com)

**Monday 8th September:** Annual General Meeting at 10.15am in the Annex.

Election of Officers. All nominations to Joan Collins by Friday 5th September

**Monday 22nd September:** Mystery tour: Leaves St. Columba's Church at 10.15

€25 to Maureen Phelan or Angela McCann before 24th August.

The monthly collection for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will take place on the 9th & 10th August

### Parish Mass Times

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 (Finglas Rd)**

**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**



Please note the invitation to join us after Mass on **Thursday 14th of August** if you are willing to help with the task of keeping our Church in good order for our worship.

### ACCORD Dublin Vacancies

ACCORD Dublin is the agency for Marriage and the Family of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin. It is seeking to recruit a Director for Counselling and Supervision and a Director for Marriage Education. Both are part-time roles and will be based in Harcourt Street. Applications should be submitted in confidence to the Diocesan Director, ACCORD Dublin, no later than Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014. All applications should be marked 'Confidential' and quote the appropriate job reference code. See our parish noticeboard or website for full details.

### Medjugorje Pilgrimage

€450:

11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October.

7 nights B&B + Flight + Airport transport

Tel 00353 1 4434510 / 048 82 241 888

[www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

[noelle@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:noelle@med-irishcentre.com)

Éamonn Meehan Executive Director of **Trócaire** wishes to thank parishioners for the continuing generosity for the annual Fundraising campaign during Lent, despite the difficult economic times many people face. Your support is bringing new hope to the lives of women, men and children facing injustice and poverty.

Dear all, The Alzheimer Cafe Northside runs in the Clareville Centre (on the last Tuesday of each month, from 7-9pm.) The cafe is a safe and relaxed place where everyone affected by dementia can come along for free refreshments, educational talks and support. A short presentation by an expert speaker about Alzheimer's and other dementias is given each month. We invite anyone who is affected by dementia to come along to the cafe each month. Call 089 484 6719, or email [alzheimercafenorthside@gmail.com](mailto:alzheimercafenorthside@gmail.com). For more information.

Kind regards, The Alzheimer Cafe