

## Lough Derg

### One Day Pilgrimage.

On Saturday, May 10th, 2014  
Lough Derg Services commence  
with opening prayers at 10:30am  
and finish with Concelebrated  
Mass at 3:00pm.

There is no fasting on the one day  
retreat. As our numbers are  
limited early booking is  
recommended.

Bus leaves from St. Columba's  
Church, Iona Rd. The total cost to  
include Breakfast, Bus, Lunch,  
Boat and Evening Dinner is  
€94.00

A non-refundable booking  
Deposit is required. For full  
details phone Michael @ 8304365



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available evenings and  
weekends, fully qualified  
First Aid teacher, can  
provide references if  
required. Please contact Emily on  
0879196745/01 8308791."



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[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:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9.30am. - 12.30pm.

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

## All Hallows College invites you to the Spring Series of Public Talks

Theme: Hope for the Future of the Church?

Dates: Tuesday evenings in March: March  
4th, 11th, 18th & 25th Time: 7.30p.m –  
9.00p.m

Venue: Room 4, Purcell House, All Hallows  
College.

Cost: €10 per talk or €30 for all four talks.

Pre-booking is not essential but is  
recommended.

Email: [lifelonglearning@allhallows.ie](mailto:lifelonglearning@allhallows.ie)

Ph. 01 8520718

Each talk will be followed by a brief  
discussion with time for questions and  
answers.

Get knitting with **Age Action** this St.  
Patrick's Day. Check out this website to  
see how you can get involved  
[http://www.ageaction.ie/st-patricks-day-  
campaign-2014](http://www.ageaction.ie/st-patricks-day-campaign-2014)

The monthly meeting of **Neighbourhood  
Watch** will take place on **Tuesday 4th  
March at 8p.m. in the Maples Hotel, Iona  
Rd.** Members of our local Gardai will attend.  
Please note the **annual social evening** which  
was postponed from Christmastide will take  
place following the meeting.  
All welcome to attend.

# PARISH



# LINK

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*"...I am telling you not to  
worry ..... Set your hearts on  
God's kingdom first and on  
his righteousness, and all  
these other things will be  
given you.. So do not worry  
about tomorrow: tomorrow  
will take care of itself. Each  
day has enough trouble  
of its own."*



*'Dear brothers and sisters, may this  
Lenten season find the whole Church  
ready to bear witness to all those who  
live in material, moral and spiritual  
destitution; the Gospel message of the  
merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in  
Christ. We can do this, to the extent that we imitate Christ who  
became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for  
self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in  
order to help and enrich others by our own poverty.'*

**-Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2014**

### 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.*

## A Missionary Church

This weekend Sr Helen Anthony, FMM will speak at Mass about the mission work of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. A brochure on their mission work and an envelope for those who wish to donate something towards their missions



## Lent

**Ash Wednesday 5 March**  
9.30 a.m. Mass, with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes  
7.30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

**Date for Diary**  
Tuesday April 15th  
Passover Meal  
details to follow in next few weeks.

The Liturgy Group have chosen as the theme for Lent 'Walking the Road of Reconciliation, Seven Step Journey'.

This seven step process encourages daily reflection on one line of scripture, a thought from Pope Francis and a brief daily prayer. Some positive action is also suggested inspired by the words and images relevant to the phrase from the Bible.

We will be beginning this Ash Wednesday and the first Prayer Card is included in this week's Link.

*Let us walk this road of reconciliation together as a parish.*

### Prayer Card 1

#### Reconciliation

*Come back to me with all your heart (Hosea 14:1)*

#### A Thought

*'Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner. Confession is an encounter with Jesus, with this Jesus who waits for us, who waits for us just as we are' (Pope Francis)*

#### Action

You might consider starting the journey of reconciliation by approaching one person who you have offended recently or in the past and with whom you want to make up. If that is not possible, for whatever reason, you might write a letter of apology even if you never send it.

#### Daily Prayer

*O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you.....*

### Walking the Road of Reconciliation Monastery of St Alphonsus Monday 3 March at 8.00 p.m.

An evening of music, prayer and reflection on the call to reconciliation during the season of Lent presented by the Chaplaincy Students of Mater Dei Institute with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group directed by Pat O'Donoghue

## Parish Mass Times

**Saturday** (Vigil) @ 6.00pm and **Sunday** morning @11.00am.

**Also Sun.** 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 @ 9.30am.



Parish Contributions for weeks commencing February, 23rd 2014 was  
**€585.00.**  
**Thank You.**

### Table Quiz in The Brian Boru

Many thanks to all who participated in the Fund Raiser for the Church. Special thanks to Marjorie and Michael Chawke for organising the raffle. The amount raised was **€575**

CASA (Caring and Sharing Association) wish to thank all those who support their annual collection last weekend. The amount collected was **€275.**

### Iona Ladies Club



*"Ladies we have a meeting on the 6th of Feb at 8pm in the Annex"*

## Iona Active Retirement

**Mond 3rd March:** Meet at 2.30 in the foyer of the Savoy Cinema to see "The Monument Man".

**Wed. 5th March:** Committee meeting in room at the back of Sacristy at 10.00 a.m.

**Mon. 10th March:** Monthly meeting in Annex at 10.15 a.m.

**Sun. 6th April:** The Abbey Hotel, Donegal. 3 B&B&D €159. No Single supplement. Book direct with hotel 074 972 1014 and mention you are with the Iona group.



**Meditation Group: Meeting in the Monastery on Wednesday 19th Feb. @ 7.30 - 8.15pm. All welcome.**

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

Celebration of **Confirmation** takes place in St. Columba's Church on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2014. Mass with the **Service of Light** for the boys and girls will take place **next Saturday at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass.**



There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday, 7th March after mass, from 10am to 11 am.



## Book Centre

We have cards for every occasion also Irish Catholic newspapers and many more items. The shop is open before & after mass. Call in today and have a look around.

