



MASS TIMES in St. Columba's Church			
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 Chapel			
<u>Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus</u>			
Monday to Friday	@ 5.45 pm.	Saturday morning @ 9.30 am.	
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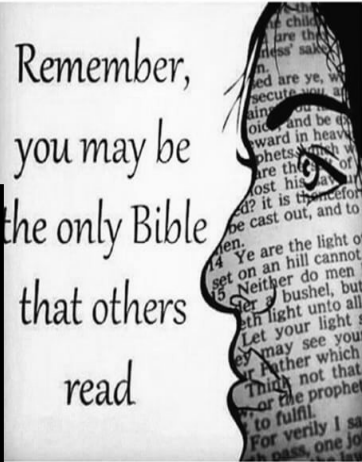
MASS INTENTIONS for the coming week			
	Sa.	4th	6.00pm Peter Whitty (Months Mind)
	We.	8th	9.30am Johanna O'Brien (A)
	Sa.	11th	6.00pm Mary Collis(A)
			

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€614.25** last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by Standing Orders.



Date to note ... !!
Accord Annual Collection
takes place on the w/end
of 18/19 Feb 2017.

Monastic Vocations Weekend: "If you still have not found what you are looking for" let the Red Nuns journey with you so you can find a deeper purpose in your life. You are under no pressure what so ever. Take your time and God will show you the way. **Starts:** Friday, February 17th at 2:30pm
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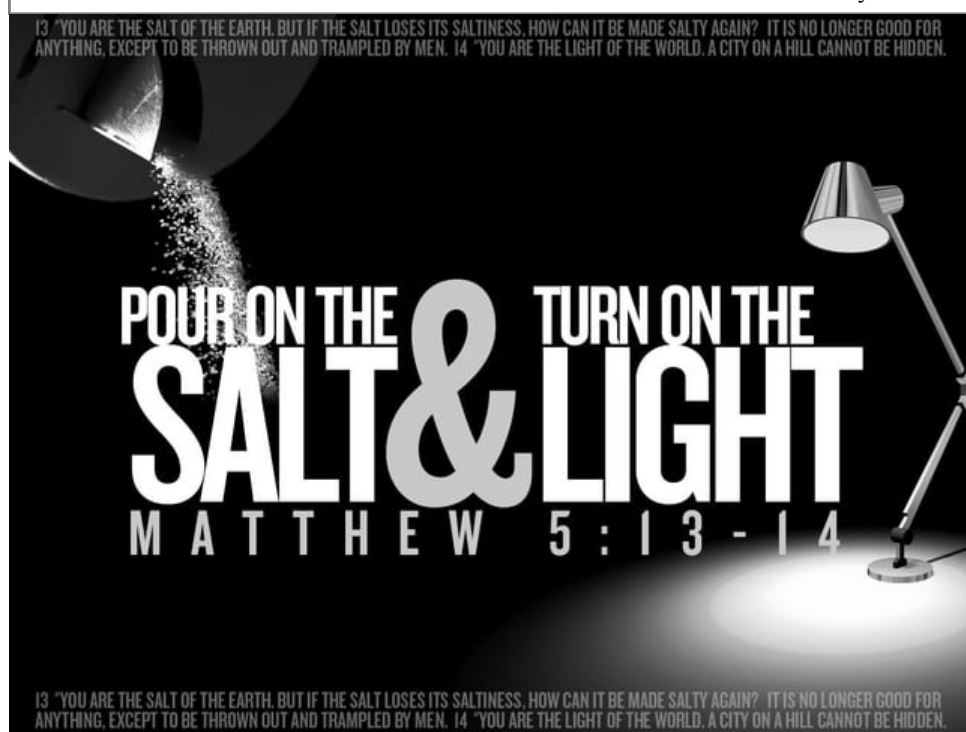
Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at www.ionaroadparish.ie and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to info@ionaroadparish.ie

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 or Parish Office.
Parish Office Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am. - 12.30pm.
Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

PARISH LINK

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POUR ON THE SALT & LIGHT
MATTHEW 5:13-14

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Thought for the day
 We can easily see how Jesus should be the light of the world. Even though the words are familiar, we are perhaps unaccustomed to reflecting on ourselves as the light of the world and salt of the earth. This is an act of profound trust in us by God. Jesus has faith in us to be bearers of his Good News in our time. How are we to be that? Not first by our words or even by our deeds. We are the light and salt on account of who we are as disciples. As the Gospel text puts it, a city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. We cannot help being seen as his disciples, for that is who we are.

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.



The MARGARET AYLWARD Centre

Lenten talks by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA.

Mondays @ 7.30 PM

- 'Prophets now and Prophets then' (February 27)
- 'Reading a Prophet for living today' (March 6)
- Hosea: 'Justice and Love' (March 13)
- Jeremiah: 'The great Spiritual master' (March 27)
- Isaiah: 'The Suffering Servant Songs' (April 3)

As well as the above Lenten talks, the Centre also has the following upcoming events :

- Centering Prayer with Fionnuala Quinn O.P.
- Living and Praying with Laudato Si with Evelyn Green CHF.
- Spring Sacred Dance Day with Barbara Perry CHF
- Practising Mindfulness with Dr. Anne O'Reilly

Further details for all events/workshops @ ph: 7979364 / mob: 087 664 9862



LENT



Meditation Date

Wed. 8th February
Venue: St Alphonsus' Monastery

Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm

This group meets every two weeks for quiet meditation. New people always welcome.



Lent is a'coming..

and we thought it would be nice to celebrate the last days of 'fat eating' before the fasting period of Lent. We will have **Café Columba on Sunday, 26th Feb.** (Shrove Tuesday a bit early!!) after the 11am mass. Shrove Tuesday means pancakes, in all forms, so let's make some pancakes and share them with each other! We will have to be creative i.e. drop scones instead of pancakes or whatever you like to bake.



Movies that Matter

7:30 pm to 10:00 pm - Wednesday 8th Feb.
(Donation) The movie for February is "The Intouchables".

Lenten Prayer Evenings

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, starting Tuesday 28th Feb (Donation) You can come for any one evening, or all seven as you wish. No need to book - just come along.

The Creative Spirit Within

Six week course 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm starting on Tuesday 28th Feb. Cost: €90 (6 evenings), Includes materials. To book, please phone 8331352 or email reception@manresa.ie by 20 February.

Anticipating recent events The Sacred Heart Messenger (Ireland's oldest & best-selling Catholic monthly magazine) welcomes refugees.

Alan Hilliard's article on the plight of refugees, 'Open Heart, Open Arms', is worth a read. The Sacred Heart Messenger magazine can be purchased in parishes, newsagents and from your local promoter. You can also subscribe online by following this link:

<http://www.messenger.ie/magazine-2/subscription/>



IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Tues: 7th Feb.- 2 to 4.30 pm: Bridge - Open to all.

Wed: 8th Feb.- 10 to 12 noon: Knit and Knatter - Sheila will help anyone interested in learning. Cards and Bingo - with many prizes.

Thurs: 9th Feb.- 10.15 am: Meeting for all. As this is our first meeting in 2017 we are looking forward to seeing everyone, with lots of suggestions and ideas. We will have a guest to talk to us about Quilting.

Note for the Committee: We will meet on Tues. 7th



Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a

Bereavement Information Evening on Mon. 13th Feb. from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Glashaus Hotel, Belgard Square West, Tallaght, D24. This is a free event, open to all bereaved parents. To confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Fri. 10th Feb. or call 01 4045378.

Also, the next monthly **Parent Evening** is on Wed. 15th Feb. from 19:30 to 21:00 in B.A.S.E Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.



Pope Francis invites us to celebrate St. Valentine's Day! In his document on The Joy of Love (*Amoris Laetitia*),

Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, invite couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life. This is why, as part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, we invite you to mark this St. Valentine's Day in a special way. The WMOF2018 office has prepared flyers with ideas on how to mark this special day and gift tokens that you can give to your loved ones this 14th February. These are available in each Cathedral across Ireland, Veritas Shops and Accord Centres and can also be downloaded from the WMOF2018 website: www.worldmeeting2018.ie



"I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

FOLK GROUP... We are urgently seeking a musician to play with us and lead us in song. If you are interested contact **Claire Conlan. (087 219 2640)** We happily welcome new singers at any time so please feel free to join us!"