



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
Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus
 Monday to Friday @ 5.45 pm. Saturday morning @ 9.30 am.
 Sunday morning 9.30am.

The following are the Mass Intentions for the coming week

	Sat. 6th 6.00pm	Thomas Doyle (A) Kieran O'Toole (A) Sean McGreevy (Recently Deceased) Patrick Slattery (A)	
	Sun. 7th 11.00am	Mass for All Baptised in 2017	
	Mon. 8th 9.30am	Bernard & Bridget Kelly (A)	
	Wed. 10th 9.30am	Jim & Alice O'Connor (A) May Hanrahan (A)	
	Sat. 13th 6.00pm	Peter Smith (10 A)	

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€3503.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by S/Orders.

FOUND ...
A child's coat (aged 9/10) in the church grounds.
Please ask at the Sacristy for details.

Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed. 17th of Jan. from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin.** Anam Cara offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be your-self among people who understand. **Open to all bereaved parents.**

Save the Date:
 Archdiocese of Dublin Knock Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday April 21st 2018.
 Theme: "We are Pilgrims - Knock invites us to Healing and Peace".



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

The Baptism of the Lord

You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.




Closer to God and His People

A big , warm welcome to our 11am. Mass this weekend - especially to all of the children with their parents and families, who were baptised in 2017. We had 43 baptisms here in our church in 2017 and we are delighted to welcome them into our Christian community. On this feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**, we take another step as part of our **World Meeting of Families** journey. As well as celebrating with our newly baptised children and families, our mass will be followed by **Café Columba**. So please join us for a cuppa and some treats.

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.

Active Retirement for Week Beginning 8th January:

Tues. 2pm to 4pm : Bridge

Wed. Morning : Knit and Knatter - New knitters always welcome.

Wed. afternoon : Cards and Bingo - prizes galore

Thurs. morning: We will have our 1st New Year meeting to discuss plans for the year e.g. spring holiday, day trips etc.

Weather and health permitting applies to all of the above activities.



VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA: INFORMATION EVENING

Interested in doing something different this year?

You are invited to come along to an information evening on volunteering in Africa with Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM).

Hosted by previous VLM volunteers, you will hear first-hand experiences of work with communities in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya and Burkina Faso. There will be opportunities to ask questions and learn about the placements available to you. Participants of all ages, skills and backgrounds are welcome to attend.

The evening will begin with refreshments from 6:15pm at the St Vincent de Paul Society HQ 91/92 Sean MacDermott St, Dublin 1.



**PLEASE RSVP TO
CONFIRM YOUR
ATTENDANCE**

Email Mary Anne on info@vlm.ie or call



**Yoga / Pilates fusion classes
starting on Monday the 8th of
January.**

Monday's 7pm-8.30pm

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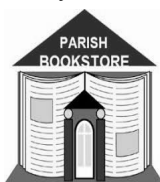
All classes €5 pay as you go.

St. Francis Xavier's hall -

[65 lower Dorset street.](#)

For more information call/
text Terry 087-9872359

Visit our **Parish pop-up
Shop** every week-end,
located beside the main
entrance Beautiful selection
of Cards, Gifts, Calendars, &
Diary's.



Open before
and after
Mass, every
Friday,
Saturday and
Sunday.

Na Fianna's Operation Transformation

Na Fianna will start its very own
Operation Transformation next
Monday 8th January at 7pm in the
Club. Everybody is welcome to
attend so please spread the word on
this **COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.**

For more information click on link
<http://www.clgnafianna.com/whats-on/>

**Open to everybody - members and non-members
alike, fáilte roimh chách.**



*Just a short note to advise of a few
Community Games related items.*

**Date for Diaries - Wednesday 18th
April 2018 -Iona Community
Games Athletics (Track & Field)
from 5.30pm-7pm in Santry
(Morton) Stadium.**

Please have a look at **Dublin
Community Games website** for all

events available www.dublincommunitygames.ie If your child is interested in taking part in any event(s) please revert with name, date of birth, address and event (s). If your child is interested in a team event it would be very helpful if you were able to encourage other parents with children at same/ similar age to revert also in order that we can fill out teams.

Team Managers - in addition to 10 existing events, Iona competed in 3 new events last year (Tag Rugby, Hurling and Spikeball - its like Volleyball). This was primarily due to some parents coming forward who were willing to manage these teams. If there are parents out there who would be willing to co-ordinate/ manage teams please let me know asap.

New Blood needed! - after 5 very enjoyable and rewarding years organising Community Games in the Iona Area, I will be stepping away from direct involvement after 2018 (but I am happy to help out from time to time). Therefore in order to ensure Community Games continues to take place in our neighbourhood for the benefit of all our children I need someone to take over the role of co-ordinating the events/ teams etc. - please revert if you are willing to take on this role.

Spread the word - please share this e-mail far and wide - particularly to any parents who are new to the area or who may not have had children involved to date. If you are involved on parents associations/ resident associations etc. please place this information on said websites/ newsletters etc.

In order to compete with Iona Community Games Area children must live within the boundaries, the outer roads of which are:

Whitworth Rd, Drumcondra Rd, Griffith Avenue (west from old Whitehall Garda station) and Old Finglas Rd; back up Finglas Rd towards Prospect Rd (including Claremont, The Willows and Dalcassin Downs) so all children living on or within the areas bounded by these roads are eligible.

If outside Iona Area please contact one of the following:

Ballymun Area – contact Sinead McMahon at Ballymuncg@gmail.com

St. Canices/ Finglas East – contact Bairbre McDonnell on 087-6165003

Finglas West/ South – contact John Fox on 087-2761671

Phibsboro – contact Faith Hopkins at phisborocommunitygames@gmail.com

Finally on an unrelated item - if there are any Adults interested in playing Rounders in 2018 - we have Mens, Ladies and Mixed teams and cater for all ages (our youngest player is 17 and eldest is 73!) and abilities.

For further details on any of the above, please contact **Ronan Gately directly at 086-8289296** or via email at ronangately@hotmail.com