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

**Theme: Hope for the Future of the Church?**

Tuesday evenings in March  
**Tuesday 11th March. A More Authentic Church: How Might It Look?**

**Cathy Molloy STL**

7.30p.m – 9.00p.m  
 Room 4, Purcell House,  
 All Hallows College.

Cost: €10 per talk Pre-booking is not essential but is recommended. Ph. 8520718

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

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

**Dear Friends:**

I am **greatly** remiss and tardy in writing to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the gift you have given to Mepkin through **Fr Jim**. He turned the money over to me when he first arrived some three weeks ago! All \$2,640.00 of it (I think I have remembered the correct figure). I in turn gave it to our finance officer.

Jim is doing very well here as he discerns the Lord's call in his life. We are privileged to be a part of that discernment. Continue to keep him in prayer.

We have entered this wonderful season of the Lenten Spring. May the Lord continue to bless your parish community and each one of your families and loved ones.

In Jesus' love,

**Father Stan - Abbot of Mepkin**



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)

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)**

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***'Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came ....'***

***He Became Poor, So that by His Poverty You Might Become Rich (cf. 2 Cor 8:9).***

It has been said that the only real regret lies in not being a saint (L. Bloy), we could also say that there is only one real kind of poverty: not living as children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ. (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.*



## Lent

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

### Seven Step Journey

Our journey through Lent began on Ash Wednesday by taking our first step. Our second step is entitled 'My Offences Truly I Know Them'. The story of the Good Thief on the cross beside Jesus is a story of hope for us. If Christ did not reject a condemned criminal who, at the last minute, confessed Him and asked to be remembered in his kingdom, do we think that Christ will reject us if we approach Him with the same faith and humility now? God is loving, merciful, kind, welcoming, and is always waiting for us to turn to him. He justified the criminal in one moment and he can do the same for us. Take the Link home with you and use the Prayer Card in the Link for the next week.

### Prayer Card 2

#### Reconciliation

*'My offences truly I know them' (Psalm 50:3)*

#### A Thought

'Concreteness, honesty, and the genuine ability to be ashamed of one's mistakes are all qualities needed in order to be open to the forgiveness of God, as well as the deep awareness of his love' (Pope Francis)



#### Action

The Good Thief who died on the cross beside Jesus teaches us about healing our hearts. He looks into himself, sees his failings, and then asks Jesus to simply remember him. Take time each day to place your hand on your heart and to remember your own weaknesses and failings. Finish this task with the daily prayer with hand on heart. Jesus remember me when you come into

#### Daily Prayer

*Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

Dates for  
your diary

**On Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> the  
Passover Meal will take place at  
7.30 pm.** An information leaflet  
will be available next weekend.

Some details to note; cost will be €20 per head  
(this includes the hiring of tables, tablecloths  
etc.) Tickets will be on sale after Mass each Sun-  
day from Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March until Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Friar Alessandro

Merchant's Quay,  
Monday, 17th March  
@ 7.30 p.m.

In aid of the  
Franciscan Mission  
in Zimbabwe. Family Ticket €20.  
Adult €7. OAP/Student €5.



### Parish Mass Times and Intentions

<b>Sat. 8th Mar:</b>	6.00pm	Frances, Paddy and Michael Lanney (A) (Vigil)
<b>Sun. 9th Mar:</b>	11.00am	Betty Murphy (A)
<b>Mon. 10th Mar:</b>	9.30am	-----
<b>Tues. 11th Mar:</b>	9.30am	-----
<b>Wed. 12th Mar:</b>	9.30am	-----
<b>Thurs. 13th Mar:</b>	9.30am	Marie Ward (A)
<b>Fri. 14th Mar:</b>	9.30am	Patrick, Catherine and Carmel O'Donohoe

**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  
week commencing March  
2nd was **€614.50.**  
**Thank You.**



**Oops!** Forgot to include, in the Link in the  
past couple of weeks that the Vincent De Paul  
collection was €735 and the ACCORD  
collection was €1150. Many thanks.

### A Note from Fr Paddy

I am delighted to see that provision is  
made at Sunday Mass for Communion  
for people with coeliac condition. It is  
an important pastoral concern as the  
prevalence of the condition is very high  
in Ireland. Communion with low-gluten  
Hosts may be received at the place  
where I am at Communion time. I use  
the expression 'low-gluten' though the  
amount of this protein is very low in  
these Hosts and they are often called  
'gluten-free.' A person may be able to  
take these Hosts and medical opinion is  
advised. A person with the condition  
can also take the Chalice, with or  
without taking the Host.

### Iona Active Retirement

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

**Sun. 6th April:** Abbey Hotel, Donegal. 3  
nights B & B & D £159. No single  
supplement. 13.05 train from Connolly to  
Sligo and onwards to Donegal by bus.

### Là le Pádraig Mass for the feast of St Patrick

**Sunday, 16 March at 6.00 pm.**  
**Monday, 17 March at 9.45am.**  
**(Cemetery Chapel) and**  
**11.00am. here in Iona Road.**