



Walking Group

An older adults walking group will begin on Wednesday 21st May departing from the Millmount Health centre to Griffith Park. The walking group is open to all levels of ability and everyone taking part is encouraged to take the walk at their own pace. All

participants will receive a free high visibility jacket and will receive guidance on how to incorporate walking more into their daily routines. Come and join us at the Millmount Health Centre at 11:30 am.

This walking group is facilitated by the **Millmount Community Physiotherapists** Catherine Devaney and Avril McTague, and Dublin City Council Sport and Recreation Officer LJ Higgins. For more information, please call 01 8865308, 01 8467186 or 087 9176720.

Meditation Group

Meeting in the Monastery
Weds 14th May 7.30 - 8.15

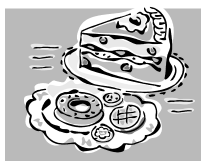


If you have not been you are more than welcome.

On the 17th & 18th May after mass a cake sale will be held in aid of **Plan Ireland's**

'Because I am a Girl'

Campaign. This promotes girls education and health, ending gender inequality in Africa, lifting them out of poverty – Please Support



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SUNDAY MAY 18TH 2014

Further info. from the Pilgrimage Office, The Red House, Clonliffe Rd. 01 8376820



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:

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

Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

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"I invite you to listen to and follow Jesus, and to allow yourselves to be transformed interiorly by his words, which 'are spirit and life' (Jn 6:62)."

"Let us dispose our hearts therefore to being 'good soil', by listening, receiving and living out the word, and thus bearing fruit."

"Today too, Jesus lives and walks along the paths of ordinary life in order to draw near to everyone..... I turn now to those who are well disposed to listen to the voice of Christ that rings out in the Church and to understand what their own vocation is."
Pope Francis Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2014

Pope Francis has a simple way of both speaking and living. He has used many memorable phrases and images to communicate the 'Joy of the Gospel' – but, most of all, he shares that joy in the way he interacts with people.

However, this Gospel joy is not just a pleasurable feeling, some sort of spiritual candyfloss. It is a joy born of mission. In his message for this year's Vocations Sunday 2014, he encourages all in the Church to expect great things from God, and from ourselves in his service. Joy for that sort of disciple enables him or her to venture beyond the narrow limits of our comfort zones.

In this year's message, he calls for heroes who will go into the great harvest where many people are harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 'And the harvest will be plentiful'.

Bishop Donal McKeown
Chairman, Bishops council for Vocations.

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.

Prayer the life blood of Ministry... Where two or three are gathered

Father Michael Hurley will lead a time of reflection on the importance of prayer and in particular as it relates with others. This would be of particular interest to those who wish to promote community prayer such as those involved in parish groups and ministries. This will take place on **Wednesday 21 May** from 7.45 – 9.45pm in Clonliffe College. Contribution of €5 per person is invited. Booking form available on our website under downloads —Dublin Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 7-12 September. There is a Special Section for the Sick and a sick person from the parish, at home, in hospital or in a nursing home, might consider making an application for consideration by the Pilgrimage Medical Board. For further information contact the Parish Office.

Date for your diary

Sunday, 8th June - Family Fun Day

It will be a weekend for the community at large.

IDRA annual clean-up will take place on Saturday, 7th June.

So, calling all volunteers. Anyone who can bake a cake, make a salad, help out on stalls on the day itself or deliver Flyers, please contact: John O'Connor at 087 299 9244 or email to ionafunday@gmail.com

First Holy Communions this weekend

St Vincents Boys at 10.00am Sat
St Columbas Girls at 12.00 noon Sat
Lindsay Rd School at 11.00am Sun
We pray God's blessing on our First Communicants
May the Lord be a sure path beneath their feet, a bright light before them, a kindly shepherd behind them, this day this night and always.



(From the blessing of St. Columba)

Let Us Rejoice !

A celebration of the Easter Season in song, word and prayer will take place in the Monastery of St Alphonsus on Monday 19th May at 8.00 pm Liturgical Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group

Parish Mass Times and Intentions

Sat. 10th May	6.00pm	Paddy Kearny (A) Margaret Gallagher (A)
Sun. 11th May	11.00am	Desmond Clarke (A)
Mon. 12th May	09.30 am	Fr Owen O'Leary
Tue. 13th May	9.30am	Betty Tobin (A)
Wed. 14th May	9.30am	
Thurs. 15th May	9.30am	
Fri 16th May	9.30am	Robert Gallagher (A)

Sunday morning mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery (Finglas Rd)
Mass Times in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Iona Road :
Monday to Friday @ 5.45 p.m.

Saturday morning @ 9.30 a.m. and Sunday morning at 9.30am.
Baptisms. For all baptisms please contact Sr. Bridget through the Parish Office @ 830 8257 or call into the Sacristy.

Parish Contributions for week commencing 4th April, was **€760.55 Thank You.**

This Sunday is VOCATIONS SUNDAY

An opportunity for us all to reflect on our Baptismal calling to live a life of grace and holiness and an opportunity to pray for and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life

A Special Collection to **SUPPORT** our **STUDENTS** for the **PRIESTHOOD**

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 12th May: Monthly meeting in Annex 10.15 a.m.

Mon 9th June: Mystery Tour €20.00 to Maureen Phelan/
Angela McCann before 30th May 2014

Corpus Christi Procession

The Diocesan Eucharistic Procession led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will take place in the grounds of Clonliffe College on **Thursday 19 June at 7.30 p.m.** It would be great to have our parish represented at this annual event. Those who received their First Holy Communion this year will be particularly welcome.

