

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. 13th 6.00pm	Peter Smith (10 A) Graham Fitzpatrick (A)	
	Wed. 17th 9.30am	Maureen & Stephen McLoughlin (A)	
	Sat. 20th 6.00pm	Sp. Intention	
	Sun. 21st 11.00am	Norah Doolin (Months Mind)	

Thank you for your contribution to the **FAMILY OFFERING** the parish collection, amounting to **€1893.00 last weekend**. This is received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of **€544.00** is also contributed by S/Orders.

We need thousands of volunteers to help deliver the **World Meeting of Families 2018** and you can help us spread the word. **What can you do? Consider becoming a volunteer**either as an individual or as part of a group? No previous volunteering experience is necessary and we have roles for everyone, from logistics to liturgical, from translations to transport, among others. We need a diverse mix of people with various skills and experiences to ensure the success of **WMOF2018 – and we need thousands of you!** Whatever your reasons or your focus, we know that your abilities and experience can help us and we would welcome your support in helping us create a successful, historic and joyous event.




Apply to volunteer at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Volunteer or email : volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie or ph: +353 1 567 6812



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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World Day of Migrant and Refugees Sunday 14 January 2018

As we celebrate the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees it is important that we come together to pray and remember our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters living in our diocese, our parishes and especially those in direct provision centres in our country. Pope Francis, says that providing aid is a 'great responsibility, which the church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.

Immigrant Family Prayer (Fr. Willie Purcell)

God our Father we thank you for the gift of Family life. We thank you for the joy, love and friendship of family life. As Our Father we ask you to provide protection and care for all families especially those who face danger, hardships and threats as they move in search of safety and a better life. Be with those who travel in danger and in your loving kindness lead them to a place of safety, peace and rest. Show comfort to those who are alone and who fear for their families who have been separated by violence, war, injustice and famine. As we celebrate the World Meeting of Families, we remember the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt. Help us to remember the suffering of all migrants and refugee families. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, St. Joseph, her spouse, St. Patrick and St. Brigid, we pray that all migrants and refugee families may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek. Open our hearts and the hearts of our parishes, so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst.

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 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 January

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power (cf Ex 15:6)

The theme is taken from the song of Moses and Miriam (15:1-21).

It is a song of triumph over oppression. Sponsored by the

Pontifical Council for Promotion of Christian Unity and the

Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, Christians from the Caribbean have prepared resources that relate to their experience of slavery, colonialism and liberation. The contemporary Caribbean is deeply marked by the dehumanising project of colonial exploitation but the Bible in the hands of the enslaved became an inspiration, an assurance that God was on their side, and that God would lead them into freedom.

The prayer cycle of the Week includes themes of human dignity, the modern day slavery of human trafficking, justice and family life among others.

Na Fianna GAA Club, Mobhi Rd.

Operation Transformation

Na Fianna Operation Transformation continues this Monday 7pm in the Club.

Everybody is welcome (over 80 turned up last week!) so please spread the word on this **COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**. For info click on lin<http://www.clnafianna.com/whats-on/>

Open to everybody - members and non-members alike, fáilte roimh chách. Come and join the fun of walking!



Visit our Parish Shop

Beautiful selection of Cards, Gifts, Calendars, & Diary's.

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



The Holy Land 23-31 October 2018.

Fr Joe Mullan PP, who was a curate here in Iona Road from 1993-2000 is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.....

Last Sunday we heard about the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, today we hear "They went and saw where Jesus was staying" and next Sunday we hear about Jesus calling his disciples at the Sea of Galilee. Would you like to visit these places? Would you like to walk by the Sea of Galilee, and put your toes in the water? Would you like to cross the Sea of Galilee on a boat? Would you, like the people in today's Gospel like to "see where Jesus was staying?"

Information meeting about this pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Fr Joe Mullan, will take place on Mon 29th January in St. Patrick's Hall, to the rear of the Church of the Three Patrons Church, Rathgar. Contact no: 01 497 2215

Dermot Nestor from MAP Travel will present some slides and answer questions.

Price: €1,575.00 per person sharing (half board)

- Ø Direct flights Dublin – Tel Aviv return
- Ø Airport taxes and charges
- Ø 8 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Ø (3 nights Tiberias/5 nights Jerusalem)
- Ø Dinner, bed and breakfast basis throughout



Active Retirement for Week Beginning 8th January:

13/14 Jan

Tuesday /Wednesday /Thursday : Usual Activities

Mon. 15th Jan. @ 2.30pm: meet in annex for chair exercise

A very good meeting on last Thursday: lots of plans!

Westport holiday: 5 nights b/b/d No Single Supp.from 4th to 9th Feb

Book early by phoning 098 25122 or online book @ www.hotelwestport.ie

Afternoon Tea to be arranged

Next Meeting 15th February – Westport trip top of the agenda!

Let's hope we have a healthy and happy year.



Open EIR Silver Surfer Awards 2018

Don't Delay, Nominate Today!

Closing Date is fast approaching -

Wed. 21st February



Age Action together with open EIR are making waves to find Ireland's top Silver Surfers. The awards

celebrate and showcase older peoples' use of the internet and technology as well as the volunteers who teach these skills.

This year we are looking for enthusiastic older people who have an interesting story to share about how they use their computer and the internet and who will become a role model to inspire more older people to embrace technology.

We are calling on people across Ireland to nominate a friend, neighbour etc who uses technology for pleasure or as a way to enhance the quality of their life.

This is the ninth year of the awards and there are six award categories. Check out all details online at <http://www.ageaction.ie/about-us/open-eir-silver-surfer-awards> or by phoning Anne-Marie in Age Action on 01 475 6989.

OPEN DAY
Thurs 25 Jan 2018
from 2-6 pm
WHITEHALL COLLEGE FE
at Coláiste Caoimhín
St Mobhi Road Glasnevin
(01) 8376011
info@whitehallcfe.cdetsb.ie
www.whitehallcollege.com

FIT FOR LIFE
Dubin City Council
 Get moving for Jan. and Feb. - run in conjunction with Swim Ireland. Free swim and swimming lessons for adults in Sean McDermott Street Swimming Pool (beside Our Lady of Lourdes Church) @ 2pm Wednesday 17th Jan. for the next 5 weeks. Just turn up on the Wed. @ 2pm. Need more info- call Carol Finlay 086 8384346.



WHY WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE WHEN THE PRESENT IS MORE THAN MOST OF US CAN HANDLE!



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