

## Book Centre

St Patrick's Day cards and rosettes available today in the book centre. Also a large selection of items for Confirmation & First Holy Communion. We stock cards for every occasion, so call in today and have a look around. Open before & after mass every

Happy   
St. Patrick's Day

DCU Intergenerational Learning Programme offers friendly tutoring and guidance for over 55's. Learn at your own pace with the help of third level volunteer students, in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. Become a part of the lively DCU Campus and keep your mind active. Our 4week courses, (two hours per week) are conducted in a friendly relaxed atmosphere and operate Monday -Thursday from 10am to 12noon and 2pm to 4pm. Total Cost €20.

## Walking the Road of Reconciliation

On Monday 3rd March, Fr. Pat O'Donoghue conducted the choirs of the Chaplaincy students in the Mater Dei Institute and the Dublin Diocesan Music Group in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus. The hymns included works by Byrd, Mahler, Columba McCann, Issy Bonn and the African American Spiritual "Amazing Grace". It was a fitting introduction to the season of Lent.

Iona Active Retirement Group  
**Mon 24th Mar:** Meet at 2 p.m. at the entrance to the Botanic Gardens. The walk will begin in the Botanics and then enter the Cemetery by the new entrance.  
**Sun 6th Apr:** 13.05 train from Connolly to Sligo and onwards by bus to the Abbey Hotel, Donegal town for three nights. Three B & B & D €159.  
No single supplement. Book direct with hotel and mention the Iona Group

"Experienced Babysitter available evenings, weekends, fully qualified First Aid teacher, can provide references if required. Please contact Emily on 0879196745/01 8308791."



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.

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## Walking the Road of Reconciliation, Seven Step Journey

Step 3 'Stand up.' He said, 'do not be afraid'. Many people think that to show sorrow for their sin they must do extraordinary things, such as fasting, walking barefoot, and the like. The best penitence, however, is to turn away completely from all that is not good and not divine, whether it be in yourself or some other person, place or thing. True repentance is approaching God in love and squarely facing up to what you have done. Choose your own way of doing this, and discover that the more you do it, the more real your repentance will become.

True conversion is like our Lord's passion. The more you imitate it the more your sins will fall away.

See the Prayer Card in the Link and use it throughout the week.

Mass to mark the first anniversary of the inauguration of Pope Francis will be celebrated next **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm** by the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown, in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will preach the Homily.



On this special occasion, Our Lady's Choral Society, will sing the "Misa Criolla" by the famous Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez. The Mass, composed by Pope Francis' fellow countryman, will include solo singing from tenor Andrew Bushell and boy soprano, Andrew Jones.

### 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.*

### A Note from Fr Paddy

“How is the moving in going?” “Good, but slowly.” “Sure there is plenty of time!” Well, time is something I asked for when I spoke first at Mass at the end of January. It is important for me to observe and learn. I have met so many who are involved in parish life and I hope to meet more formally with the various groups in the coming weeks. I am also glad to say “welcome” to anyone else who would like to be involved.

After spending most of my life teaching and working in the area of liturgy, this remains of particular interest and importance. I have been part of our Sunday and weekday worship, celebrated Funeral Masses, the Service of Light with the boys and girls who will be confirmed on 10 April, ‘Do this in memory of me’ with the First Communion classes, Baptism this Sunday, and continuing our Lenten journey to Easter. I am observing with great interest and appreciation the contribution of so many to our liturgy. I am taking note of the layout of our church, the sanctuary area, the way we use the main nave area, the baptismal area and the side aisles with their shrines and spaces of devotion and seasonal interest. I am aware of some of the story of the seating, their removal and the proposal that considered the restoring of some seating. That proposal was made, of course, in a time frame that was radically changed with the much earlier than expected change involving Fr Jim and myself. I need time to review the situation while at the same time noting the way we use the totality of our worship space. In the end it is about the worship of God.

### Prayer Card 3

#### Reconciliation

*‘Stand up,’ he said, ‘do not be afraid’ (Matthew 17:8)*

#### A Thought

*‘And we must never tire of going to ask for forgiveness. You may feel ashamed to tell your sins, but as our mothers and our grandmothers used to say, it is better to be red once than yellow a thousand times. We blush once but then our sins are forgiven and we go forward’ (Pope Francis)*

#### Action

*Bring to your mind something that you have never confessed to anyone. Take courage and confide in a trusted friend. You might be surprised that a moment of Embarrassment could lead to a lifetime of peace.*

#### Daily Prayer

Father, I have sinned against heaven And against you

### Just Faith Programme

Over the next few weeks I will be slowly introducing this Programme into our parish. This involves bringing the word of God into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and making people change the world around them. This week the theme is Homelessness. I will be speaking at Mass over the weekend and will explain how a simple gesture of Kindness can bring God to all those around us.— Catherine

### Parish Mass Times and Intentions

**Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 6.00pm Vincent Kiernan (A) Peggy Sweeney  
**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 11.00am ~Elizabeth Brady (A)  
**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Mar** 6.00pm Vigil for St Patrick’s Day  
**Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Mar:** **11.00am** Thomas Cassidy (Recently Deceased)  
**Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 9.30am Peter and Ann Lenehan

**Daily mass this week—**Tues to Friday @ 9.30 am

**Also Sun.** morning mass @ 9.45am in Glasnevin Cemetery

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup>** 9.45 am St Patricks Day Mass in Glasnevin Cemetery

**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 morn @ 9.30 am. Sunday morn @ 9.30am.**

Parish Contributions for week commencing March 9<sup>th</sup> was €752.35.  
**Thank You.**

**The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday last was €850.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We acknowledge an anonymous onation of €20.00 (given to Fr. Paddy.)**

**Meditation Group** Meeting in Monastery Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 7.15 pm—8.15

### Passover Meal

**When?** Tues, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. **Where?** St Columba’s Church, Iona Road  
**Why?** As Christians, we know that many of our traditions are rooted in the Jewish faith, with its high point, the celebration of Passover, which allows each generation of Jews to relive their history and make the story their own. Jews and Christians can remember and share the momentous events of God’s call and redemption. The Seder meal, as the ritual meal of Passover is called, is the opportunity to remember the experience of a people enslaved and then redeemed when God brought them to freedom and to see so many links with our Christian faith and worship. It also reminds us of the many people today who are enslaved and seek freedom.

The Seder meal will include all the Seder symbolic foods and their explanation and end with a two course dinner. The text we use is one published by the archdiocese of Chicago in association with the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith and will observe the Passover dietary restrictions, for example, eating only unleavened bread or matza and the normal restrictions about not having milk or dairy products in the same place. The Seder meal does not include Mass.

Booking forms will be available this week and an early return of forms is advised as there is a limit on the numbers we can cater for.

