

Church Opening We are delighted to say that our Church is now open for private prayer for 2 hours a day - 12.00noon to 2.00pm approx.



We are conscious of the need to do this safely and therefore certain areas of the church are restricted.

- We kindly ask that you do not enter areas that are sectioned off and to respect social distancing at all times.
- Please adhere to the HSE guidelines & restrictions.
- Short Visits are requested.
- It is recommended that you enter through the main door and exit via the left side (Balcony ent. side)
- Please use the hand sanitiser available both on way in and out of church.

Many Thanks and we hope you enjoy your visit.

THE FEAST OF St COLUMBA Tuesday 9th June 2020
Mass will be broadcast by webcam on Tuesday morning at 11.00am from Iona Road Church in honour of our Patron Saint

St Columba, also known as Colum Cille, was born in Gartan, Co. Donegal in 521. He studied at the monasteries of Moville and Clonard and also by tradition at the monastery of Mobhi in Glasvenin. He is said to have founded many monasteries throughout the country until he went to the island of Iona, where in 563 he founded his most famous monastery. His leaving Ireland may have been after a dispute and bloody battle about Columba's copying of a book of psalms belonging to St Finnian of Moville or Columba's calling as a pilgrim for Christ. From Iona missionaries undertook the conversion of Northumbria. Columba died in Iona on 9 June 597.



In 1881 the Wooden Church or 'the Woodener' was built as a chapel of ease in the parish of Fairview to serve the Glasvenin area. On 2 March 1902 Archbishop Walsh created the parish of St Columba with Fr John Byrne of Berkeley Road as parish priest. Fr Byrne acquired a site for a church from the Redemptoristine Sisters of St Alphonsus Monastery and on 15 October 1905 the church of St Columba, Iona Road was blessed.

COTRONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE
0818 222 024

If you have concerns or queries about Covid-19 call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8.00am - 8.00pm

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For God sent his Son into the world so that through him the world might be saved.

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.

Message from Fr Columba (Jim Caffrey)

Greetings from Mepkin Abbey. I was thrilled when Fr Richard invited me to send a little message for the feast of St Columba. It's a strange one this year with no Family Fun Day but I know you will make up for it next year.

Here in the monastery we are totally locked in and our Retreat Centre is closed. We are so blessed to be in a place with a loving, caring community and we look after each other well. I'm very happy and settled here thank God.

I will always have a deep affection for you, the wonderful parishioners of St Columba. So many memories. Hard to believe my beloved Sr. Bridget and Fr. Eoin are with God. It was a pleasure to minister with them, also Fr. Peter and Fr. John and Sr. Mary and you all. I still miss the school, St Alphonsus monastery and the great parishioners. America is sad right now with the way the black people are treated and the resultant violence.

So happy St Columba's Day. Pray for me. I hope Fr Richard will visit me when things improve.

Much love Columba

asks for your help by returning your Lenten Trócaire Box to:

- ◆ **Online at www.trocaire.org**
 - ◆ **By phone: 1850 408 408**
 - ◆ **By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare**
 - ◆ **Check with your local parish on how to safely return your donation**
- The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.



Is your heart in the right place? New Format Novena

Gardiner Street church is closed but the Sacred Heart Novena is going ahead!

Is your heart in the right place? Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA explores the question "*Is your heart in the right place?*" **From 11th to the 19th June every evening at 7.30pm** focussing on the Gospel of St Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Visit our website www.gardinerstparish.ie

Join the Mass, send in an intention or thanksgiving and our team will light a candle in the shrine of the Sacred Heart.

Facebook via our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/GardinerStreetParish/

Parish Radio: Short Wave/FM 27.6021

Novena Booklets, Prayer intentions and Candles available on request 01 836 3411, Donations welcome at front office or online via donations button on website

Mass Cards On-Line

St. Mary's Pro Cathedral is now taking orders for Mass cards on line and over the phone. E-mail your Mass Card order and details to

stmarysprocathedral@gmail.com

When you receive confirmation you can make a donation through their website, www.procathedral.ie

Mass cards can be ordered by phone on **089 2469414**.

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.

Ph: 8308257 or email saintcolumba@eircom.net

Good News

St. Columba's and St. Vincent's will be

Co-Educational schools starting in September 2020.

For further information please contact:

principal@ionaroadschool.ie
and
office@vincentsprimary.com.



Our parish **St. Vincent de Paul Society** have been continuing their quiet work of responding to the needs of parishioners who are in difficulty, but they have been

unable to hold their usual church-gate collection which funds their work for the past two months. Parishioners who would like to contribute to their work may leave an offering in an envelope marked SVP and drop it into 87 Iona Road. We will ensure that it gets to them quickly.

Weekly Donations to Parish & Diocese.

Our thanks to those who have been leaving in family offering envelopes over the past few weeks. Thank you for your support.

We now have a **Donate Button** on the parish website which will make it easier to support the maintenance of the parish during these difficult times. You will also be able to donate to the 1st and 2nd collections, if you wish. This can also be done directly by dropping your donation into the Parish Office. Your generosity is not only appreciated but is very encouraging in these difficult times. Thank you.

Sunday Morning Mass available by webcam

Monastery of St Alphonsus webcam @ 9.30am (www.rednuns.com)

Our Lady of Victories webcam @ 10.00am (www.olv.ie)

Iona Rd. webcam @ 11.00am (www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Our Lady of Dolour's webcam @ 12.00noon (www.glasnevinparish.ie)

Saturday Vigil Mass available by webcam

Out Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall @ 6.30pm (www.ballygallparish.ie)

Weekday Mass available by webcam

At 10.00am from Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall (except Wednesday)

At 10.00am from Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road (except Friday)

At 11.00am from Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin (except Thursday)

At 5.45pm from The Monastery of St. Alphonsus and (9.30am Saturday morning)

A Holy Hour, with Eucharistic adoration, is broadcast each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm from Ballygall church.

For the benefit of parishioners who do not have access to the internet, RTÉ airs Mass every weekday (Mon-Friday) at 10.30am on the RTÉ News Now channel and on Sundays on RTE radio or television.

Ecumenical Bible Week 2020

"In light of the C19 crisis and the increased digital presence, where to from here for faith communities?" This question will be part of the Ecumenical Bible Week 2020. In response to the current health crisis, we have postponed parish events and instead we are offering two periods of Ecumenical Prayer and one online discussion of the effect of coronavirus on the lives and worship of believers. Registration details, posters and website resources available on: www.bibleweek.ie & Facebook @bibleweek