

Advent

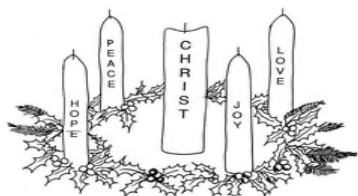
A Fortnightly Newsletter
November 29/30th

Parish Link

The Real Joy of Christmas is felt when we prepare well together during Advent!

St Columba's Parish,

Iona Rd, Glasnevin.



VOLUNTEERING SUNDAY

Building Our Faith Community Together

Join us this Sunday 30th November after mass.

There will be an opportunity for people to explore and meet with people from the various Church ministries over a cup of tea from Café Columba.

Come and see what voluntary ministry might suit you. Ministries are old and new:

- Youth Ministry; Pizza and Prayer
- Baptism, Funeral, Sacraments Support
- Family Team(For New Family Mass)
- Hospitality, Café Columba
- Music, Choir, Liturgy
- Dead Popes Society
- Cairde Columba – honouring our Patron!
- Social Justice, Vincent DePaul, Trócaire.
- Care for Creation, Laudato Si, Localise
- The Don't Mention Religion - Book Club!
- Flower arranging/ St Columba's in bloom!
- Word(Readers), Communion, Adoration.
- Stewards, Collectors, Sacristans
- Parish Council and Finance Committee

Let's share our gifts and accompany one another on our faith journey. **Let's grow our faith community!**

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Advent with Prayers- in – St Columba's. **Fridays; 5th/ 12th/ 19th December 2025**

'CLOSER TO JESUS'

Three Talks with Fr Joe McDonald

Tues. Dec 9th Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Rd


Wed. Dec 17th St Columba's, Iona Rd

Monday Dec 22nd Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

Starts 7.30pm each evening.

Each 20 min talk is followed by a 20min discussion, and another 20mins munching mince-pies! **Admission Free** – small donations accepted to costs.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- For Glasnevin Parish Grouping  Our Mother of Divine Grace - Ballygall Rd. **December 10th at 7.30pm** – Facilitated by The Franciscan Friars.

'MAKING SPACE FOR WISDOM'

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT



With Pádraigín in the Annex. [Cup of tea included]

Each Thursday in Advent 11am-11.45(Following Mass)
December 4, 11, 18. Free and Céad Míle Fáilte!

CLASSICS & CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES



Sunday December 7th at 7pm St Columba's

With: Cecilia Byrne, Soprano; Antonio Argentieri, Tenor; Mary O'Donnell, Harp; Jane Hughes, Cello; and Eoin Tierney, Organ.

Café Columba Follows with refreshments!

This is a Fundraiser towards the maintenance of our Church Building: €10.00 a ticket.



Faith Community Prayers

Please: In Thanksgiving for
Lisa Tobin's gradual recovery,
and for Lisa's family and friends.

Also, for our Parish RCIA
candidate, Philip Larkin and
family, as he moves towards
Adult Baptism and becoming a
full member of the Catholic
Christian Family.

Parish Information

Pastor: Fr Joe McDonald

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*Blessings to all, this Advent, as
we look towards celebrating the
birth of Jesus!*

**Annual Appeal St Vincent de
Paul – Weekend – 6th/7th
December**

**Ongoing - Rumbly from the
Bunker** – with Fr Joe McD at the back
of the Church!

Young child's walker left in Annex
for some time now. Could owner
please claim or it will go to charity.

MORE DATES FOR OUR DIARY AT ST COLUMBA'S PARISH.

DECEMBER 2ND 7.30-8.30PM.

Meeting for Parents of Confirmation
Candidates from all three schools – St
Columba's, St Vincent's and Lindsay rd
in St Columba's Church.

DECEMBER 11TH 12.30pm
CHRISTMAS LUNCH. €26.00
Maples Hotel - **For Iona Active
Retirement group.** (Free Raffle)

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER
6pm Vigil Mass - First Communion
Preparation Mass for Children and their
families. **Followed by Café Columba.**

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 5PM-6PM

[One hour only] 

CHRISTMAS IN SONG 7 WORD

- Choir of St Columba's National School
- Choir of People's College

FREE - Donations collected for Charity.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST

Rite of Acceptance and welcome
for our RCIA candidate to our parish
during 11am Sunday mass. (This is the
first formal step towards Baptism for an Adult
Candidate.)

Welcome – Céad Míle Fáilte – Merbha! to
Francesco Ghirix – from Malta – who has
joined our **Music Ministry Team** – playing
organ and piano! Good Luck – **Awguri** – Go
nÉiri go geal leat, a Francesco!

MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE Ballygall. *Hallelujah Christmas*

Magical musical evening – festive favourites
Thursday Dec. 4th 2025 -7.30pm
Tickets Parish Office: €20.00
www.hallelujahchristmas.com

Visionaries - A Fundraising concert by
the Choir of the Visually Impaired in aid of the
Visually impaired. Sunday December 14th St
Francis Xavier, Gardiner St, 4-6pm €10.00;
50 Voices / 4-Part Harmonies.

WAITING

Drumming fingers on the table,
Toe tapping, where is that bus?
The waiting room busy
With exhausted magazines.
Our waiting is different,
Ssh, listen is that him?

My alb clad arms flapping
Alex, five-year old veteran, asks
Can you fly?
Quick look, is that him?

Yes, our waiting is different.
Sixty-one years young, Rita,
At the fourth child burial in three years,
Her hand over my heart whispers
'Mary brings them to Jesus'

We wait excitedly,
We weed our souls,
We look up,
We wait for Lord, Saviour,
Brother, Friend.

We wait in the dark
We wait in the cold,
We wait for the Light,

We wait for the Light
No Darkness Can Quench.

Joe McDonald 4.12.16

MONASTERY OF SAINT ALPHONSUS

Journey into Advent

'Open Wide the Door of Your Tent'

4pm Saturday 29th November.
With the Redemptorist Sisters

CHRISTMAS CAROLS *At the Monastery.*

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 8.00pm
**with Dublin Diocesan Singers and
Music Group.** In aid of Féileacáin
which supports families affected by the
loss of a baby.

Manresa House

Jesuit Spirituality Centre, Clontarf Rd.
Advent and New Year Retreats
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