

An Nollaig 2025

A Fortnightly Newsletter.
Christmas Eve and Day

Parish Link

St Columba's Parish,

Iona Rd, Glasnevin.

*A Special Seasonal thank
you to all our Volunteers
who keep our Parish alive
and well!*



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

- Christmas Eve Mass: 7pm
- Christmas Midnight Mass at 12 Midnight in St Columba's
- Christmas Day Masses: 11.00
- St Stephen's day: No mass in St Columba's. A mass for all parishioners in the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes - now called – The St Mobhi Partnership - will be held in Our Lady of Dolours at 11.00am
- Saturday 27th 6pm
- Sunday 28th 11am

There will be no mass in St Columba's Monday 29th December to Friday January 2nd 2026.

- New Year's Eve Midnight Mass – Starts 11.30PM in Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall Rd

'CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT THE MONASTERY OF ST ALPHONSUS

Christmas Eve: 8PM. Christmas Day 10AM St Stephen's Day 11AM

Mass each day 11am from Monday 29th – Friday January 2nd

Míle Buíochas - to all who donated Poinsettia for our crib and to those who made our altar look so lovely with flowers and candle light for recent events and masses. Also, to those who have made our Church grounds look bright and beautiful in the winter nights - Thank You!

Beannachtaí na Nollaig oraibh, Séan agus Áthas !

*A Happy and A Holy Christmas to each and everyone,
From all on the Parish Team at St Columba's Parish*

Dán Nollag

I stábla i mBeithil
Mainséar sínte
Bhí leanbh aoibhinn
Cuachta in eadaí bána
Gan teas gan dídean
Ó fhuacht na hoíche ann
Ach anáil caora,
Asal 's dámh
Rí na Ríthe
'Bhí sa mainséar sínte
Muire na hóighe
B'í a mháthair
Beannacht na díse
Ar do theach agus daoine
Nollaig aoibhinn agat
Séan 's áthas.
Amen.

A Christmas Poem

In a stable in Bethlehem
Lying in a manger
There was a beautiful babe
Bound in white clothes
There without heat without shelter
From the cold of the night
Except for the breath of a sheep,
An ass and an ox.
It was the King of Kings
That lay in the manger
The Virgin Mary
She was his mother.
The blessings of the pair
On your house and people
A delightful Christmas to you
Happiness and joy.
Amen.
Maitíu ó Maoláin



Faith Community Prayers

The Parish community and funeral ministry team wish all those who have lost someone during the year a special grace and consolation this Christmas time. Our prayers are with you.

Also - Continued prayers please for all in our community who are sick at this time

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The Parish Link Newsletter and Rumbblings from the Bunker –

with Fr Joe McD are NOW AVAILABLE on-line at the Parish website www.ionaroadparish.ie and at the back of the Church!

Go mbeirimíd Beo ar an am seo arís!

Manresa House Jesuit
Spirituality Centre, Clontarf Rd.
New Year Retreat
<https://www.manresa.ie> 01
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SÚIL SIAR AR 2025 – A LOOK BACK AT 2025

What a year of ebb and flow, the people of the Parish of St Columba have had. We have definitely been in that boat with St Columba on an ever changing sea. From Fr Kevin, through Fr Paul and Fr Gareth, it was all change at the helm. Our sacristans, our PPC, our volunteers in all ministries, and Fr Paddy played a blinder as they kept the Parish boat afloat. In July we welcomed Fr Joe McDonald, a new hand at the helm, and we are now thankfully on a steady course again. We are all on **Team Jesus** and listening out for '**Rumbblings from the Bunker**'!

In April the Catholic world lost our beloved leader the late **Pope Francis** and we were amazed at the work of the Holy Spirit in delivering us, **Pope Leo xiv**, from the US. It was definitely not expected! Recently, we were told there will be no women deacons, but that the decision is not definitive – some of us – still live in hope!!

Supported by Parish, School and Family, **Faith Formation** in Baptism, Communion and Confirmation continues. Led by, Pádraigín Clancy, there are classes, masses and meetings. Last Sunday, during a beautiful Rite of Acceptance, we welcomed Philip Larkin an RCIA (Adult Baptism) candidate into our Faith Community..

Music Ministry led by Eoin Tierney and Cecelia Byrne continues strongly. The arrival of organist Francesco and Tenor Antonio further enriches us. Our recent Choral Concert was a wonderful new departure.

St Columba's school next door celebrated 100years old and blessed us all with fine liturgies. As did the **Sisters at the Monastery** along with Fr Pat O'Donoghue and the Dublin Diocesan Choir and Musicians. And also we welcomed our New (Old) St Mary's Cathedral from where we are ' Building Hope' !

The **Active Retirement Group** are as active as ever with Bridge, Creative writing and Cultural trips; And happily our Chair Exercises continue with Pauline Pierce.

The local **Vincent de Paul** continue to do their good work quietly among our community and we support and thank them sincerely.

Café Columba led by Trish Close excelled themselves for numerous events including Fr Gareth's Ruby celebration. We gained some **new volunteers** for our various ministries at our Volunteers weekend, and we look forward to a fresh injection of energy in the New Year.

Our **Advent Talks** with Fr Joe and Reflections with Pádraigín were well attended. As was our Holy Hour for Peace.

Finally, last New Year's Eve, after ten years as secretary at St Columba's Church **Sheila Hallahan** retired. In the absence of stability she kindly came - in and out - of retirement throughout the year to assist us. We cannot thank her enough for her contribution.

And of course – lest we forget - **Na Fianna had another very good year!**

Ar Aghaidh le Chéile le Críost I rith 2026!

Feliz Navidad; Joyeux Noel; Fröhe Weihnachten; Wesolych Świąt; Edo Brikho; eid milad saeid; buon Natale; il-Milied it-tajjeb; Feliz Natal; krisamas kee shubhakaamana; Hag Shmah; maligayang pasko