

# Parish Link

*St Columba's Parish,  
Iona Rd, Glasnevin.*



*Brigid You were a woman of peace, You brought harmony where there was conflict, You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the down cast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious especially during these challenging times. May peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our homes and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has created.*



**MÍLE BUÍOCHAS** A sincere thank you to all who Volunteered their services and gifts for our various ministries during our volunteer seeking initiative. We were delighted with the positive response and we will be following up with you soon. Training will be provided. *Ní neart go cur le chéile!*

## CENTENARY CELEBRATION

**Join St Columba's N.S in celebrating 100 years.**

**AN EVENING OF SONG IN ST COLUMBA'S  
CHURCH - FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> - 7.30PM**

**Featuring: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class School Choirs.** ( Led by Ms Cronin and Ms Gallagher)

**Laetare Vocal Ensemble:** Conductor Róisín Blunnie. Melanie McCabe – Vocalist and Aaron Glancy – Accordion



**Céad Míle Fáilte** Welcome to babies Emily Josephine Leacy and Callan Philip Huttley who were baptised into our faith community at St Columba's on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> 26.



## BRIGID FESTIVAL IN GLASNEVIN

### Guided Tour: History, Mystery and Magic

Sat January 31<sup>st</sup> / Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.  
Explore the folklore of St Brigid while noting the first stirrings of Spring in the Botanic Gardens. € 5.00 per person. **Booking essential@**  
**Nationalbotanicgardensofirelandeventbrite.ie**

### St Brigid Cross Demonstration

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 11.00AM and 3.00PM  
Step by Step guidance in making a Brigid cross using fresh rushes. **Free and No Booking**

### 'Sounds of Spring' with The Irish Composers

**Collective :** A lunch time concert (1.00pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February) at the gardens. New Chamber music for Harp( Anne-Marie Farrell) , Cello( Yseult Cooper) and Soprano( Sylvia O'Brien). Free - **Booking Essential** – as above.

### One Body, One Spirit

*Seirbhís IoiR-eaglasca urnaí agus ceol i nGaeilge*

Inter-denominational service of prayer and music in Irish In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, hosted by the TCD Ecumenical Chaplaincy on the theme - provided this year by the churches of Armenia: One Body, One Spirit.

**Sunday 25 January 26, 3.00 pm Trinity College Chapel**



**Faith Community Prayers**  
*please for all who are sick  
and in need of prayer in  
our community*

### Parish Information

**Pastor: Fr Joe McDonald**

**Pastoral / Faith Development**

**Worker:**

**Ms Pádraigín Clancy**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

**Chair: Mr Séamus Treacy**

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submit to office.

### MASS TIMES ST COLUMBA'S

Saturday Vigil 6.00PM

Sunday 11.00AM

Daily 10.30AM except  
Tuesday .

### MASS TIMES ST ALPHONSUS

Daily 5.45

Saturday / Sunday 9.30AM

**Rumblings from the Bunker**  
with Fr Joe available on the  
parish website and in Church

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY AT ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

First Holy Communion  
Preparation Mass with a  
Brigid/Spring theme for the  
children of St Columba's, St  
Vincent's and Lindsay Road

### *'BAPTISED AND SENT'*

#### **DIOCESAN Facilitator**

**Training by Zoom** for any  
person interested in  
facilitating small faith sharing  
groups in their Parish during  
Lent. **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
January 7.30-8.45PM**

Lenten Resources will be  
provided by the Diocese.

Register with Pádraigín Clancy,  
Pastoral Worker:  
[pclancyionaroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:pclancyionaroadparish@gmail.com).

### ***Monastery of St. Alphonsus***

Christian Meditation.  
Wednesday, 4th of February  
2026. 7.30 pm

*Laudate 2026 Celebrating in*  
**Music and Song** our Catholic  
Schools in Our Lady of  
Victories Tuesday January  
27<sup>th</sup> 7pm All Welcome – Free



**Our deepest sympathy** to the  
family of the late Eileen ( Margaret) Boland  
recently deceased. Solas na bhFlaitheas dá  
hAnam dílis.

## ***BEGIN***

Begin again to the summoning birds  
To the sight of the light at the window  
begin to the roar of morning traffic  
All along Pembroke road.  
Every beginning is a promise  
Born in light and dying in dark  
determination and exaltation of springtime  
Flowering the way to work.  
Begin to the pageant of queuing girls  
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the  
canal  
bridges linking the past and future  
old friends passing through with us still.  
Begin to the loneliness that cannot end  
since it is perhaps what makes us begin,  
begin to wonder at unknown faces  
at crying birds in the sudden rain  
at branches stark in the willing sunlight  
at seagulls foraging for bread  
at couples sharing a sunny secret  
alone together while making good.  
Though we live in a world that dreams of  
ending  
that always seems about to give in  
something that will not acknowledge  
conclusion  
Insists that we forever begin.

**From The Essential Brendan Kennelly**

**Bridge** Recommences Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup> in  
the Annex. Looking forward to seeing all!

Spaces left in **Chair Exercises** Class Mondays  
12noon to 1.00PM – Come Along to St Columba's!

### **MASS BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY FEB 2<sup>ND</sup>**

in the St Mobhi /Glasnevin  
Partnership will be in Our Lady of  
Victories



**A Naomh Bríd, a Mhuire na nGael, Guí Orainn, A Naomh Bríd, A Mhuire na nGael ,Scaoil tharainn do Bhrat!**

St Brigid, Mary of the Gael, Pray for us, St Brigid, Mary of the Gael, place your mantle around us! **Brat Bríde Ort!**