

First Sunday of Lent

A Fortnightly Newsletter

February 21st/22nd

Parish Link

**St Columba's Parish,
Iona Road, Glasnevin**

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

Lent is a 40-day season that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter. Lent is **a season of repentance – a great time to reflect on aspects of our lives that are unChrist-like that we would like to change.**

This is the place for us to begin – to do some reflection on our lives.

The First Sunday of Lent focuses on Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the desert, calling believers to repentance, spiritual discipline, and trust in God's grace over worldly temptations. Reflections emphasise resisting sin through prayer, fasting and mirroring Jesus' reliance on Scripture to overcome temptation

A Prayer for Strength in Temptation

"Lord Jesus, as you were tempted in the desert, I know I cannot walk this Lenten journey on my own. Give me the grace to recognise temptation and the strength to rely on God's word rather than my own desires, just as you did."



*'I invite you to an unappreciated form of abstinence: refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour', Pope Leo XIV,
February 2026*

'BAPTISED AND SENT in LENT'

Each Thursday morning following 10.30am mass during Lent, Pádraigín will facilitate a Lenten prayer & reflection group based around new resources from the Diocese.

In the Annex at St Columba's .
About 45minutes. Tea/ Coffee
Free. Céad Míle Fáilte Romhaibh

WELCOME AND ORIENTATION GATHERING FOR OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS AT ST COLUMBA'S

This Sunday February 22nd after 11am mass a meeting and special Café Columba will be held in St Columba's Church with Fr Joe McDonald to welcome & orientate our new volunteers. Members of the Parish Team and volunteers of the various ministries will be present to assist.



RITE OF ELECTION 2026

The Rite of Election for all adult candidates for Baptism in the Diocese of Dublin will be held in St Mary's Cathedral this Sunday. We wish, Philip Larkin, who prepared with us at St Columba's the very best for the occasion. Our Prayers are with you, Philip!



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

St Patricks Day Mass
17th March @ 10.30am

MASS TIMES ST ALPHONSUS

Daily 5.45

Saturday / Sunday 9.30AM

Rumblings from the Bunker
available back of church or
online.
Parish link available
online also .

Iona Active Retirement

Monday- Bridge in Annex.
2pm to 4pm

Tuesday Bingo/cards in Annex
2pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 25th February
Meeting outside the Dail at
12noon for visit to the National
Museum and going for cup of tea/
coffee and chat afterwards.
We are planning a lunch in the
Maples on St. Patrick's Day
meeting 12.30pm for 1am.
2 course lunch plus tea/coffee at
cost of €26. We will need
numbers at next meeting 11th
March. All are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION PREP

MASS SATURDAY

MARCH 7TH 6pm

With a Lenten/ St Patrick theme for
the parents/ guardians and children
of St Columba's, St Vincent's and
Lindsay Road Schools

Monastery of St. Alphonsus

Christian Meditation

Wednesday

4th of March

7.30 pm



Craic agus Creideamh!
Cíorcal Comhrá!

A few people have expressed an
interest in forming an Irish
language support group in the
Parish. Sharing story and prayer,
it would be easy and fun!
All levels welcome! Le Cupán
Tae!
Contact Pádraigín if interested.

As part of St Columba's NS
centenary celebrations a
wonderful evening of song
and entertainment was had
on Feb 10th.
Well done to all
involved.



FOR THE DIARY IN THE

St MOBHI PARISH PARTNERSHIP
– which includes St Columba's. The
St Mobhi Partnership of Parishes
formerly known as the Glasnevin
partnership includes, St Columba's,
Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin,
Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall,
Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Rd
and Corpus Christi Drumcondra.

Please note switch of dates

TWO TRAINING DATES FOR CHURCH MINISTERS with MARY CLAVIN

Saturday March 7th 12.30-3.00PM

For Ministers of the Word
(register by February 27th)

Saturday March 14TH 12.30
3.00pm

For Ministers of the Eucharist
(register by March 6th)

**LOCATION: Our Lady of Victories
Ballymun Rd.**

REGISTRATION: Info@OLV.ie

New and Existing Volunteers in the
St Mobhi Parish Partnership(in-
cluding St Columba's) – as well as
the wider Fingal South West Dean-
ery are all invited! **A light lunch**
will be provided (notify regarding
any special dietary requirements).

PARTNERSHIP GATHERING AT PENTECOST

New and Existing Volunteers of
all ministries in the St Mobhi
Partnership – including St
Columba's are asked by
Moderator Fr Joe McDonald to
save the date:
Saturday May 23rd for a day of
prayer concluding with mass on
the eve of Pentecost.