

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 Creídeamh!

Ciorcal 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(including St Columba's) – as well as the wider Fingal South West Deanery 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.