

A Fortnightly Newsletter
 March 21st / 22nd
 5th Sunday of Lent
 March 28th / 29th
 Palm Sunday

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

**Reflection for Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Gospel John 11:1-45**

A Human Heart

When people read this Gospel, they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God, God of heaven, man of the earth, weeping over a friend. His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the crowd. We might picture him there - the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence. When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more important than our own. So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us. Picture your friends and those you love and give thanks to God for each of them. Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.

Donal Neary SJ



'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

Stations of the Cross for Children
 Sunday 22nd March at 3pm
 St Marys Cathedral
 With the youngest members of the Cathedral Choir. All Welcome !!



Stations of the Cross

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Feast of the Annunciation 7pm Wednesday
 25th March in Christ the King Church, Cabra

A one evening retreat. This is an opportunity to encounter God through beauty - the beauty of our world, the inner beauty of our lives and our encounter with others.

Retreat led by Dr Iva Beranek



The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests
 walked
 And figs grew upon thorn,
 Some moment when the moon
 was blood,
 Then surely I was born;

With monstrous head and
 sickening cry
 And ears like errant wings,
 The devil's walking parody
 On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the
 earth,
 Of ancient crooked will;
 Starve, scourge, deride me:
 I am dumb,
 I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
 One far fierce hour and sweet:
 There was a
 shout about my
 ears,
 And palms
 before my feet.





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

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Chair: *Mr Séamus Treacy*

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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

DONKEY WANTED!

We are looking for a real live
donkey on loan for
Palm Sunday
please (This is not
a Joke!).



Contact Pádraigín in Office.

TIMETABLE HOLY WEEK & EASTER

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY: 11.00am Mass

Monday 30th March: 10.30am Mass

Tuesday 31st March No Mass

Wednesday 1st April:

10.30am. Mass

7.30pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation in Our Mother
of Divine Grace, Ballygall

Holy Thursday 2nd April

10.00 am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Mass of Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3rd April

10.00 am Morning Prayer

11.00 am Way of the Cross Pilgrimage
for families / See Partnership

3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord
Jesus Christ

7.00pm Our Lady of Victories -
'The Last Seven Words of
Jesus' / See Partnership

Holy Saturday 4th April

10.00am Morning Prayer

8,30pm Vigil Mass of Easter Sunday
with Baptism of Philip Larkin
RCIA Elect .

Easter Sunday 5th April

11.00am Mass of the Lord's resurrection

Easter Monday: 6th April

10.00am Mass in Our Mother of Divine
Grace, Ballygall for all parishes in the
St Mobhi Partnership of Parishes

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN THE ST MOBHI PARISH PARTNERSHIP - Easter

Week—All are welcome —
fáilte roimh cách -

Way of the Cross Pilgrimage for families

Gather: St Mobhi Church at
10:45am: Start: 11:00am

Route: Walk to Our Lady of
Dolours Church, arriving
approx. 11:30am

Onwards To Cemetery via
Botanic Gardens, arriving
approx 12.00

Final stop at St. Columba's
Church, Iona Road, approx.
12:30pm

Refreshments will be served
afterwards

Not up for the full walk? Feel
free to join us at any point
along the route. Children must
be accompanied by an adult

Our Lady of Victories Church

Good Friday 7.00 pm
**'The Last Seven Words of
Jesus'**

Tonight with our Gospel Choir
and Young Adult Group, you
are invited to join with us,
using Táize chant, Prayer and
reflection, we will pray around
the cross as we reflect on the
Last Seven Words of Jesus
before his death.

MONASTERY OF ST ALPHONSUS HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

HOLY THURSDAY – 2nd April

6.00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Music led by the Dublin Diocesan
Music Group
With Caroline Cutcliffe, Organ,
Ciarán Donegan, Violin,
Denise Kelly, Concert Harp.

8.00pm – 9.00 pm: Vigil at the Altar
of Repose.

GOOD FRIDAY – 3rd April

12.00 noon: The Seven Last Words of
Jesus on the Cross (updated for 2026)
with Fr Pat,
Michaela Loredana Chirvase, Mezzo
Soprano and Denise Doyle, Violin.

3.00 pm: Solemn Celebration of the
Lord's Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY – 4th April

9.30 am: Morning Prayer.

8.00 pm: Easter Vigil of the Lord's
Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY – 5th April

9.30 am: Mass with the Renewal
of Baptismal Promises.

EASTER MONDAY – 6th April

11.00 am Mass of the Day.

11.00 am: Daily Mass until 11th April
inclusive.

SUNDAY 12th APRIL - 9.30am Mass

Normal Schedule Resumes