

3rd Sunday of Easter

A Fortnightly Newsletter
April 18th/19th

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

The Emmaus story is like a gospel within the gospel. It is so rich a lesson that it serves as a summary of our own bonding with Jesus Christ. For these disciples on the road to Emmaus, the future looked grim indeed. For the previous few years, life had been exciting and they were captivated by the Gospel message of Jesus. But it emerges that they hadn't grasped some vital parts of what he had said. We can empathise with them, because mostly we too tend to pick and choose the parts of his message that please us, and fail to take seriously other words of the Lord. The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travellers on their journey.



Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday, April 26th

“Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.” – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026.

In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an “interior discovery” of God's gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God's call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous “yes” is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers, and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life.

May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.



IONA ROAD PARISH PRESENTS

'All in the April Evening'



Featuring

The Songmartins

Peoples College Choir

Eoin Tierney (Piano)

Ciara Smith (Soprano)

Francesco Ghirxi (Organist)

David O'Carroll (Baritone)

SUNDAY 26th APRIL @ 5pm

Tickets €10 children free (accompanied)

Followed by Café Columba

Proceeds in aid of St Columba's Church



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

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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



Monthly Collection
 held last weekend
 €584 received with thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY AT ST COLUMBA'S

We welcome the parents/ guardians and children who are making their first Holy Communion from St Columba's, St Vincent's and Lindsay Road NS this Saturday 18th.

 First Confessions are Tuesday Morning April 21st for children from all three primary schools.

 Ceremony of Light for Confirmation for all three primary schools Also on April 21st at 7.30PM (for Parents and Candidates).

 Congratulations to all the children who were Baptised here in St Columba's this weekend

IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

Monday 20th- Bridge 2pm to 4pm in the Annex

Tuesday 21st Bingo/Cards in the Annex

Thursday 23rd Tour of Dublin Castle State Apartments

Those booked to go by minibus will be collected outside Iona church at 11.15am.

All others will meet at the Chester Beatty Library Dublin Castle at 12noon.

The 50 minute tour will commence at 1.30pm and will cost €7.50 per person payable on the day.

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN THE ST MOBHI PARISH FOR THE DIARY IN THE

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.

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.

St Alphonsus Monastery

Christian Meditation

Wednesday

29th April

7.30 pm



1926 Census—Have you checked it out.

How many of your parents, grandparents were living in the parish in 1926.

To check it out: <https://nationalarchives.ie/collections/search-the-1926-census/>

THE FIRST CENSUS of the Irish Free State, undertaken in 1926, has officially been published 100 years on.

Records were made available to the public at midnight.

It follows the expiration of the 100-year limitation on their publication under the Statistics Act 1993.

Its publication will be marked by a state function at Dublin Castle today Saturday 18th April 2026.

Taken on 18 April 1926, the National Archives said it provides “a detailed snapshot of life” in Ireland during that period.