

### St. Columba's Parish Mass Times

**Saturday:** Vigil 6.00pm **Sunday:** 11.00am. **Mon-Fri:** 9.30am. **Holy Days:** 9.30am.  
**Public Holiday Mass** at 11.00am in **St. Alphonsus Monastery.**  
**Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel : Sunday:** 9.45am. **Holy Days:** 9.45am. **St. Alphonsus Monastery: Saturday:** 9.30am **Sunday:** 9.30am. **Mon-Fri:** 5:45pm.  
**Eve of Holy Days, Vigil Mass:** 5.45 p.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS For the coming week 16/04/2016

Sat: 16th 6.00pm May & Stephen Dowling (A) Eileen Butler (A)  
James Mulligan (A) Catherine O'Shea (A)  
Sun: 17th 11.00am Maureen & Sean Penston (A)  
Sat: 23rd 6.00pm Joe Kathleen & Dermot Scully (A)  
Sun: 24th 11.00am Joan & Charles Henry (A)

### FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your contribution to the Family Offering, amounting to € 825.05 last weekend. This is the amount received in weekly envelopes. An average weekly total of €544.00 is also contributed by Standing Order.

### IONA AREA COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETICS (Track & Field)



Wednesday 27th April 5.30pm (sharp)\* Santry (Morton) Stadium  
All ages from under 8 (must be over 6 by 31/07/16) to under 16 (must be 15 or under at 31/07/16) \*Please note Santry Stadium only available for 1 ½ hrs. on 27th April so please ensure you arrive early. If child qualifies for Dublin

Finals, child needs to be available on Sat 19th June (and possibly Sun 20th June) Events:  
U8 60m & 80m; U10 100m, 200m & 60m Hurdles; U12 100m, 600m, Ball Throw & Long-puck (boys); U14 100m, 800m, 80m hurdles, Long-jump, Javelin, Shot-putt & Long-puck (girls); U16 100m, 200m, 1,500m, Discus. Children must live within Iona Area boundaries, which are: Whitworth Road, Drumcondra Rd, Glasnevin Avenue (west from old Whitehall Garda station) and Old Finglas Rd back up Finglas Rd towards Prospect Rd (including Claremont, The Willows and Dalcassian Downs)

Please pre-register by 17th April (ideally earlier) by contacting Ronan Gately on 086-8289296 or ronangately@hotmail.com with name of child, date of birth, address and event(s) in which the child wishes to participate.

Kindly supported by Croke Park Community Fund



Please visit St. Columba's Parish website at [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie) and email your comments, good news stories and special parish events to [info@ionaroadparish.ie](mailto:info@ionaroadparish.ie)

Items for the **Parish Link** can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto:parishlink@gmail.com) or dropped into the Parish Office letter-box, marked 'Parish Link', by 5pm on the Thursday of week of publication.

A contact name and phone number is required for each item.  
Phone contact for **Parish Office - 01 8308257 or 087 6728761**



**Parish Office Opening Times and Contact:** Monday to Friday 09.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.  
Ph. 8308257 or email: [saintcolumba@eircom.net](mailto:saintcolumba@eircom.net)

# PARISH



# LINK

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Parish of St. Columba

17th April 2016



*Alleluia,  
alleluia!  
I am the  
good  
shepherd;  
I know my  
own and  
my own  
know me*

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We invite parishioners to express their interest, or accepting a nomination, to be considered for election to the Parish Pastoral Council, and invite all parishioners, whether they exercise a particular ministry or not, but above all, all who exercise that fundamental active ministry of being a member of the Sunday or daily worship of the parish, to take part in the election. A form of expression of interest or nomination is available.

This declaration of interest may also be written by letter and should be returned to the Parish Office in a closed envelope addressed to Parish Priest before Sunday, 17th April.

### 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.

**4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday –  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Father of mercy, who gave your Son for our salvation and who strengthens us always with the gifts of your Spirit, grant us Christian communities which are alive, fervent and joyous, which are fountains of fraternal life, and which nurture in the young the desire to consecrate themselves to you and to the work of evangelisation. Sustain these communities in their commitment to offer appropriate vocational catechesis and ways of proceeding towards each one's particular consecration.

Grant the wisdom needed for vocational discernment, so that in all things the greatness of your merciful love may shine forth.

May Mary, Mother and guide of Jesus, intercede for each Christian community, so that, made fruitful by the Holy Spirit, it may be a source of true vocations for the service of the holy People of God.

[prayer at end of the message of Pope Francis for this day]

**Note from Fr Paddy**

I was asked about the two short quotations that I used last weekend. They are from *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love, the document on the family by Pope Francis, published on 8 April. I had said that while Pope Francis hasn't changed doctrine, he may have done something more important. He calls us to better pastoral care and understanding of one another, to be less judgemental. He tells us that one size does not fit all, everything isn't black and white. No one is excluded –and we have as Church excluded people. We must reach out and include. The quotations are:

*'My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family. And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just by a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within the family will be restored. Just a little caress. No words are needed.'*  
*'Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope.'*

**17th April - World Day of Prayer for Vocations**  
The **annual collection** for support of Dublin Diocesan students preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood **takes place this weekend.** It replaces the **Share** collection.



Quiz Night 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 8.00pm in Hedigans. Entry €10 per person, 4 to a table. Further details Andrew Hynes 085 2087446.  
Support the Oblate Youth Service Volunteer Experience in Zimbabwe From 16<sup>th</sup> June until the 17<sup>th</sup> July. The experience involves helping at the Sandra Jones Children's Village in Bulawayo.



**First Communion Day**

Next Saturday and Sunday, boys and girls from St Columba's School, St Vincent's School, Lindsay Road School and Glasnevin School receive First Holy Communion.

**SAINT ALPHONSUS MONASTERY**

**Pilgrim Icon of  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help**  
Pilgrimage to the Cathedrals of Ireland  
Celebrating 150 Years with the  
Redemptorists

29-30 APRIL 2016

Follow the Icon Connect, Rejoice

**Friday 29th April 2016**

5.45p.m. Mass of Welcome

8.00p.m. Healing Service

**Saturday 30th April 2016**

9.30a.m. Mass

followed by veneration of the Icon  
11.00a.m.

Prayer Service with the Religious of  
Archdiocese of Dublin

**ALSO**

Shout for Joy!

A joyful

celebration of the Easter Season in  
song, word and prayer.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus  
Monday 18th April @ 8pm.

With full-time chaplaincy students  
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**CAKE SALE**

After Masses THIS  
weekend  
Sat. 16th and Sun. 17th  
April

Bring A Cake - Buy A Cake -  
Super Raffle. Your Support Would Be  
Much Appreciated, Proceeds divided  
between Mater Foundation  
Cancer Research and  
St. Francis Hospice.

**IONA ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

Monday 25th April - Maples Hotel for  
Coffee at 10.15 a.m. and Lunch at 12.30 p.m.

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday  
Monday. Meet at Monastery of St.  
Alphonsus after 11 a.m. Mass. Depending on  
weather, an outing will be arranged.

If anyone is interested in having a day's  
outing - cost €50 during the Summer - please  
give names to Betty O'Brien.  
A two night stay in Knock House Hotel will  
be arranged for September or October.

On Thursday Senan Turnbull came along and  
gave a most interesting talk on the Croke  
Park Community Fund. **The Iona Active  
Retirement** has benefited from it for the last  
three years and as a result was in a position  
to have "Mystery Tours" at half price.

**The Meditation Group** will meet on Wednesday 20th April 2016, Venue:  
St. Alphonsus' Monastery Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm. New people are most welcome.

Pope Francis has made a special appeal for humanitarian aid for Ukraine and has asked for a collection to be made throughout Europe on 24 April. 50% of the Share collection on 23/24 April from the Diocese will be given to this appeal.  
Please give generously to the Share (2nd collection) next weekend.