

St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 2nd June '13



'Be gentle when you touch bread,
Let it not be uncared for, unwanted.
So often bread is taken for granted.
There is so much beauty in bread,
Beauty of sun and soil,
Beauty of patient toil.
Winds and rain have caressed it,
Christ often blessed it.
Be gentle when you touch bread.'

A word of appreciation and thanks to the members of the Liturgy Group who prepared the Family Mass liturgy on Pentecost Sunday. Parishioners from a number of different nationalities actively participated, reflecting the richness and diversity of our faith community.

The monthly meeting of the Liturgy Group takes place this Thursday.



The parish is urgently in need of a person with IT experience who would be willing to help out with the parish website. If you can help, Fr Louis would love to hear from you.

First Communion 2013

"Nineteen children from Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. made their 1st Communion on Saturday, 18th May. There was great excitement in the air, as every child arrived and saw each other dressed up beautifully, looking like angels! This was a day like no other, in its specialness.

The ceremony which was joyful and inclusive, was celebrated by Fr Louis, who, in his very caring way, had visited the children in school many times throughout the year, and knew each of them personally. When it came to the homily, he had no problem chatting to them, and every child was enthusiastic to tell all that he/she knew about Jesus. One's child poignant thought that 'Jesus loves us and gave us our First Communion day to celebrate' summed up the happiness that was palpable in the church that day. That joy was evident on the faces of all the Mam's, Dad's, Grannies & Grandads, extended families and friends. It was reflected also in the beautiful voices of the school choir led by Ms Roche, and the wonderful music provided by Ms Beardmore and friends.

It is said 'it takes a village to raise a child'. As a staff, we are very aware of the efforts of so many in our community to create that day for the children. There were the church cleaners hard at work beforehand, Kate who arranged the flowers so beautifully, parishioners provided the refreshments, Tony our school caretaker collaborated with Ms Harte and Lyndsey the SNA to get the children's artwork done and displayed in the church, and Helen, our school secretary printed the lovely souvenir Mass booklets. Parish members had been 'prayer friends' for each child throughout the year. We felt that their prayers had been answered as our parish & school communities formed a bond of care and love which created many happy memories of sharing and connection, bringing the words of Jesus 'Do this in memory of me' to life in a very real way.

THANK YOU to everyone."

A staff member's reflection.

Congratulations to Bernie & Henry(Buddy) O'Connor who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at this time. Wishing you continued good health & happiness.

Knock Pilgrimage

The annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on 13th July. Cost €15. The bus will leave from St. Michael's at 8a.m. To book, contact Parish Office 9.30-12.30

'COPING WITH BEREAVEMENT AFTER DEATH BY SUICIDE'

Monday, **17th June 7.30-9p.m** House of Retreat.
Facilitated by Brid Carroll
(Psychotherapist & Counselling
Supervisor) *All Welcome*



We remember and pray for Maureen Dillon, Suir Road. May she Rest in Peace

In Appreciation

The family of the late Eithne Mulligan wish to thank their neighbours, friends and all who attended Eithne's removal and funeral Mass. Thanks also to all who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Every generation laughs at the old fashions, but religiously follows the new'

Have you ever thought about fostering a child? If so, please contact the HSE at 6206350 to enquire. An information meeting will take place on **Monday, 10th June** at 8p.m. in Bridge House, Cherry Orchard Hospital.

Open Day

Inchicore Credit Union are hosting an open day on Saturday, 8th June 2-5p.m, for customers & families. Prizes, hampers, refreshments & face painting for children.



Tea/Coffee Morning Monday, 10th June deMazenod Centre from 10.30a.m.

All welcome!

Congratulations to Eve Byrne, a pupil of Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. and a member of the Excel gymnastic team. The team came 1st in the South Dublin Region National Gymnastic final held recently in U.L. Eve, who competed at level 6, under 13, came joint 1st on the floor exercise and 2nd on the bars. Well done Eve and to all the

Weekly Collections 11/12th May

1st €417 2nd €240 Family Offering €816 18/19th May 1st € 300 2nd €210 Family Offering €995 25/26th May 1st €340 2nd €213 Family Offering €635

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Weekday Mass: (Mon-Sat)10am Sun. 6.30pm (Vigil), 9am & 11am Family Mass Church is open from 9am-12.30pm: Monday—Friday.

Prayer for Examination Students

Lord, as I prepare to sit my exams send your Holy Spirit to guide me and be with me.

Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and the opportunity of education. Keep me calm.

Help me to do the best I can on the day of my exam.

Help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions as best I can.

Give me peace, understanding and wisdom and be with me today and always.

There is a petition box in the church for the names of students you wish to pray for. This is a stressful time for many, no less the parents, so please keep all in your prayers.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
Saturday, 13th July
10.30-4p.m.
Aras Mhuire
Spirituality for Everyday
Life—
the search for meaning?
Led by
Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI
well known writer & lecturer

Tickets for this event are available in the Parish Office

The recent edition of the '**Oblate Connections'** newsletter is now in the church.

Inchicore Village clean-up on Wednesday, 12th June. Meeting at 7p.m. outside workman's club Again, there was a great turn out last week. Well done to all!