St. Michael's Parish

Fr. Louis McDermott OMI, Fr. Dermot Mills OMI. Parish Secretary: Mrs. Pat Whelan 52a & 52b Bulfin Rd, Inchicore, Dublin 8. **Tel 453 1660** Parish Office: **Mon-Fri: 9.30-12.30** Email: **stmichaelsparishomi@gmail.com www.stmichaelsinchicore.ie** Weekday Mass: (Mon-Sat)10am Sun. 6.30pm (Vigil), 9am & 11am (Family Mass) The church is open from 9am-12.30pm: Monday—Friday.

Bridge Classes in Inchicore College Enrolling now for the new term. Classes Mondays & Fridays, 1.30-3.15p.m. To guarantee a place contact Brian (author of *'Bridge Made Easy'*) 087 2533514 or 450 1541. Anyone for **SCRABBLE?** Inchicore library are open to starting a scrabble club. If you are interested, contact the library 453 3793 or *inchicorelibrary@dublincity.ie* The very popular **BOOK CLUB** meet in the library on the last Wednesday of the month at 6.30p.m.

Foster Carers needed for Dublin 8.

Do you enjoy caring for children and young people? We are seeking to recruit families and individuals to care for children and young people who are unable to live at home. Ideally you will have a spare room and time available to care for a child. Foster families come in all shapes and sizes, from all cultures and backgrounds. Assessment, training and support will be provided to all foster families. There will also be access to 24 hour on-call support. For more information, please contact: Five Rivers Ireland Foster Families on 01 8665291 or visit our website *www.fiveriversireland.ie*



'though we live in a world that dreams of ending, that always seems about to give in. Something that will not acknowledge conclusion insists that we forever begin' B.Kennelly



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May we be blessed with sudden insights and inspiration. May we be graced by quiet moments of simplicity and reflection.

May we be supported by our loved ones when we need them. May we be a source of strength to those around us. May we say goodbye to habits that have become a burden to us.

May we do our part to build a world that we desire for ourselves and all who will come after us. May we take time to meet friends and enjoy the fresh air. May we feel healthy—physically, emotionally and spiritually. May we hear the joy and sorrow of this great and beautiful universe in which we live.

Christian Unity Week: For over 100 years, churches throughout the world traditionally mark the week from 18th-25th January as a **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** Theme: '*Is Christ Divided'* (1Cor1:13) During this time we are asked to pray in a special way for unity among all Christians. '*As we journey together towards the celebration of this New Year, may the unity that Christ signifies bind us together in Love.'*

12th January 2014 The Baptism of the Lord

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas Season officially comes to an end. The true spirit of Christmas which speaks of love, togetherness, sharing and receiving was very much alive in our community and parish this Christmas. In a spirit of co-operation and goodwill, parishioners, choirs, musicians, children's liturgy group, readers, church cleaners and decorators all came together to make our community a joyful and vibrant place of welcome and friendship. **Thanks to all.** Thanks also to other groups and individuals, many working behind the scenes, who minister and provide services and support all year round in the building up and strengthening of our community. As we begin a new year, let us continue to welcome and support each other through our participation in the life of our parish and community.

Our **Best Wishes** are with Fr Louis as he recovers from recent surgery. We look forward to his return with an even lighter spring in his step.

We Remember and Pray for Joseph Forristal, Tyrone Place Angela Marsh, Connolly Avenue James Colgan, Goldenbridge Avenue Michael Donohoe, Bulfin Court & Peggy Nay, formerly of St. Michael's Estate. *May they Rest in Peace*



Congratulations & Good Wishes go to Caoimhe Mooney Kickham Road & Paul Bridgeman who were married last week.

Thanks to all who have handed in their Christmas dues to date. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

'for last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice' T.S. Eliot Thanks to all who supported the Christmas appeal on behalf of SVP & Crosscare. Taking into account the current economic climate, the generosity of parishioners was extraordinary. Grateful thanks also to the members St Michael's branch of the SVP who, year round, provide assistance to the needy of our community.

Christmas Recycling: If you haven't yet got round to disposing of your Christmas tree, you have until the **20thJanuary** to bring it for recycling to Windmill Road Bring Centre, Crumlin or Walkinstown Green, Bunting Rd. (nearest tree recycling centres)

In Appreciation I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the community of St Michael's for their support and prayers during John's illness and at the time of his passing. Thanks to my kind neighbours and friends for the many acts of generosity shown to me at this difficult time. I greatly appreciate the support of the Oblate community and Alan and Helen for their kindness to John during his illness. Your prayers and thoughtfulness are a great comfort to me at this time. Mass of thanksgiving will be offered for your intentions on January 13th at 10a.m. Anne Ward

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Inchicore Environmental 1st Clean-up of 2014 This Saturday 11th Jan. Meet 10a.m.



at Workman's Club. After a really successful year when the group were recipients of 3 awards for their efforts in combatting litter and helping in the 'greening' of Inchicore, we look forward to seeing a renewed burst of civic activity in 2014! Hi-vis vests, gloves, brushes and litter pickers will be provided. New comers most welcome. See www.facebook.com/ inchicoreenvironmentalgroup.

ART CLASSES will resume on Wednesday, 15th January. 10a.m. in St Michael's Community Centre. *New members welcome*

Operation Transformation Inchicore!

Do you want to improve your health in 2014? Join us for a weekly weigh-in—meeting at reception of Inchicore Primary Care Centre, 1p.m. 9th January.

Join us for a weekly walk—approx. 45mins long, meeting Primary Care Centre at 1p.m. on Tuesdays, starting 14th January. Bring suitable footwear and rain jacket. Other events to follow.

No charge, no booking, Just turn up! Organised by Inchicore Primary Care Centre.

If you have an up coming event, a good news story or an item of information you would like to share, we would love to hear of it. Contact: *stmichaelsparishomi@gmail.com* or the Parish Office, mornings, 453 1660

