

St. Michael's Parish

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Weekday Mass: 10am

Saturday: 6.30pm (Vigil), Sunday: 9am & 11am (Family Mass)

The church is open from 9am-12.30pm on week days

Are you living alone, would welcome company and someone to share a meal with?

Researchers at Trinity College are currently recruiting participants for a study looking at how sharing meals can benefit mental & physical health. We are looking for adults aged over 60 who are living alone, and who would like to receive a visitor once a week for 8 weeks. Your visitor will be fully trained, Garda-vetted and aged over 55. This person will bring ingredients for a meal that you will both prepare and enjoy together. The cost of the meals will be covered, so there is no cost associated with participating. If you are interested in getting further information, please email Dr Joanna McHugh at mchughje@tcd.ie

Village clean-up this **Saturday, 29th**. Meeting 10a.m. at Workman's Club. As usual, equipment such as pickers, bags & gloves will be provided. Consider joining the group!

There are Christians whose lives seem Lent without Easter. I realise that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light is born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved.

Pope Francis

The Joy of the Gospel

Spring Forward!



REMINDER: Clocks go forward one hour this week-end.



St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

30th March 2014

4th Sunday of Lent

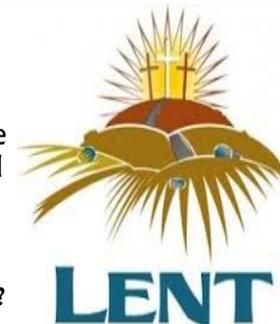
Gospel (Jn9: 1-41)

This Sunday's scripture passage where Jesus heals the man born blind, addresses the questions on which all the Gospel readings during Lent are built on:

Who is Jesus?

What is his mission?

How do people respond to him?



Lent is an opportunity for asking questions; a time to look honestly at our lives and reflect on where our own blind spots are.

Mothering Sunday

The history of celebrating Mothering Sunday or Mothers Day can be traced back to an olden day practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants. Once in the year, in the middle of Lent, the children were given a day off to visit their 'Mother Church'. After visiting the church of their home town, they visited their mothers and presented them with flowers or a special 'mothering cake'. The tradition of Mother's Day continues to be celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!



We wish Mothers, Grandmothers and all who take on a 'mothering' role a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday next. We remember in a special way all who give and continue to give selflessly of themselves by their love and support. We also remember and pray for all mothers who have gone to their eternal reward and have left steps for us to follow in.

Church Renovations

Indoor church improvements are now underway. The work taking place includes the installation of two toilets, one for the disabled. As this work is confined to the back of the church, there should be very little disturbance to churchgoers. It is expected that this phase of renovations will be completed within a period of 3 to 4 weeks.

A series of **Lenten Talks** continue on Tuesday evenings at 7.30p.m. in the Annexe, House of Retreat, with the final talk on **1st April**. The talks, given by Brian Maher omi are on the subject of **'The Joy of the Gospel'**. These talks come highly recommended.

Pray For

Florrie Ennis, Bulfin Court
Patricia Moles, Bulfin Court
Patricia Malone, Stephen's Rd
Mary Gorman, (sister of Luke Shanahan) and
Paul McCormack
(Pauline Fitzpatrick's dad)
May they Rest in Peace

CAKE SALE

This week-end 29th/30th
Following evening and
morning Masses.



Your support is greatly relied on as proceeds are going towards the church renovations. Donations of cakes can be left into the church on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Eucharistic Ministers

A reflective evening for Ministers of the Eucharist from the 3 Oblate parishes will take place on Wednesday next, 2nd April at 7.30 This will take place in the Annexe, House of Retreat and will be facilitated by Michael Moore omi.

Easter Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, 8th April, 7p.m.

Holy Week & Easter Liturgies

Now that we're more than half way through Lent, our thoughts are turning to the Holy Week & Easter liturgies. At times such as Christmas & Easter it's great to see the involvement of a great many parishioners in the liturgies. If you wish to actively participate or help out in any way during this special week, please leave your name in the Parish Office or see Fr Louis or Fr Dermot.

Holy Thursday Chrism Mass : Each parish in the diocese receives an invitation for 2 parishioners to attend this Mass in the Pro cathedral. If any parishioner would like to attend and collect the Holy Oils that will be used during the year for the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office by next week.

Job Opportunity....for a Youth Ministry Worker with the Oblates

Do you have vision, creativity & energy? We are looking for a dynamic person to join our Youth Ministry team who will help foster & co-ordinate the development of new & existing projects and youth initiatives. The successful candidate while being based in Dublin will also be expected to travel to other locations as part of their work.

The following qualifications/characteristics are required:

- A competency in organisational management; the ability to communicate values & vision in the promotion of youth ministry & mission.
- The ability to work as part of a team in a collaborative way.
- Desirable but not essential that the candidate be qualified in youth or pastoral ministry.
- Demonstrate a willingness to uphold the values associated with the mission & values of the Oblates.
- Proficiency in computer skills in areas such as word processing, spread sheets & power-point.
- The successful candidate should have a full driving licence.

The position will carry a salary between €25,500 -€31,000 subject to qualifications & experience. The post will be a 3 year fixed term contract subject to review after the end of contract.

Further information or for an application form, contact Fr Louis McDermott, St Michael' Parish or Fr Lorcan O'Reilly, House of Retreat. or email oblate_partners@btinternet.com

Closing Date for applications: 16th April 2014

Dates to Note:

10th May, 1st Communion for pupils of Gaelscoil Inse Chor

17th May, 1st Communion for pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes N.S.

9th May, Confirmation

Weekly Collections

15/16th March

1st €483. 2nd. €263

22/23rd March

1st €458 2nd €270

Family Offering €1,060
(2weeks)

Invitation

In preparation for Easter, you are invited to an afternoon's Retreat on Palm Sunday, 13th April. This will take place from 2-5p.m. in the Annexe, House of Retreat. Tea/coffee will be provided.