

St. Michael's Parish

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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.

A pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Eugene June 3rd-10th 2014

Staying in the Foundation House in Aux-en-Provence, where Eugene founded the Oblates, the pilgrimage takes in significant places in Aix and Marseille that are associated with Eugene, including the magnificent churches that he built in Marseille. Due to limited spaces, it will be necessary to book as soon as possible. A non-returnable deposit of €100 is required, with the balance of €749 to be paid by 28th March. For more information, contact Fr Vincent Mulligan at the Mission Office on 454 2888 or email: mamioblate@eircom.net

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

WATER is the theme of Trocaire's Lenten Campaign 2014

Erratic weather patterns caused by climate change are contributing to a severe decline in rainfall and threatening fresh water supplies throughout the world. This means that many poor communities have limited access to water. Trocaire is working to fund water projects as well as educating people about their rights. Access to water is a source of liberation from diseases that kill a child every 20 seconds; it gives nourishment to crops, reduces hunger and gives hope for a better future. Trocaire boxes are now available. **YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION.**

"WHEN ONE FLOWER BLOOMS, SPRING AWAKENS EVERYWHERE."



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2nd March 2014

8th Sunday of the Year

Gospel Mt6: 24-34

*'Look at the birds in the sky they do not sow or reap
yet your heavenly Father feeds them. .so do not worry'*

Written in poetic style, Sunday's Gospel reading has to be one of the most beautiful and liberating passages of all scripture. Do not worry about tomorrow. God will take care of all. The lilies are dressed in splendor, the birds are fed and cared for and all will be well. (The poet Emily Dickenson is quoted as saying the only commandment she ever obeyed was 'consider the lilies of the field') The problem is this doesn't play out in real life because of the many challenges that confront each of us from day to day. However, there is the assurance that amongst all the challenges and difficulties, God is keenly aware of our needs and present in the midst of it all.

5th March is Ash Wednesday.

the beginning of the Lenten Season

The word Lent comes from the old form of the word 'to lengthen' meaning 'Spring' And just as nature renews herself in Spring, Lent offers us the opportunity to grow in our relationship with God, to reflect on our own personal journey and to be generous to those in need.



'spring is a youthful season; it comes forth in a rush of light and promise, hope and possibility. At the heart of spring, there is a great inner longing. Springtime in our spirit is a wonderful time to undertake some new adventure, some new project. If we undertake this when it is Springtime in our spirit, then the rhythm, the energy and the hidden light of our spirit works within us'

John O'Donoghue, *Anam Cara*

Church Renovations

Tenders for the internal renovations to the church have now been received. There was a significant variance in costs ranging from €87,056 to €38,107. The lowest tenderer has been accepted and work is due to begin towards the end of March. It is expected that it will take between 3-4 weeks to complete the work. As it will be a struggle to meet this outlay and the only source of regular income is the Family Offering contribution, please consider taking an envelope if you are not already subscribing.



"BE THE CHANGE"
Workshop/Symposium
Saturday, March 22nd
10-30—12.30p.m.
Bluebell Community
Centre, Bluebell Rd.

The symposium explores a number of questions in relation to the environment, social justice and spiritual fulfilment. It also challenges us to consider the legacy we are passing on to future generations. Be the Change participants are encouraged to discover what they passionately want to do to help with the healing of our world.

'the natural world is the larger community to which we belong...to damage this community is to diminish our own existence'

A series of **Lenten Talks** will be given by Fr Des O'Donnell omi in the Annexe, The Oblate House of Retreat on Tuesdays, **11th, 18th, 25th March & 1st April at 7.30p.m.** Fr Des will explore the theme of the recent Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, 'The Joy of the Gospel'
ALL WELCOME

Pray for

Ellen Dalton, Kilworth Rd
David Brophy, Thomas Davis St.

Sheila Farrell,
(sister of Nancy O'Neill)
Patricia Casey
(sister of Laetitia West)
Marie Harte
formerly of Anner Road
May they Rest in Peace



Kilmainham to Goldenbridge
*Making history for over
1,000 years*

Wednesday, 12th March
Meet 2p.m. at the Plaza
opposite Kilmainham Gaol
The walk will take in a visit
to Goldenbridge Cemetery.

1st Reconciliation

Meeting for parents, Tuesday,
4th March, 7.30p.m. in the
De Mazenod Centre.
The reconciliation service for
the 1st Communion children
will take place in the church on
Tuesday, **11th March** at 7.30.

FAIR TRADE Fortnight 24th Feb-9th March



To coincide with this annual event, Fair Trade products i.e. tea, coffee, biscuits etc. will be on sale in the church on the week-end of **8th/9th March** following all Masses. By choosing fair trade, we are helping to provide a decent standard of living and better working conditions for producers and workers in the developing world. This week, be on the look out for the Fair Trade logo and consider swapping one item of your usual brand for a fair trade product.

Computer Classes for beginners Bulfin Court Day Centre Friday mornings 9.30a.m.

The 'Getting Started' programme is a joint venture between Dublin City Council and Age Action to provide older persons with the opportunity to develop basic computer skills. Training is provided by volunteers who teach the participants in PC usage, word processing, email and the internet. No previous knowledge of computers is necessary, so if you are interested in learning the basics in a relaxed and friendly environment. don't hesitate. Call Marie or Shauna, 454 0454 or just drop in.

Lenten Retreat, Sunday, 13th April 2-5p.m. the Annexe, House of Retreat

Led by Partners in Mission
'Come and see who you are'

St Eugene invited people to learn who they were in the sight of God during his 1st Lenten sermon. What relevance does this sermon have for you today? Come and see!

Canal bank clean up, Saturday, 8th March. Meet at B.E.R.A Hall 10a.m.

Weekly Collections 8th/9th February

1st €502. 2nd. €241
Family Offering €700

15th/16th February

1st €478 Accord €393
Family Offering €555

22nd/23rd February

1st €462 2nd €256
Family Offering €935

The Dublin Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre

are offering the following 1
evening courses in
Clonliffe College.

If interested, call to the Parish
Office for a booking form or
email: litsec@dublindiocese.ie

Evening for Ministers of the Eucharist, Thursday, 20th March 7.45-9.45p.m.

The focus will be on bringing
communion to the sick &
housebound with practical sug-
gestions and prayerful reflec-
tions on this ministry.

Liturgy Groups

An evening of review, planning
and ideas,

**Wednesday, 26th March
7.45-9.45p.m.**

Funeral Ministry, Wednesday,

2nd April 7.45-9.45p.m.

This session for those engaged
in Funeral Ministry will explore
the role of Lay People in lead-
ing prayer in the home/
hospital/funeral home, with
practical and helpful guidance.