

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.

Food AppealLetter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

'You will remember in the weeks before Christmas last year the Diocese launched a programme to replenish the stock of the Crosscare Food Banks .

These Food Banks gives food directly to individuals and families in need through local community food banks and also to 70 other charities in Dublin working with those in need. Overall last year, Crosscare redistributed over 750 tonnes of food. This year the demand has more than doubled and the aim is to distribute 1,200 tonnes of food.

I am asking parishes to repeat last year's programme and, on the coming week-end or the week-end 6th/7th December, to bring non perishable food items to your parish church.

Crosscare will arrange to collect the items during the following days. Last year's food appeal was a great success and meant so much to families in need over the Christmas period and beyond.'

Monday, 8th December is the Feast of Mary Immaculate and a special Feast Day for all members of the Oblate Family. Morning Mass 10am as usual.

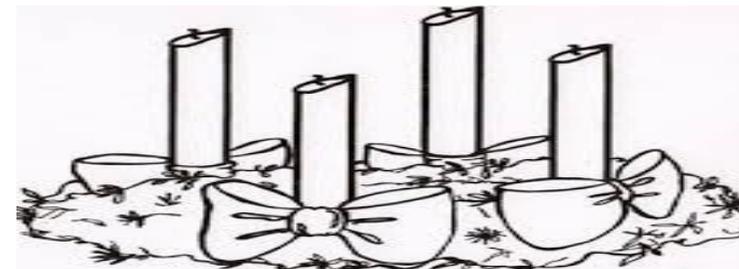
LIGHT UP A LIFE: Sunday, 7th December , 4p.m. Our Lady's Hospice. The Palestrina Choir and the CIE Male Voice choir will fill the air with seasonal music and song along with Master of Ceremonies Ian Dempsey.

Canal clean up this Saturday morning, 29th November. Meet as usual at B.E.R.A. Hall 10am.



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**30th November 2014
1st Sunday of Advent**



ADVENT

*Life is a constant Advent Season:
we are continually waiting to become,
to discover, to complete, to fulfill.
Hope, struggle, fear, expectation & fulfillment
are all part of our Advent experience.*

*The world is not as just, not as loving,
not as whole as we know it should be.*

*But the coming of Christ & His presence amongst us—as one of us—
give us reason to live in hope:
That light will shatter the darkness,
that we can be freed from our fears & prejudices,
that we are never alone or abandoned.*

*May this Advent Season be a time for bringing hope,
transformation & fulfilment into the Advent of our lives.*

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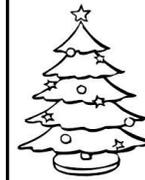
Tree cards

On the week-end of 6th/7th December, you will have an opportunity to buy a gift with a difference. As part of a reforestation programme in Indonesia, you can sponsor the lasting gift of a tree in a person's name for €5. This project is led by Fr Charlie Burrows O.M.I. and provides much needed employment ensuring self sufficiency for its people.

Fact: Each tree takes in 1 tonne of CO2 in 5 years, producing enough oxygen to sustain the lives of 3 people.

'Meeting Jesus in Mark's Gospel'

On Tuesday, **2nd** December at **7.30p.m.** in the House of Retreat (Oblates) a presentation on St Mark's Gospel will be given by **Sean Goan**. Sean works with parish groups and is the author of 'Let the reader understand' a series of 3 books on Sunday readings. *Recommended!*



Christmas Tree of Memories, Hopes & Dreams

The lighting of the tree in the grounds of the church will take place on

Monday, 8th December.

Special guests are Brian Kennedy and members of St Pat's team who will bring with them the long awaited and well won FAI cup. This annual event is a collaboration of a number of community groups.

They are Inchicore/Bluebell Community Addiction Team, St Michael's Family Resource Centre, St Michael's Youth Project, Inchicore Outreach, Dublin City Council & St Michael's Parish.

SALE OF WORK in aid of the Oblate Missionary work in Brazil, this week-end 29th/30th November. Your support greatly appreciated.

Advent Day of Reflection & Prayer Sunday, 14th December

10-4p.m. Annexe, House of Retreat
Led by Brother Michael

The day will conclude with celebration of the Eucharist.

Cost €20 which includes tea/ coffee and hot meal.

Further enquiries from Theresa O'Brien or Marie Brady.



Festival of Carols with St James's Brass & Reed Band, Sunday 14th December.

Pray for

Denise Merriman, late of Kickham Road
Nancy Hughes, Devoy Road
Tony Quirke, Suir Road
Sarah Carton, Memorial Court, Islandbridge
May they Rest in Peace

Crosscare wish to acknowledge the generous contribution of €416, proceeds of the recent Annual collection for the needy of the diocese.

INVITATION
to the launch of
'From Richmond Barracks to Keogh Square'
by Liam O'Meara

Thursday, 4th December
7p.m. in Richmond Barracks
(former St Michael's CBS)
€15 special price on night
This is a work of over 10 years research including more than 100 rare photos of military relevance to the Barracks & social relevance to Keogh Square.

'Inchicore, Kilmainham & District'

is back in print by popular demand. This excellent publication by local historian Seosamh O'Broin would make an ideal Christmas gift.
Enquiries to 453 4291.

Weekly Collections

15th/16th November

1st €348 Share €221

22nd/23rd November

1st €353 Sick & Indigent €261
Family Offering €945 (2 Weeks)

Child Safeguarding: St Michael's parish was well represented at the recent training morning given by the Diocesan coordinator. Thanks to all who attended.

Visitation

In the next two weeks, the Parish Visitation team will be visiting members of our community who now reside in Nursing Homes. If you have a relative or a neighbour who you feel would welcome a visit, please leave their names with the Parish Office.

Dublin Simon Socks Appeal



One cannot but be aware of the ever increasing number of homeless people on our streets. In the last two years, the number of rough sleepers is almost double the count of Winter 2012. Dublin Simon provide a soup & sandwich service 365 nights a year. However at this time of year **warm clothing** is a priority for people sleeping rough. If you can spare socks, gloves, scarves or hats for distribution by Simon, please bring them to the church and leave them in one of the boxes marked SIMON. New or used clothing very welcome.

Going with the Flow

*She wasn't begging, not exactly
Just sitting out of the flow*

*She wasn't sitting, not exactly
She was just there out of the flow*

*I wasn't hurrying, not exactly
Just walking, going with the flow*

*She looked up, and smiled
Just that, she smiled.
And I smiled back of course I did*

*I reached in my pocket
But she shook her head*

*She held my eyes
And let her look fall
Out of the hurting world
Out of the flow'*