

## 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.

**Put on your Easter bonnet...** Join us for our first Parish Family Sponsored Walk on Sunday March 22nd beginning at Church after 11 o'clock mass and ending in Memorial Park. Dress up, put on your Easter bonnet and join the walk.



Sponsorship cards available from 14th February. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All monies raised will go to the Church Renovation.

**ZUMBA** classes every  
Wednesday, 8.30-9.30pm  
in Aras Mhuire.



### St Vincent de Paul's **ANNUAL CLOTHING APPEAL**

Bags will be left in the church 14/15th February & will be picked up the following week. The appeal is for good quality clothes, bed clothes, curtains, shoes etc.

### Annual Collection of **ACCORD**

The Diocesan Agency for Marriage & the Family

14th/15th February replacing Share Accord through the diocese offers:

- \* Marriage preparation courses
- \* Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships
- \* A relationship & sexuality programme in schools.

### Lourdes Novena **Anointing of the Sick**

7th February at 11a.m.

### **Torchlight Procession**

11th February at 8p.m.  
In Oblate church grounds

*'each one of us has to be God's microphone. Each one of us has to be a messenger, a prophet. The church will always exist as long as there is someone who has been baptized ..where is your baptism? You are baptized in your professions, in the fields of workers, in the market. Wherever there is someone who has been baptized, that is where the church is. There is a prophet there. Let us not hide the talent that God gave us on the day of our baptism and let us truly live the beauty and responsibility of being a prophetic people.'*

Oscar Romero



# St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

**8th February 2015**

**5th Sunday of the Year**

In Mark's Gospel from where the Sunday readings of this year are taken, one cannot but be struck by the compassion of Jesus. For Him every individual person has an innate and undeniable human dignity. Sunday, 8th February has been declared:

### **International Day of Prayer against Human Trafficking.**

**Fact:** 21 million people, often the poorest and most vulnerable are victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, forced labour, illegal organ removal, domestic servitude and forced marriages, suffering abuse and unspeakable violence.

**Fact:** For traffickers and pimps, this is one of the most lucrative illegal activities, generating 32 billion dollars a year. It is the 3rd most profitable 'business' after drugs and arms trafficking.

The primary objectives of the International Day are to create greater awareness of this modern form of slavery; to reflect on the overall situation of violence and injustice that affect so many voiceless people, and to seek out individuals or groups campaigning for an end to the **evil of human trafficking**

Let us also remember and pray for the hundreds of young girls abducted and enslaved in Nigeria. Their plight was a sensation last year with worldwide pleas for their release. However their whereabouts remain unknown while global outrage now directs itself elsewhere.

*'O God, when we hear of children and adults deceived and taken to unknown places for purposes of exploitation, forced labour and organ 'harvesting', our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are ignored through threats, lies and force.*

*We cry out against the evil practice of this modern slavery, and pray with St Bakhita for it to end.*

*Give us wisdom and courage to reach out and stand with those whose bodies, hearts and spirits have been so wounded,*

*so that together we may make real your promises*

*to fill these sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good.*

*Send the exploiters away empty-handed to be converted from this wickedness, and help us all to claim the freedom that is your gift to your children. 'Amen*

***'slaves no more, but sisters and brothers'***

8th February is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, a survivor of human trafficking, canonized in 2000.

## Invitation

There will be social evening on Friday, **13th February, 7.30p.m.** in the DeMazenod Centre. This get together is to say *Thank You* to all who help out in the many various ways in the community.

For catering purposes, we need to have an idea of how many can come, so if you haven't already given your name, please leave it in the sacristy or with the Parish Office.



### Welcome in Baptism

Hayley Jean Early  
Thornton Heights  
Finn Fergus Robert  
McDonnell, Tyrone Place

### 50 years of Scouting in Inchicore and Bluebell

Calling all past members of the 91st Scout Group!

Celebrations will begin with a special Mass on **Friday, 20th at 8p.m.** in Our Lady of the Wayside, Bluebell. All past members are invited.

**Congratulations and thanks** go to all involved in the 91st Scout Unit for the great service they have provided to the youth of the area down the years. *Enjoy the celebrations!*



**Health Information Day: Wednesday 11th February 10a.m-2.30p.m.**

**HSE Primary Care Centre. All welcome**

### Invitation from the Kilmainham, Inchicore Musical Society

An open rehearsal/workshop will take place on Tuesday, **10th February, 7-30-9.30p.m.** in Inchicore College.

### We Remember & Pray for

Eddie Ellis, Jamestown Rd  
Malachy Garland, North Terrace  
Joan Pierce, Stephens Rd.  
*May They Rest in Peace*

### Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Centre

Our Daffodil Centres are currently recruiting new volunteers to add to their team.



This service provides information, support and advice to patients, their families and anyone concerned about cancer. If you would like more information on becoming a trained volunteer, contact :  
cmcguinness@irishcancer.ie or  
01 2316635

### Eucharistic Ministry

A training course for new and existing Ministers of the Eucharist will take place in the coming weeks.

There is still a need for new members, if interested, please leave your name in the Parish Office.

### Diocesan Reflection Process in preparation for the 2015 Synod of Bishops

Following on from a Synod that took place in Rome last year on the theme of Family, Pope Francis has expressed a wish that people worldwide now have an opportunity to contribute to a forthcoming Synod of Bishops on the theme *'The Vocation & Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World'*.

The Diocese has proposed that each parish engage in a reflective process on the subject of the challenges of family life in today's world. The response of each parish is to be submitted by the end of March. To help in responding to this invitation, Fr Des O'Donnell OMI will facilitate a meeting of the 3 Oblate parishes in the coming weeks.

Worldwide, there is great appreciation of the fact that Pope Francis is eager to hear the views of the people on the theme of the Synod which will reflect on how support services on family life can be strengthened and renewed.

### Its Panto Time in Inchicore!

Inchicore Variety Group present  
**Jack in the Beanstalk**

In Aras Mhuire Hall

18th, 19th, 20th & 21st at **8pm**. nightly  
Sunday, 22nd **3pm**.

Tickets from House of Retreat  
Adults €12. Seniors/ Students €10  
Children €6

Special rates for group bookings  
Contact: 086 8627739

**Bulfin Ladies Club** will reopen next Monday, 9th, 8p.m. B.E.R.A. Hall. We look forward to welcoming our members back after the winter break. New people always welcome!

### Weekly Collections

**24th/25th January**

1st €392. 2nd €215  
Family Offering €1,190

**31st Jan/1st February**

1st €376 2nd €250  
Family Offering €475

### Strictly Set Dancing

IRISH SET DANCING

Every Monday

Good Council GAA Club,  
Davitt Road.

Class from 7.30-9p.m.

For enquiries, contact John at

087 2067053

Admission €5

**Love means to love that which is unlovable: or it is no virtue at all!** G.K. Chesterton

### The Dublin Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre

are offering the following courses in

Clonliffe College.

If interested, call to the Parish

Office for a booking form or email: [litsec@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:litsec@dublindiocese.ie)

### Liturgy

Members of Liturgy Groups are invited to take part in a workshop on planning for Holy Week with practical recourses and sharing of ideas

**Thursday, 26th February 8-9.30p.m.**

### Ministers of the Word

Workshop on how best to proclaim the meaning of God's Word by our preparation and delivery. Booking essential.

**Thursday, 9th March 8-9.30p.m.**