

### **St. Michael's Parish**

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Weekday Mass: (Mon-Sat)10am

Sun. 6.30pm (Vigil), 9am & 11am (Family Mass)

Confessions: Saturday, following the 10am Mass.

The church is open from 9am-12.30pm: Monday—Friday.



## **St. Michael's Parish Inchicore**

**11th September 2016**

**24th Sunday of the Year**

Gospel (Lk15: 1-32)

The story of the Prodigal Son, one of the best known of all parables, has been retold time and again both in the form of art and literature. Rembrandt and Shakespeare both have drawn inspiration from this well known parable. Henry Nouwen, author and theologian was so moved by Rembrandt's famous painting that he wrote a best seller '*The Return of the Prodigal—The Story of Homecoming*', He writes '*I can now see the hands that forgive, console, heal and offer a festive meal must now become my hands*. Unconditional love, being welcomed as well as welcoming, being host as well as guest, celebrating and being celebrated: a multi layered story that we can all relate to.

### **National Learning Network**

National Learning Network, Ballyfermot is a locally based training centre offering free training and development programmes funded by CDET and the HSE.

We offer training programmes to people of all ages and backgrounds, giving the support needed to build lasting careers and jobs in an area of your choice.

For more information, contact 087 3667513 or email [ballyfermot@nl.n](mailto:ballyfermot@nl.n)

**One of our Child Safeguarding Representatives (Walter Balfe or Philomena McSorley) will speak at Masses next weekend, 17th/18th Sept.**

### **Anam Cara Bereavement Support**

Anam Cara, an organisation that supports bereaved parents are holding their monthly meeting on Monday, 12th September in St Dominick's Centre, Tallaght.

### **Inchicore Environmental Group**

**Invite you to join with them for a  
Canal Bank Clean Up**

**Saturday, 17th September**

Meeting Place: BERA Hall,  
(Top of Connolly Avenue)

Time: 10a.m.

The finishing time is usually between 11 & 11.30, followed by refreshments. Gloves, bags, pickers, hi-vis jackets supplied, and new members are always welcome.

If you are interested in finding out more about the group's activities, check us out on

<http://www.facebook.com/InchicoreEnvironmentalGroup>



### **Creation Time**

**September 1st-October 4th ( Feast of St Francis)**

Creation Time is celebrated by churches world wide at this time of year. It is a time to give thanks and reflect on the wonder, beauty and mystery of God's creation. It is also a reason to give thanks for the bountiful earth that gives us 'food in due season'. In celebration the beauty of creation, let us also be conscious of the very real crisis threatening our planet as a result of war, exploitation and greed.

In his ecological encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis opens the letter stating '*Climate warming continues, due in part to human activity; 2015 was the warmest on record, and 2016 will likely be warmer still. This is leading to ever more droughts, floods, fires and extreme weather events. Climate change is also contributing to the heart-rendering refugee crisis. The world's poor, though least responsible for climate change, are the most vulnerable and already suffering its impact*'



**Creation Time will be celebrated with a special liturgy on 1st/2nd October.**



## Oblate Youth Service. News Update

### Oblate Youth Adventure Camp.

During the month of August, five young people from Our Lady of Lourdes N.S and St Michael's Folk Choir took part in an Adventure Camp in Wales. Thirty young people in all participated, coming from various Oblate parishes. The Adventure Camp was a great opportunity to have fun and enjoy the company of other young people.

### World Youth Day.

In July two young adults from the Pastoral Area, representing the Anglo Irish Province, along with others from Ireland and the U.K. attended the World Youth Day which took place this year in Poland. They were amongst a group of 2 million young people who were greeted by Pope Francis.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

This September two students from Mercy Secondary School will join the Oblate Youth Service to assist the pilgrims in Lourdes. We thank them for volunteering and pray that it will be a happy and successful occasion for all.

**A church gate collection will take place this week-end  
10th/11th September in support of the Lourdes Invalid Fund**

### St Michael's Folk Choir

At the heart of the 11 o'clock Family Mass is St Michael's Folk Choir who will shortly be returning after their summer break. Practice resumes on Wednesday, **14th September** at 6pm. New members are always welcome.



Parents of young children will be happy to hear that the **Children's Liturgy** will return on 18th September.

### Pray for

Mary Somers, Ballyfermot  
John Cully, Bulfin Court  
John Galligan, Anner Road  
John Starrs, Kickham Road  
Maureen Perry, Connolly Avenue  
*May they Rest in Peace*

**Bulfin Ladies Club** welcome back all their members on Monday, **19th September** at 8pm in BERA hall.

### A celebration of the Olympian Spirit.

This Olympic games of 2016 gave us world records, great moments of celebration and no shortage of controversy. Memories fade, however one remains of parishioner Pam Coughlan waving to us from Rio, as she proudly supported her Olympian grandson Eoin who was representing Australia in judo. Congratulations and well done to the Coughlan family.

### In Appreciation

Nell Galligan and family would like to thank their many friends and all who supported them on the passing of John. You will be forever in our thoughts and prayers. Thanks also to all who attended John's funeral Mass, with a special thank you for the members of the choir.

**Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning  
in aid of Hospice  
Thursday, 15th  
September  
Our Lady of Lourdes N.S.  
from 9.30am.**

**Coffee Morning  
Friday, 23rd September  
In De Mazenod Centre  
from 10.30am.**

**In support of Our Lady's Hospice.**  
(organised by Bulfin Ladies Club)  
*Please Support*



### School Leavers Support Programme

Finished school! Where next....work, training, college... don't know? Need advice? This programme is an initiative of the South City Partnership to support young people who have finished school.  
**Contact: 473 2196/ 085 1681626**  
Email:mauricegetconnected@gmail.com

### Computers for the Terrified! 1 to 1 Training for over 55's

**Learn how to:** Search the Internet, Send & receive emails. Shop and book flights online. **Beginner courses**, organised by **Age Action** are taking place locally, and are suitable for older people with little or no experience or for the absolutely terrified! Courses run weekly for 4-5 weeks at a cost of €20. For more information, or to book a course, telephone 475 6989

**Congratulations** to the parents and families of the recently baptised:  
Gabriel Lorencs, South Circular Rd.  
Oscar Tomas Byrne, South Terrace  
Millie Mandy Wynne, Tyrone Place

*Don't call me a saint. I don't want to be dismissed so easily' Dorothy Day*

### Parish Finances Ways of supporting our Parish

#### Family Offering Envelopes

Boxes are now available for the coming year. You can pick one up in the sacristy or parish office if you haven't already received a box.

#### Standing Order.

These forms are also available in the Parish Office or sacristy.

#### Tax Rebate

At no additional cost and with total privacy, a person paying Income Tax who contributes a minimum of €250 a year (€5 a week or €21 a month) by way of the envelope collection or standing order will entitle the parish to a refund. For example, an annual donation of €250 allows the parish a tax refund of €77 in any given year. You can get more details from Fr Louis or the Finance Committee. Thanks to all who contribute faithfully and generously to the weekly Family Offering throughout the year

### Weekly Collection 3rd/4th September

1st €395 Share €255

The special collection for victims of the Italian earthquake came to €690. Thanks for your generous support.