

### St. Michael's Parish

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Weekday Mass: (Mon-Fri) 10am

Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service on Wednesdays 10am

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

The church is open from 9am-12.00pm: Monday—Friday.



## St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

14th January 2018



May we be blessed with sudden insights and inspiration.

May we be graced by quiet moments of simplicity  
and reflection.

May we be supported by our loved ones when we need them.

May we be a source of strength to those around us.

May we say goodbye to habits that have become a burden  
to us.

May we do our part to build a world that we desire  
for ourselves and all who will come after us.

May we take time to meet friends and enjoy the fresh air.

May we feel healthy—physically, emotionally and spiritually.

May we hear the joy and sorrow of this great and beautiful  
universe in which we live.

### Passport for Leisure

This is Ireland's longest running discount card scheme specifically tailored to the leisure and recreational needs of persons aged 55 and over. For €10 a year, members can avail of special offers ranging from access to Dublin City Council's Sport, Leisure and Recreational facilities to a large range of discounts from businesses & retailers throughout the city.

For further information & application forms, contact 01 6185000 or [www.passportforleisure.ie](http://www.passportforleisure.ie)

### Locations for recycling of Christmas trees

Windmill Park, Crumlin  
Kylemore Park, Ballyfermot

Medjugorje Irish Centre

Pilgrimages 2018

7 nights B& B from €279

Tel: 01 4434510 or email:  
[reservations@medirishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@medirishcentre.com)

### A poem for 2018

I have a small grain of hope—  
one small crystal that gleams  
clear colours out of transparency.

I need more.

I break off a fragment to send you.

Please take this grain of a grain of

hope

so that mine won't shrink.

Please share your fragment so that

yours will grow.

Only so, by division, will hope increase,

like a clump of irises, which will cease

to flower unless you distribute

the clustered roots, unlikely source—

clumsy and earth-covered—

of grace.



  
**WORLD  
MEETING OF  
FAMILIES**  
DUBLIN 2018

This international event will take place in Dublin from 21st to 26th August. A wide range of events are planned throughout the city for this special week. There will be a joint family event involving the three Oblate parishes during this week. More details at a later date. A colourful prayer sheet 'The joy of love' with a family prayer is available in the church.

### ***Thanks to all***

As we begin the new year in a spirit of hope and expectation of a peaceful and prosperous one. we glance back briefly on the past year to give thanks for all who help and share their gifts in building up our community. This spirit of togetherness, sharing and receiving is especially evident at times such as Christmas when parishioners come together to make our parish community a joyful and place of welcome. Thanks to all who helped in the many various ways.

A special word of thanks to the Junior Folk Choir who, despite their grief and shock over the sudden death of their much loved and very special choir member Barry, enriched and elevated the Family Mass with their joyful music and song. Thanks also to other groups and individuals, many working behind the scenes, who minister and provide services and support all year round in the building up and strengthening of our community.

As we begin a new year, let us continue to welcome and support each other through our participation in the life of our parish community.

### **Confirmation**

The **Service of Light** for the young people who will be confirmed this year will take place on Tuesday, 23rd January at 7pm in St Michael's church.

### **Deaths during the Christmas Season**

John Wynne, late of St Michael's Est.  
Mary Robertson, Goldenbridge Ave.  
Nora Brien, Huband Rd, Bluebell.  
Christopher Cahill, Bulfin Court.  
Alice Ryan, Landen Rd, Ballyfermot.  
Barry Prout, Bulfin Road.  
Ursula Farrelly, Goldenbridge Ave.  
Martin Burke, brother of Sr Breda.  
*May they Rest in Peace*  
Our thoughts are with the families of the bereaved at this time.

### ***Weekly Collections***

#### **16th/17th December**

1st €335 Share €240  
Family Offering €1,180

#### **23rd/24th December**

1st €305 Share €135

#### **25th December**

1st €970 Share €740

#### **30th/31st December**

€377 Share €235  
Family Offering €885

#### **6th/7th January**

1st €370 Share €210

### **Barry Prout R.I.P.**

The news of the sudden death of Barry Prout on 22nd December sent shock waves throughout the entire Inchicore community. With his outgoing and 'larger than life' personality, Barry touched the lives of many through his involvement in music, sport and a variety of fund-raising ventures.

Barry's death is a 'body blow' to his family and friends but none more than to St Michael's junior folk choir where, with his inimitable good humour and infectious energy, he played a pivotal role.

Barry's involvement in the local musical scene, his many trips to Liverpool the home of his favourite group the Beatles and his beloved Liverpool F.C., his involvement with the Oblate Youth Service and his many fund raising projects including the Christina Noble Foundation is a reflection of a person who crammed alot of living into his 49 years. Barry will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Barry's friend Maurice has assured all that his birthday session will go ahead on Friday 23rd February; this will be a one night event rather than the 5 nights Barry had planned. All proceeds will go to Our Lady's Children's Hospital.

Maurice has made a 2 minute video and wishes to share the link:

<https://youtu.be/P7WAXBe6ygk>

### **World Day of Migrant & Refugees: 14th January**

In his message on world day of Migrant & Refugees, Pope Francis said our shared response should be: to welcome, to protect, to promote & to integrate.

A guest speaker will share some insights into the current migrant & refugee situation at all Masses this weekend.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes N.S.**

The school is now accepting enrolment for September 2018.

After school classes will resume next week. Classes for parents include Zumba, Cooking & English.

[www.ololns.ias@gmail.com](mailto:www.ololns.ias@gmail.com) or  
01 454 1265

### **Inchicore College of Further Education OPEN DAY**

**Tuesday, 23rd January  
12-6pm.**

This is an opportunity to meet teachers, discuss courses, chat with students and take a tour of the college.

### **Silver Surfer Awards 2018-The search is on**

These awards, organised by Age Action, celebrate and showcase older peoples' use of the internet and technology as well as the volunteers who teach these skills. The closing date for accepting nominations is 21st February. For details of the categories and how to nominate are available on [www.ageaction.iie](http://www.ageaction.iie) or by contacting 014756080.

### **Inchicore Environmental Group** invite you to their 1st clean up of 2018

We will meet on Saturday, **20th January** for a clean up of the canal bank. Meeting time 10am at BERA Hall, top of Connolly Avenue. If your new year's resolution is to get more exercise, enjoy the environment and meet new people, then this is the place to be on the 20th. Refreshments will follow the clean-up ( 11.15 approx) Litter pickers, gloves, jackets supplied.