

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

15th March 2020: 3rd Sunday of Lent

(Gospel Jn4: 5-42)

'whoever drinks the water that I give

will never be thirsty again'

The story of the woman at the well is a familiar Gospel story. Jesus is tired, he is thirsty, it's a hot day and he needs something to drink. He chooses to ask a drink of water from an outcast, a woman who is shunned in her community, treating her with respect and dignity. He's not concerned with issues of race or gender. Jesus's actions are an example to follow. Instead of focusing on other's shortcomings, can I start by accepting my own shortcomings and meet others right where they are.

Mother's Day: 22nd March

The history of Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday goes back to an olden day practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants. Once in the year, the children were given a day off to visit their 'mother church'. After attending church, the children visited their mothers presenting them with flowers or a special 'mothering cake'.

The tradition of Mother's Day continues to be celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent.

Mothering Sunday is an occasion to remember all who 'mother' others with kindness, love and care. To everyone-male or female-who show love and generosity to others, a very

Happy Mothering Sunday.



Trócaire

Two excellent speakers from Trócaire(Anne-Marie and Deirdre) spoke at the masses last weekend marking International Women's Day. They spoke of the ongoing struggles for women around the world due to the injustices resulting from capitalism, climate change and war.

If you haven't already got your Trocaire box, they are still available in the church.

"We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,

an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest'

Extract from **The Long View** by **St Oscar Romero**
Feast Day 24th March

Can you help?

A caller to the parish office is trying to trace any relations of the following: Thomas, Francis Murray and Catherine Gleeson, who were married on 25/10/1916 in Goldenbridge Church. If you can help, please contact, Anthony Joyce at 059 9144688

St Patrick's Day: 17th March Vigil Mass: 7p.m (16th) & 10am

Prayer of St Patrick

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me
God's eyes to look before me
God's wisdom to guide me
God's shield to protect me.



Christ with me, Christ before me
Christ behind me, Christ in me
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ on my right, Christ on my left
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me

I arise today.....Through the mighty strength of the Lord of creation



La Fheile Padraig sona daoibh

Confirmation

Congratulations to the pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes NS, on making their Confirmation last Saturday. We pray that these young people will have a continued awareness of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Clayton Cassin, Ola Animashaun, Olivia McKenna, Samantha Botyriute, John Connors, Teejay Murphy, Hazel O'Grady, Lily Cawley, Roksana Fusiek, Ethan Dockery, Alisha McKeever, Martin Wynne, Taidgh Wynne, Kornel Jozwiak, Allen Majia, Zara Cully, Conor Rogers Keogh.



DOING LENT DIFFERENTLY AT DE MAZENOD CENTRE

Latte agus Leabhair – Lenten Reflection Club

Our Lenten reflection group continues to read and enjoy sharing on '**Finding God in a Leaf**' – The Mysticism of Laudato Si by Fr Brian Grogan sj. There are fifteen mini mystics in the group so far – All Welcome to join us - Tuesday morning 10.30-11.30am (following mass – except St Patrick's day). Book, Beverage and Biscuit provided.

Meditation and Mindfulness

Meditation / Mindfulness continues each Thursday of Lent at 7-8pm. Includes: guided visualisation/ centering prayer, listening to healing music, silent meditation 15minutes followed by prayers for healing.

Seán Goan Series

Great appreciation and thanks goes to Scripture Scholar, Seán Goan, who recently gave three excellent talks on 'doing lent differently' and 'the Sunday Gospels of Lent'. Attendance was good in spite of inclement weather and all felt his words nourished the soul and were food for thought.

PLEASE NOTE: All above events are subject to change due to the Coronavirus.

1st Communion

The final preparation for 1st Communion will be on **22nd March** at the 11am Family Mass. Theme; '*I have called you by your name, you are mine*' / *Ghlaoigh mé ort I d'ainm, agus is liomsa thú!*

Pray for

Christopher O'Keefe,
Goldenbridge Avenue, &
Edward Griffith.

May they Rest in Peace

CÓINEARTÚ agus Comhghairdeas mór le dáлтаí Ghaelscoil Inse Chór ar Cheiliúradh an Chóineartaithe, Déadaoin Márta 12ú, I Séipéal Muire gan Smál. Rath Dé orthu ar fad.

Saint Vincent De Paul : **Annual Clothing Collection:** This week-end **14th/15th March.** Please support by donating good quality clothing and bedding.

CORONAVIRUS CHECKLIST FOR PARISHES

Following on the detailed advice issued by the HSE at the weekend, essential in the coming days and weeks is that everyone follows both the prescribed hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene. Regarding Sunday celebrations, the advice given is that the following should be suspended:

- The Sign of Peace
- The practice of shaking hands on greeting and departure
- The use of holy water fonts
- The practice of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue
- The use of communal vessels

Everyone administering Holy Communion should wash their hands or use alcohol based hand gel before beginning. Holy Communion should be administered into the hands only and not onto the tongue.

To minimise the risk of spread of infection, during Holy Communion, the celebrant alone should drink from the Chalice. No one else should drink from the Chalice, including other priests, ministers of the Eucharist and members of the congregation.

By following the essential advice of both hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene, we will create a safer environment for all. In addition, a calm and common sense approach will also help at this time.

The full advice given by the HSE is available here: <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-religious-services/>

As a community of faith, we need to take good care of ourselves. We must look after each other's wellbeing and be careful not to spread the viruses.

A SPECIAL PRAYER

We extend our thoughts and prayers to anyone suffering from the Coronavirus, those in hospitals and those self-isolating at home. May they be granted courage in their illness and a speedy recovery to good health.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

A Reconciliation Service for Lent/ Easter will be held during each mass in St Michael's over the weekend of the 28th/29th March.

SPRING TIME CONCERT

A concert celebrating Springtime will be held by St James's Brass and Reed Band and the Communications Workers Union Band at St Michael's church on **Friday April 17th** at 7.30pm. More details later.

Weekly Collections

22nd /23rd February

1st €330 Share €180. F.O. €790

29th/1st March

1st €380 Share €197. F.O. €885

7th/8th March

1st €385 Share €220. F.O. €530

Welcome in Baptism

Mannix Darren Smith,
Berry's Close.

Dylan Andrew O'Donoghue,
Cypress Park.