<u>St. Michael's Parish</u> Parish Priest: Fr. Louis McDermott OMI, Parish Secretary: Mrs. Pat Whelan Parish Pastoral Worker: Padráigín Clancy Youth Worker: Padraig Corcoran Child Safeguarding Reps: Walter Balfe & Philomena McSorley 52a & 52b Bulfin Rd, Inchicore, Dublin 8. Tel 453 1660 Parish Office: Mon-Fri: 9.30-12.30 Email: stmichaelsparishomi@gmail.com www.stmichaelsinchicore.ie 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.

La Fheile Bride: February 1st.

With climate change now recognised as the single most important issue of our time, our patron saint, Brigid, Muire na nGael, is someone we can take a cue from. Brigid's closeness to creation and her care and reverence for the earth and all creation is legendary. Brigid was a model of equality and in many ways revealing the compassionate and feminine face of God.

The Inchicore Environmental Group 1st Village Clean up of the year this Saturday, 19th Meeting 9.45am ,Grattan Crescent. Canal Clean up Saturday, February 16th . 9.45am Meeting at BERA hall Christmas Tree Recycling If you haven't got round to disposing of your Christmas tree, you have until this Sunday, 20th. to bring it to Windmill Rd. Bring Centre, Crumlin, open 10-2pm.

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. February 8th

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 objective of the International Day is 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**



St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

20th January 2019 2nd Sunday of the Year



May we be blessed with discontent with easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that we will live from deep within our hearts.

May we be blessed with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of others, so that we will work for justice, equality and peace.

May we be blessed with tears that cry for those who suffer from pain, rejection and abuse so that we will reach out in solidarity and help turn their pain to joy.

May we be blessed with the foolishness to think we can make a difference so that we can do the things that others say cannot be done.

If we have the courage to accept these blessings, then God will also bless us with:

Happiness	because we will know that we have made life better for
	others.
Inner peace	because we will have worked to secure an outer peace
	for others.
Laughter	because our hearts will be light.

These blessings are ours - not for the asking, but for the giving .

Ist Communion The children from Our Lady of Lourdes school and children from the parish who attend



Gaelscoil Inse Chor will continue their preparation for 1st Communion at the 11am Family Mass on **27th January**.

Please keep the children and families in your prayers as they prepare for this special time.

1st Communion Dates: Our Lady of Lourdes N.S.: 18th May Gaelscoil Inse Chor: 25th May

on Dates.

the church. Confirmation: 9th March

Confirmation

The **Service of Light** for the

boys and girls who will be con-

firmed this year will take place

on Wednesday, 23rd January.

The service will be at 7pm in

In Sympathy

Pray for Patrick Brennan Suir Road. May he Rest in Peace

European Data Protection Law

A new Data Protection Law came into place last summer. This law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. All regulations as laid down in the law are adhered to with personal information kept on the secure parish database. No information will ever be shared with any other person or organisation without the persons consent.

Thank You

Derek Beahan and family would like to thank their neighbours, friends and all who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. They are particularly grateful to the business community and Fr Louis for their great support following Anne's tragic death.

School Enrolment

Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. are now accepting enrolments for Junior Infants starting school in September. Places are also available in other classes. For information, Telephone 01 4541265 or email ololns.ias@ gmail.com.

Inchicore College: OPEN DAY: Tuesday, January 22nd. 12-6pm This is an opportunity to meet the students and teacher and learn more about the courses available. We have small classes, a great location and the open day will give you a sense of college life. *enquiries@inchicore.cdetb.ie* 01 4535358, or check out the website **www. inchicorecollege.ie.** A wide variety of courses are on offer. Discover what you can do.

Public Meeting The launch of the Bulfin Estate Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. When: Thursday, 24th January 7.30pm Where: BERA Hall, Connolly Ave. A crime prevention talk and an opportunity to meet your local Community Gardai. All welcome.

Found: A woman's bicycle was found abandoned in the grounds of Hollybrook Nursing Home before Christmas. Contact the reception at the Primary Care Centre for more information.

Thank You

Anne Ward would like to thank her neighbours, friends and all who offered support and prayers following the recent death of her sisters Josie and Liz and her grand nephew Dylan. The morning Mass on Thursday 24th will be offered in grateful appreciation.

Richmond Barracks A Talk on the History of St Patrick's Athletic.

Monday, 28th January. 6.30-9.30pm

To mark its 90th Anniversary, Dermot Looney will give a talk on the club's early history. This will include the antecedents to St Pat's, the founding of the club, and the team's rise through junior football into the League of Ireland, which they won at the first attempt in 1951-52.

Fans and relatives are encouraged to attend and bring along old photos, documents and memorabilia to help with the club's 90th commemorations. A scanner will be available on the night, to copy any photos and documents. Refreshments will be served.



To celebrate Grandparents Week, Our Lady of Lourdes school invite grandparents and friends to a **Coffee Morning** on **Wednesday, 30th January** from 9am onwards.

This is an opportunity to celebrate and pay tribute to the valuable role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren.

Weekly Collections

8th/9th December 1st €405 Share €225

15th/16th December 1st €415 2nd collection S.V.P. Family Offering €1,325 (2 weeks)

> **22nd/23rd December** 1st €440 Share €265

29th/30th December 1st €391 Share €200

5th/6th January 1st €395 Share €220 Family Offering €1,860 (3 weeks)

12th/13th January 1st €340 Share €210 Family Offering €720

Family Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in the Parish Office or Sacristy.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena 2nd-11th February Monday-Friday: 10am Saturday: 11am Nightly : 7pm Anointing of the Sick: Saturday, 9th, Feb. at 11am Church of Mary Immaculate