



Michael's Parish Inchicore

2nd June 2019

The Ascension of our Lord

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension, the completion of Jesus' mission on earth. *'you are to be my witnesses'*, this final command to his apostles is also the challenge before us to day. In other words, its over to us now; we have been entrusted with the task to share and spread the Good News.

This day has also been designated as **World Communications Day** when we are asked to reflect on the role of the media and the many new forms of digital technology in the churches mission. The theme chosen this year by Pope Francis is *'We are members one of another, from network community to human communities.'* reflecting the changing world of media communication.

Social Media Prayer

**Christ has no online presence
but yours
No blog, no Facebook page but
yours,
Yours are the tweets through
which love touches the world,
Yours are the posts through
which the
Gospel is shared,
Yours are the updates through
which hope is revealed.
Christ has no online presence
but yours,**

No blog, no Facebook page but

9th June 2019

Pentecost Sunday

Powerful winds that shook the room, the appearance of tongues of fire, foreign and strange languages; the readings of Pentecost are rich in imagery describing the Holy Spirit descending on the early followers of Jesus. The coming of the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples with a new fire and energy to spread the gospel message. This spirit and breath of God is in all of us inspiring us to light a way of hope and joy in our world today.

Catching Fire

**Unless the eye catch fire,
God will not be seen
Unless the ear catch fire,
God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch
fire, God will not be
named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
God will not be known.**
(From 'Pentecost' by William
Blake)



Preparing our Faith Community for the future

A number of meetings have taken place in St Michael's as far back at 2016 regarding the future direction of our parish. Resulting from these discussions, a number of changes were gradually introduced as we moved to a one priest parish. Now under the initiative of the recently appointed Oblate

Provincial, Fr Oliver Barry, we are again having the conversation regarding the future direction of St Michael's parish and the Pastoral Area, which includes the parishes of Bluebell and Mary Immaculate. The focus of the homily on the weekend of June 8th & 9th will be on preparing our faith community for further change, and to continue discussion on our shared future. Refreshments will follow the 11am family Mass on the 9th June.

Sacraments Review Meeting

A meeting to review and reflect on the results of the recent Diocesan Survey on the Sacraments will take place in Clonliffe college on **Tuesday, June 4th, 7.30-9.30pm.**

Among the findings of the survey is a desire for greater parish involvement in the preparation of the sacraments, and a belief that passing on the faith is primarily the responsibility of the home, with the support of the parish as well as the school.

If you would like to attend this meeting on Tuesday the 4th, please contact Pádraigín - 087 6576708

National Holy Wells Day Sunday June 16th -

Pilgrimage and Prayer at St Brigid's Holy Well in Clondalkin to mark the occasion. .
Contact Pádraigín for information.

The Annual Oblate Pilgrimage

to Knock (Cnoc Mhuire) will take place on Saturday July 13th.

If you wish to come, please give your name and fare; € 25.00 to Pádraigín or to the Parish Office before June 28th.

In Sympathy Pray for

Sally Morgan, Kickham Road.
Maura Magaharan, S. C. Rd
Fr Michael Guckian O.M.I.
Maura Meade, Southern Cross Ave
Dolores Fay, Southern Cross Ave.
Liz Slazenger (nee Lane)
May they Rest in Peace

Thank You

The family of Des Waters R.I.P. late of Stephen's Road and Sligo who died on May 4th, would like to thank all those who sympathised with them and participated in his funeral. Des will be greatly missed. Mass will be offered for the intentions of all on the morning of Monday, 24th June.

Exam Time: We are mindful of all the young people who are preparing to sit their exams next week. Let us support them with our prayers as we wish them every success for their future.

School retirement

Our best wishes go to Ms Treasa Leahy who retires after thirteen years as principal of Mercy Secondary School. Ms Leahy's guidance, support and presence to the students was exceptional and at the heart of her educational beliefs. With gratitude we wish Treasa health and happiness in her retirement.

Best wishes also to Michelle O'Kelly on her appointment as principal. Michelle, a local woman and past pupil of Mercy College, takes on her new role with great energy and vision for the school.

Charlie Thompson R.I.P.

Bernie and her family would like to thank all their neighbours and friends in the parish, also all who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. Thanks to the many who sent cards, messages and attended Charlie's funeral. Mass will be offered in gratitude for your love and kindness. God bless you all. Bernie

Weekly Collections

13th/14th April

1st €430 Share €245
Family Offering €580

20th/21st April (Easter)

1st €570 Share €380

27th/28th April

1st €385 Share €240
Family Offering €1,090 (2weeks)

4th/5th May

1st €435 Share €225

11th/12th May

1st €3800 Share €210
Family Offering €1,825 (2 weeks)

18th/19th May

1st €335 Ministry €3955
Family Offering €6300

25th/26th May

1st €415 Share €220

Cemetery Annual Mass

Palmerstown : 16th June @ 3pm
Glasnevin: 30th June @3pm
Bluebell: 7th July@3pm.

OBLATE YOUTH SERVICE: Padraig our youth worker spoke last weekend of the forthcoming visit of a group of young people to Zimbabwe. We were introduced to four of this group who will travel next month on missionary and humanitarian work to a centre for abused girls in a deprived region of the country. We had an opportunity following the Mass to engage with a number of the volunteers who are undertaking this challenging work. We wish them a successful and safe trip and look forward to hearing of their experience on their return.

Thy Kingdom Come. 30th May-9th June

During this time i.e. between the feast of the Ascension and Pentecost, thousands of Christians worldwide will be praying for evangelisation. This is part of an International Prayer Initiative now in its 3rd year. As a family, a parish or a small group all are invited to participate. This prayer time is undertaken with a realisation of the many problems in today's world and a hope and trust in the promise that *His Kingdom will come*. The prayer can be downloaded on

www.thykingdomcome.global

St. Michael's Parish

Parish Priest: Fr. Louis McDermott OMI,

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Pat Whelan

Parish Pastoral Worker: Pádraigín Clancy

Youth Worker: Pádraig Corcoran

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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

The result of the recent elections spread hope along with many challenges. For the first time, at home and in the EU, climate urgency was a decisive issue for many voters. The recent strike by millions of school children worldwide was significant and had an impact on voter's conscience boosting parties with a green agenda. The message of the youth is clear, they are saying: *'politics-as-usual isn't cutting it anymore, and now more than ever, it's our moment to be big, bold, and loud in demanding justice for all people and our planet'*. Thanks to an impressive turnout, led by many first-time young voters, candidates with clear commitments to tackle the climate crisis gained a record number of seats.

While the urgency of climate action is gaining momentum, without migrant, social and economic justice, there can be no climate justice. This is the challenge for our newly elected politicians. We wish them well.

The Royal Hospital Kilmainham

has recently begun group tours of the hospital. You can book by emailing **paulf@opw.ie**. This is one of the earliest of Dublin's great buildings built in 1680 to house military pensioners. Travel back in time by taking a tour of the house, grounds and gardens.

**Canal clean-up: Sat, June 16th
Meet at BERA Hall ,10am.**

***Nature is the key to the
human vision of God .***

***In all its variety, a
beauty lie two thing
understanding of
greatness of God ar
bridge that can bring***

***value and be in awe of one
another***

