

### 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.

### **ALONE** Supporting older people

Speaking at the recent launch of their Christmas campaign, the president spoke of the loneliness that many older people are experiencing and the challenges that Winter brings to the elderly.

ALONE say that there are a number of ways that the public can reach out and spend their time helping an older person this Christmas, for example; dropping in to an older person's house for a cup of tea and a chat, ensuring they have enough food, medication and heat, bringing them to a social event and giving them a hand with their shopping. ALONE also launched its national phone line at their Christmas launch. The phone line is open Monday-Friday from 9-5 for older people across the country, on 0818 222 024.

Contact ALONE 0818 222 024 if you have concerns about your own wellbeing, or the wellbeing of a vulnerable older person in the community. For more information visit [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)

*We, Angels and Mortal's, Believers and Non-Believers,  
Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.*

*Peace. We look at our world and speak the word aloud.*

*Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves*

*And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation.*

*Peace My Brother. Peace my Sister, Peace My Soul.*

(Extract from Amazing Peace by Maya Angelou )



# St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

## Christmas 2019



**"The light of the stable lamp was a star  
And the frost of Bethlehem made it twinkle**

**And I had a prayer like a white rose pinned  
On the Virgin Mary's blouse " Patrick Kavanagh**

### St Vincent De Paul: CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thanks for your generous response to last week's Annual Appeal. With many families struggling to meet the demands of the season, your generosity enables the local conference of the SVP distribute over 200 hampers to the needy in our community in the coming weeks. The work of the SVP is not just seasonal but continues throughout the year offering advice and assistance with ESB, rent & fuel. To continue responding to those in need in our community, the SVP rely on your generous response to this Annual Appeal. Food items for the hampers will be gratefully received this week-end.



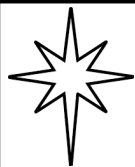
### Communal Celebration of Reconciliation. 3rd Sunday of Advent: 14th/15th December at all Masses

#### In Sympathy Pray for

Philomena (Phyllis) Whelan, New Road  
Laurence (Larry) Morris,  
Ravensdale Park,  
Ann Quinn, Hollybrook Nursing Home  
Margaret Farrelly, Memorial Court.  
Linda Ward, Late of St Michael's Est.  
Jean Baker, Bulfin Road.

#### Baptisms

Milo Moroney,  
Goldenbridge  
Terrace.  
Devlin Bradley,  
Connolly Ave.  
Congratulations to the parents of  
Milo and Devlin, as we welcome  
them into our Christian  
community.



#### Christmas Tree of Remembrance: Lighting Ceremony

The lighting of the tree of remembrance, which took place this week, is a celebration and remembrance of those in our community who have died tragically. The colourful stars, with the names of those who have died, were carefully created by family members. Pádraigín, when blessing the tree, had a message of hope as she spoke of the symbolism of the stars, and the light that our loved ones brought to us, a light which remains with us and continues to burn brightly.

#### Church Cleaning

Throughout the year, great efforts are made by a small number of people to maintain and keep the church clean. At special times such as Christmas, extra work goes into creating a festive, welcoming and clean church environment. For this, more help is needed. If you can lend a hand, please come on **Thursday morning next, 19th** following the morning Mass.

## Annual Festival of Carols

*With St. James's Brass &  
Reed Band  
and combined choirs.*

**Sunday, 15th December at 7pm  
St Michael's church.**



To celebrate the season with some festive cheer, the evening will finish with mince pies, mulled wine and tea/coffee.

A raffle will take place during the interval with proceeds going towards the Church Renovation Fund.



#### A Word of Thanks / Focal Buíochais from Pádraigín

*A Chairde, I have been with you a year now and I want to thank you all at St Michael's for your goodness, kindness, support and generosity to me. A special thank you for your prayers. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, and I will pray for you, as we continue to work together in 2020.*  
Pádraigín

The **2020 Oblate calendar** and this month's **Oblate Connections** magazine are now available to pick up free in the church.

*Wishing all in our community every blessing for Christmas and the New Year*

#### Weekly Collections 17th/18th November

1st €420 Share €235

Family Offering €495

#### 22nd/24th November

1st €330 Share €210

Family Offering €720

**Family Offering** envelopes for 2020 are now available in the Parish Office or Sacristy. If you don't already contribute, please consider taking a box for the coming year, as the day to day running of the parish relies on this contribution.

#### The Sick & Indigent

**Roomkeepers** collection this week

-end 14th/15th will replace Share.