<u>St. Michael's Parish</u> Parish Priest: Fr. Louis McDermott OMI, Parish Secretary: Therese Redmond Parish Pastoral Worker: Pádraigín 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

#### **Support Services**

Inchicore Outreach Centre for Domestic Violence Against Women Continues to offer support and information for women during this Covid 19 time. While we cannot offer a one to one meeting service we can connect with you by phone or email. Call: 014545239. Or 0863957296 or 0858331191. Email: inch.outreach@hotmail.com

**ALONE** national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

Age Action and the Irish Red Cross have raised funds to provide additional assistance to older and vulnerable people around Ireland who are experiencing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by making once-off grants, up to a maximum of €500, per person/household affected. Email: <u>hardship2020@redcross.ie</u>

Phone: Irish Red Cross at 01 6424600 or Tel: (01) 475 6989 Lo Call: 1890 369369

ISPCC Dublin: The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC) is Ireland's national child protection charity. Call: 01 676 7960 Email: ispcc@ispcc.ie

**The Samaritans:** Available round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need a response immediately, it's best to call on the phone. This number is FREE to call. **Tel: 116 123 Email:** <u>samaritans.org</u>

**Pieta House:** Pieta provides free therapy to those engaging in self-harm, with suicidal ideation, or bereaved by suicide. Freephone and no referral needed. Tel: **1800 247 247** 



# St. Michael's Parish Inchicore



May everyday in June fill our days with hope, love, sunshine and energy. May God protect us from this virus as we prepare to come out of lockdown.

Let there be Joy, Love and Laughter mindful of the difficulties many have experienced during these past months.

> "For June is short and we must joy in it and dance and sing.... Even the roses... will soon blow down the road all roses go' Francis Ledwidge

### **Connecting during lockdown**

The following online services are available to parishioners: Our Parish Website: stmichaelsinchicore.ie Our Facebook Page: stmichaelsinchicore where we would welcome your conversation. And our new Twitter Account: stmichaelsinchicore@michaelsinch1 Daily Prayer can be found at: Oblates.ie

# **Building Our Parish Data Base**

Increasingly, because of the current situation, more communication is being done online. If you would like to receive online notices and newsletters from the Parish and the Oblates please send your email address to Pádraigín at: pclancystmichaels@gmail.com. Your privacy will be respected and your information will not be shared with anyone else without your permission.

# **Reopening of church for public worship**

Public celebration of Mass and the sacraments is scheduled to begin on July 20th. This will be done in a safe and measured way. Guidelines will be strict, respecting and adhering to health advise on physical distancing and hygiene. As the planning unfolds, we will update you in next month's newsletter.

Until then, the church is open daily for individual prayer from 9.30-12pm. The area at Our Lady's altar is open and hand sanitizer is available.

In Sympathy **Pray for** Darren Cramp, Tyrone Place. Evelyn Byrne, Bulfin Court (formerly of Nash St.) Paddy McCormack, Emmet Crescent. Martin Kinahan, formerly of Southern Cross Avenue. May they Rest in Peace.

Due to the current funeral restrictions, this is an exceptionally difficult time for bereaved families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

**Reading LAUDATO SI** with St Michael's parish community Are you interested in reading Laudato Si Pope Francis's ground breaking encyclical on 'care for our Common Home'? Please join us on Tuesday, 9th of June from 11.30am - 12.30pm on Zoom and we will discuss chapter 1 together. There are six chapters, so each week we will discuss a chapter. If you are interested, please contact Pádraigin at pclancystmichaels@gmail.com. Colm Hogan from Trocaire will lead our dis-

cussion using helpful slides etc. This Trocaire led project has been very successful in other parishes, so let's give it a try!

Similar to many homes and businesses, Parish Finances have also taken a big financial hit. Thanks to parishioners who continue to drop their Family Offering envelopes into the Parish Office. This is much appreciated at this time. If it would be more convenient to contribute by standing order, Fr Louis will give you details. Shortly, there will be a DONATE button on the parish website for anyone who wishes to contribute in this way.

#### **Food Bank**

The food bank established by St Patrick's Athletic, Frontline MC and Dublin South City Partnership continues. This food bank will serve households in the Inchicore Kilmainham and Bluebell area identified as vulnerable at this time. Donations of non perishable food items welcome. Donations can be dropped into 125 Emmet Road Inchicore between 12pm-2pm on Saturdays and between 2pm-4pm on Mondays and Tuesdays.

#### Eala Og Childcare Centre

This early year's service, located in Goldenbridge Integrated Services, caters for children, aged 2-6. Sessional part-time places, morning and afternoon are available. 8.30-1.30 and 1.30-4.30. As a community based service, we operate ECCE & NCS funding schemes to support families attending. Places available for September. email: ealaog@eircom.net or 'phone 086 0428274

# TROCAIRE

This year, due to Covid 19, it wasn't possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing for the return of your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org 2. By phone: 1850 408 408

3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare 4. Return Trócaire Box to the Parish Office, 52A Bulfin Rd.

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference to those in greatest need at this time.

# MAPPING GREEN DUBLIN

This is a collaborative action research project led by UCD's School of Geography in collaboration with community groups. An open day for the community took place in March. It's first task is to map the trees and green spaces in Dublin 8 identifying location and outlining green space deficits and future needs .The group are seeking our community help in identifying green walking routes and trees in our area. Please follow the links below if you would like to assist them.

- See: https://mappinggreendublin.com/art-project/ to share your walk/cycle. - See: https://mappinggreendublin.com/curio/ to map the trees in your garden and neighbourhood using the CURIO app. For recommendations to government from this collaboration see: www.mappinggreendublin.com

# **Parish Finances**