

St. Michael's Parish

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Support for older people

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

TROCAIRE wish to acknowledge the generosity of St Michael's to this year's Lenten campaign. A total of €2,934 was donated by parishioners.

St Vincent DePaul Society: Due to present restrictions, no meetings are taking place in the priests house. If you need assistance, please call: **01 8550022**

Inchicore & Kilmainham

A journal of local history & heritage

Much has changed in our community since the 1st edition of this magazine back in 1991. A commemorative issue is planned for early next year. If you are interested in contributing, contact i.k.old.journal@gmail.com or call Alison on 086 8180737

Please make a special effort to support our local shops at this time.

A reminder, clocks go back this Sunday, 25th.



Samhain—the Celtic roots of Halloween

In Celtic Ireland, Samhain was seen as the division of the year between the lighter half (Summer) and the darker half (Winter)

Our Celtic ancestors believed the division between this world and the otherworld was at its thinnest at this time of year. Samhain was a festival celebrating the mysteries of life, death & rebirth.

Christianity later incorporated the honouring of the dead into the Christian calendar with All Saints (All Hallows) on 1st November followed by All Souls on 2nd November.



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October 2020

Keeping Faith alive at this time..

These are tough times; times filled with uncertainty. The daily news bulletins relating to Covid-19 is taking its toll on all of us. By its nature, this pandemic is separating us from each other and leading to a sense of isolation for many parishioners.

Yet in the midst of all the anxiety, we see so many acts of generosity and care in our community. This is reflected in the many kind and caring acts of neighbours; the dedication of our health care workers, and the commitment of our school staff in keeping the children safe in a healthy and happy environment.

While we continue to observe the safety precautions as advised by our Government and health agencies, we must keep hope alive, knowing that this too will pass and all will be well again in time.

Life is a gift to be celebrated in the goodness of our humanity and in the beauty of our natural world.

*'How should I not be glad to contemplate
the clouds clearing beyond the dormer window
and a high tide reflected on the ceiling?
There will be dying, there will be dying,
but there is no need to go into that.
The poems flow from the hand unbidden
and the hidden source is the watchful heart.
The sun rises in spite of everything
and the far cities are beautiful and bright.
I lie here in a riot of sunlight
watching the day break and the clouds flying.
Everything is going to be all right.'*

Derek Mahon (Died October this year)

Level 5 restrictions.

With the cancellation of public masses for the foreseeable future, the recent installation of a webcam into the church, is welcome. This enables parishioners to keep in touch and sustain a network of prayer during this difficult time.

Sunday Mass live at 11am

Weekday masses Tuesday and Thursday live at 10am.

A **lay-led liturgy** live on Wednesday at 10am.

You can access all broadcasts live by either of the following :

1. Going to our parish website and pressing the purple LIVE FEED button on the top right hand side of the page. Our website is: stmichaelsinchicore.ie

2. By going into the web site of Church Services TV.

Their website is; churchservicestv.ie

There will be a small white search bar on the site which says; search for church. Type Bulfin into this bar and St Michael's church will come up. Press the arrow on the image of the church and you will get the Mass live.

Funerals are restricted to 25 in number.

The church is open daily from 9.30 –12pm for private prayer

Annual Bereavement Mass

The annual Mass for those in our community who have lost family members during the past year will take place on **Monday, 2nd November** at **7pm**. Because of the current restrictive measures, the Mass will be **live streamed** and a family member will receive a letter giving details. If you wish to add the name of a relative who you wish to be pray for and whose funeral took place elsewhere during the past year, please contact the parish office. This has been an exceptional difficult time for grieving families due to the limited numbers permitted at funerals and deprived of the customary community support. You are remembered especially at this time.

*The tide recedes, but leaves behind
bright seashells on the sand.
The sun goes down, but gentle warmth
still lingers on the land.
The music stops, yet lingers on in sweet
refrain.
For every joy that passes,
Something beautiful remains.*



In sympathy Pray for

Frank Noonan, Bulfin Road.
Dane Byrne, Goldenbridge Ave.
Brenda Leonard, Tyrconnell Park
Rita Meade (nee O'Neill)
formerly Goldenbridge Ave.

May they Rest in Peace

World Mission Sunday

During our celebration of Mission Sunday last week, Fr Louis and Pádraigín acknowledged the great work of missionaries world-wide and the need for our continued support. If you wish to contribute financially to the work of our missionaries, details are on the parish website.

Weekly Collections

5th/6th September

1st €195 Share €165. F.O. €1,101

12th/13th September

1st €185 Share €160 F.O. €645

19th/20th September

1st €70 F.O. €675

29th Sept/4th October

F.O. €977

A **DONATE** button is now on the parish website for the convenience of parishioners who don't have the family offering envelope or direct debit arrangement. This alternative method of contributing to the Family Offering is straight forward and gives the option of contributing weekly, monthly or a one off donation.

HAVE YOUR SAY –

The new development on the former St Michael's Estate site.

The proposed Residential Development (cost rental and social accommodation), at the former St Michael's Estate, has created much justifiable and grave concern among the local community.

Led by Dublin City Council, in conjunction with Design Team Bucholz McEvoy and Connect the Dots, the project has now entered the First Phase of a Four Phase consultation process with the local community.

You are invited to submit your concerns, ideas, hopes, for the development in the following ways:

By **answering an online** survey at:

<https://surveys.connectedthedots.ie/emmet-road/>

By **picking up a hardcopy** of the survey at the local library(temporarily located in Richmond Barracks) and returning it, completed, to the library.

By **phoning** your comments to **01 -2226538**

This is an opportunity for our community to be heard – we must have our say – make sure you have yours ! Answer the survey today!
Ní neart go cur le chéile!

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions and feedback is **November 5th**

Get Well Pat! Best wishes go to our sacristan Pat Delemere as he recovers from recent surgery. We wish Pat a full and speedy recovery and look forward to his caring and prayerful presence back in St Michael's before too long.

