



St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

7th October 2012 27th Sunday of the Year

Gathering of Parish Pastoral Councils with Pastoral Area Team
24th September 2012
Review of our journey as a Pastoral Area

Background to meeting: Back in 2008, the Oblates gave a commitment to continue serving the 3 parishes of St. Michael's, Mary Immaculate & Bluebell until 2012 when a review would take place. This review has begun and is ongoing. The Pastoral Area Team is entrusted with the task of serving the 3 parishes.

The journey so far: Great change has happened in the Church and in people's lives since then, much of it challenging. Working together has brought benefits such as:
Getting to know each other...listening, learning
Joint events/training/working together/Supporting each other

Challenges: Lack of Communication
Fear of losing identity of one's parish

How best to reach out to people in their struggles?

The question was raised as to whether the Jesus story has been lost in our times.

Future Hopes and Dreams: The need for a forum for people to talk/engage
The fire is already there, we need to keep the embers burning
The need to meet people in their brokenness and have liturgies reflecting the reality of peoples lives.



Aspirations: The Pastoral Team needs to broaden to include more lay people.
Ways need to be found to make the Pastoral Council's more effective.

COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY!

Theme of Prayer for the evening was:
For all that has been...Thanks
For all that will be...Yes!

We Remember and Pray for
Nicola Thompson
Granddaughter of Bernie & Charlie.
May she rest in Peace
Our thoughts are with the family at this time.

Bulfin Ladies Club wish to thank all who supported the recent Coffee morning in aid of the Hospice Foundation. Thanks to all who baked, donated and gave to the raffle. The event was very successful and raised € 700 for the Hospice.

Congratulations
to Bulfin Court, Senior Citizens Complex who, once again, came 1st in the recent City Neighbourhood Awards. The residents of Emmet Crescent also received a merit award in this competition. These annual awards are in recognition of the great work of many volunteers in maintaining and enhancing their environment.
Well done to all!



Caring for our environment

In recent times, a group of local people have declared war on litter with regular clean ups of the locality. The most recent was on Saturday morning last with a great turn out for a clean up along the canal bank. This is a worthy effort by a diverse local group who have set their sights on creating a cleaner and healthier environment.

Where to from now? How best to harness this energy & enthusiasm? To help with these and other questions, there will be a get-together on **Tuesday, 16th October at 7.30p.m.** in the **DeMazenod Centre**. The evening will be facilitated by Alex Duffy, who has a great deal of experience in working with environmental and community groups.

The meeting has been arranged by the Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group (**JPIC**) who are recent recipients of a special Eco award in recognition of their work in raising environmental awareness in the Inchicore & Bluebell area.

Months Mind Mass for Jim McMahon

Jim's months mind Mass will be celebrated on 14th October at 11a.m. Jim served as a priest in St Michael's for seven years in the 90's, and he is spoken of and remembered with great affection. Following the Mass, there will be refreshments for all in the deMazenod Centre.

'DAY FOR LIFE' SUNDAY 7th October, a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life.

St Michael's Church Repairs.. Update

Heritage Council Grant for Conservation Repair Work

Falling dampness was discovered in the interior of the church adjacent to the choir loft at the extended part of the church and the original building. The valley and gutter were opened up to assess the damage. Rusted and damaged sections of the valley and gutter have been repaired. Slipped slates have also been replaced. Because of the heritage significance of the church, the parish has been fortunate in securing grant approval from the Heritage Council for the repairs to the leaking roof valley.

You will have noticed repair work has also been completed to the damaged sections of the pavement in the church grounds. Funding for this came by way of a Diocesan Grant.

C.I.E. Club Autumn Sale Sunday, 21st October 12-6 p.m.



All saleable goods i.e. groceries, clothes, books, bric-a-brac will be gratefully accepted. Contact:

Sheila 453 9851 or Joan 453 8745.

Donations can also be collected.

All proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the C.I.E. hall.

1st Communion 2013

1st Communion preparation has now begun with a meeting this week of parents/guardians. On this Sunday 7th, the children will be enrolled at the 11a.m. Family Mass. The enrolment ceremony marks the beginning of the children's faith journey as they begin their preparation for receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Weekly Collections 22nd/23rd September

1st €474 Crosscare €645

Family Offering €458

29th/30th September

1st €393 2nd €230

Family Offering €760

If you haven't got a Family Offering envelope for the coming year and wish to contribute, you can pick one up from Pat in the Parish Office

Foster Parents needed

Would you or a family member be interested in fostering a child for emergencies, short or long term? Please contact the HSE at 6206350 for further information. Information meeting on Tuesday 23rd October at 8p.m. in Cherry

St. Michael's Parish

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Sun. 6.30pm (Vigil), 9am & 11am Family Mass

Church is open from 9am-12.30pm: Monday—Friday.

VACANCY for Musical Director of Oblate Gospel Choir

A vacancy has arisen for a new director for the Oblate Gospel Choir. Working within the pastoral area of Bluebell & Inchicore (including the parishes of St. Michael's, Mary Immaculate & Our Lady of the Wayside), the successful candidate will be appointed on a 'Contract for service' basis for a period of one year initially. The duties of the Musical Director will include:

- ◆ Work with a group of young people who form the already established Gospel choir.
- ◆ Lead & direct rehearsals once a week
- ◆ Lead and direct the group during Mass twice monthly on Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock Mass
- ◆ Motivate the existing group, welcome new members and encourage all who work in Youth Ministry in the area.
- ◆ Select appropriate hymns, songs etc. that reflect the theme of the Mass or Liturgical celebration.

The successful candidate will be required to complete a Garda Vetting form.

If interested, please forward a letter of application and include an up to date C.V. to Fr Michael O'Connor O.M.I. House of Retreat, Tyrconnell Rd.

Closing date for receipt of applications
Tuesday, October 9th 2012

Items of the Newsletter: Have you a good news story, an upcoming event or any item you would like to share? If so, drop the information into Pat in the Parish Office or email it to stmichaelsparishomi@gmail.com