



St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

The Ascension of the Lord 12th May 2013

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension, the completion of Jesus' mission on earth. *'you are to be my witnesses'*, the 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.

To this end, Ascension day has also been dedicated 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 today.

A Prayer for Communications Sunday.

*O God, whose word is truth & in whose light we see light
Guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.*

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.

Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours

And, as we confront the pain and promise of this world

Awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace

Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2013

Powerful winds that shook the room; the appearance of tongues of fire; foreign & strange languages. The readings of Pentecost are rich in drama, describing the Holy Spirit descending on the apostles.

For us today, the Spirit seems to move in quieter and gentler ways. Often it is through others that the Holy Spirit speaks; in a whispering word of encouragement, in group discussions or in quiet prayer.

The feast of Pentecost calls for renewed energy, an appreciation of the gifts we have received and the endless possibilities within all of us.

"The Holy Spirit, the first gift, in whom all other gifts are given"



Diocesan Safeguarding & Protection Services

The safeguarding of children in the diocese of Dublin operates to a very high standard with clear and strict guidelines. All who participate in church ministry are required to complete a number of forms. These are now available and will be distributed by the co-ordinators/leaders of the various groups. The forms need to be returned by the end of May, so on receipt of them, please fill them in and return to either your group co-ordinator or the parish office. These forms are separate to the Garda vetting forms which most volunteers have signed and returned. However, there are a number of these forms still outstanding and need to be returned as soon as possible.

Gaelscoil Inse Choir bring home the gold



Congratulations to the school's camogie & hurling teams on their recent great achievements. Both teams had the privilege of playing in Croke Park having reached the final in the G.A.A. Bun Scoil competition. All were winners and presented with their gold medals on the day. **Well done** to the players, coaches, school and not forgetting the proud parents.

We remember & Pray for

Kenneth Kane, Stephen's Rd.
John Harte, Tyrconnell Park.
Eithne Mulligan, Anner Rd.
John Healy, G'bridge Ave.
Anthony Reid, Bulfin Court
William Doyle, Drimnagh.

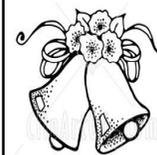
May they rest in Peace

Welcome in Baptism



Sean Luca Murphy
Oisin Edward
Tunstead

Molly Mandy Wynne/Burke



**Congratulations to
Simone Donegan &
Colm Nolan**

who were married last
week. We wish

Simone and Colm many joys and
blessings in the years ahead.

Knock Pilgrimage

The annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on 13th July. Cost €15. Bus will leave from St. Michael's & Bluebell. Contact Parish Office.

First Communion



for the children from
An Gaelscoil
this Saturday, 11th at **11.30am**
On the following Saturday,
18th at **11a.m.**, the children
from Our Lady of Lourdes will
receive their 1st Communion.
We remember the children and
their families in our prayers.

Confirmation 2013

Twenty children from Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. were confirmed on Thursday May 2nd. It was a beautiful day in every way, not least that the sun shone for most of the day! Confirmation marks a new stage in the journey of our children's lives, and indeed is a rite of passage from childhood into young adulthood. So a lot of excitement, happiness and emotion hangs in the air on a day like this.

The ceremony had a lovely simplicity, with the young people taking a full part in every aspect of it. The celebrant was Monsignor Dermot Clarke, assisted by Fr Benny and the singing was led by the school choir. I think all were in agreement that the two things which seemed to stand out in conversation afterwards was the centrality which the Monsignor gave the role of the children's grandparents, (many of whom were in the church) and the other part of the ceremony which touched us all, was at the time of anointing with the Oil of Confirmation when each young person, with their sponsor, approached the Monsignor, and he took time to make it a personal and special moment for each of them, asking about the reason for their choice of 'Confirmation name' and chatting also to their sponsor. Of course, there was chat over the cup of tea afterwards, about how time has flown, and how grown up they've all become!!

As parents, we appreciate how lucky we are to get the opportunity for our children with our families to celebrate this important day in a small group, and in such a personal and moving way. So thanks to all concerned, including the young people and their families. And particularly thanks to the celebrants, the school and staff involved, the choirs and musicians, the parish, especially those who prepared the church and flowers, the parents and school staff who served the refreshments. Indeed the participation of all reflects how successful the involvement of the whole community can be.

A parent's reflection.

Your Conscience and Church Teaching' How do they fit together?

Title of a Workshop,
given by Frank Morrissey O.M.I.
Saturday, 18th May, 10-4p.m.

House of Retreat. (Oblates)

This day will be of special interest to those who struggle with official church teaching and their personal conscience. In light of ongoing current debates, this day should be of benefit to many.

Weekly Collections 27th/28 April

1st €325 2nd Share €240
Family Offering €445

4th/5th May

1st € 448 2nd €291
Family Offering €485

**The mighty oak was once a
little nut that held its ground**

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

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

Eucharistic Ministers

An evening of training for Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Thursday, May 23rd, 7.30-9.30p.m. in Clonliffe College. The evening will include reflection on the Eucharist, the role of Ministers today, in addition to guidelines on best practice. If interested, please contact Fr Louis.

A church gate collection in aid of Cuan Mhuire, will be held on the week-end of 18/19th May

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 13th July

10.30-4p.m.

Aras Mhuire

Spirituality for Everyday Life—
the search for meaning?

Led by

Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI
well known writer & lecturer

Tickets for this event are
available in the Parish Office

World Youth Day 2013. A Celebration in Lourdes 23rd-30th July

Are you aged 16+ ? Would you like to meet other young people from here and the U.K? Would you like to spend a fun and exciting week in Lourdes with other young people? If so why not join up with the Oblate Youth Service to participate in the youth celebration in Lourdes. The week will be exciting, enriching and most of all FUN! More details from David at 086 1081139 or email: daveodonnell88@gmail.com

The SUNSHINE FUND wish to thank you for your generous contribution of €940 towards their fund which was taken up on Palm Sunday.