

## **St. Michael's Parish**

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Weekday Mass: (Mon-Sat)10am

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

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



## **St. Michael's Parish Inchicore**

### **24th November '13 Feast of Christ the King**

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King marking the last week of the Church's Liturgical year. The metaphor of Christ as king is an uneasy one; power, wealth, pomp and military might are images that spring to mind when thinking of kingship. These images are in stark contrast to St Luke's Gospel readings that tells of a kingdom built on love, service, justice and peace. These principles are not always of primary value in today's society. Whose praise is sung and who is lauded the most? Not the weak or those most in need; but those in positions of privilege and power. Our challenge is to reflect the Gospel values and to make the kingdom of God more present in our community.

### **We need you!**

For all of us, whether we are part of this community for a generation or more, or relative newcomers, St Michael's is a special place of welcome where all are made to feel at home and included. We enjoy meeting each other, sharing some time and a sense of community together. Sometimes over a cup of tea after Mass or the annual mulled wine and mince pies following the Carol Service. These occasions help us get to know each other a little better.

What we say and do during our Masses (be it in word, song, symbol or colour) speaks to, and is relevant to our experience of life. Occasions like Christmas have their own special magic and great effort goes into preparing the liturgies. In order that our celebrations are meaningful and relevant, the presence and ideas of new people is important.

Have you

- Any ideas for the Carol Service?
- Any ideas for the Christmas Vigil and day Masses?
- Would you help decorate the church for the Christmas Carol Service?
- Would you help clean the church?
- Would you help with refreshments for the Carol Service?

All who help throughout the year in various ways are greatly valued, as are all who come to our church, and by your presence create a vibrant community. We recognise the many demands on all of your time, however it would be really appreciated if you could offer your help with any of the above or in any other way.

**Thank You** Anne O'Brien (on behalf of the Liturgy Group)  
I can be contacted at 087 6566090 or c/o the Parish Office.

### **Foster Carers needed for Dublin 8.**

Do you enjoy caring for children and young people? We are seeking to recruit families and individuals to care for children and young people who are unable to live at home. Ideally you will have a spare room and time available to care for a child. Foster families come in all shapes and sizes, from all cultures and backgrounds. Assessment, training and support will be provided to all foster families. There will also be access to 24 hour on-call support.

For more information, please contact: Five Rivers Ireland Foster Families on 01 8665291 or visit our website [www.fiveriversireland.ie](http://www.fiveriversireland.ie)

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\* The lighting of the Inchicore **Christmas tree** will take place on  
\* Wednesday next, **27th @ 6.30p.m.**, outside the former Bank of  
\* Ireland. Refreshments will follow in the Black Lion. **ALL WEL-**  
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### **Money Advise Budgeting Service MABS**

MABS is a free, confidential service offering support for anyone in debt, or who have fallen behind, or struggling to meet utility bills or loan repayments.

MABS also help set up a household budget best suited to the individual.

There is an office at **32 Francis St.**,  
Opening hours, Mon-Fri. 9.30-12 & 2-4  
p.m. Phone 0761 072350 ( price of a  
local call)

### **The Annual Console Christmas Celebration of Light Sunday, 1st December, 4pm**

.....remembering our loved ones lost  
to suicide. Music-Song-Poetry  
Reflecting-Remembering-Celebrating  
To book, contact Console 610 2638

**[www.console.ie](http://www.console.ie)**

**Alternative Christmas gifts will  
be on sale on the week-end of  
14th/15th December. More  
details in next newsletter**

**COFFEE MORNING  
MONDAY 25th Nov.  
from 10.30 a.m.  
de Mazenod Centre**



This is a **fund raising** event jointly organised by the Philippine community and the regular coffee morning group. All proceeds will go towards those effected by the recent typhoon. Please drop in during the morning & lend your support.

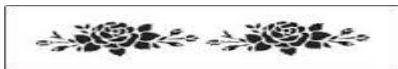
***In Appreciation***

The family of Maureen Fitzpatrick ( Bulfin Rd) wish to express our sincere gratitude to parishioners for your expressions of sympathy, prayer and support following Mam's death and throughout her illness. The support of neighbours and friends has given us a sense of 'being carried' by the community and by God at this time. We really appreciated the contribution of the choir and musicians, who helped to make Mam's funeral Mass a real celebration of her life. For all of you who have touched our lives and have been touched by Mam's life, we say a big 'Thank You'

**We remember and Pray for**

John Ward, Southern Cross Ave.  
Rose McGibney-O'Connor, South Tce.  
Kathleen Blinston, Bulfin Court.

***May they Rest in Peace***



**Oblate Christmas Sale:** Saturday & Sunday, 23rd and 24th Nov. 2-6p.m. Aras Mhuire Hall. Proceeds in aid of Brazil Mission. A variety of stalls and bargains galore!

**Community Star  
Work Shop.....**

for our Christmas Tree of  
**Memories, Hopes &  
Dreams**

Would you like to make a star for a departed loved one, or maybe for yourself to express your wishes for the New Year? If so, you are welcome to join with others on Tuesday, **26th Nov.** in St Michael' Parish Community Centre, **6-9p.m.**



**Parish Pastoral Council**

Commissioning of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place at the 11a.m. Mass on Sunday, 8th Dec. This will be an opportunity to meet the present members of the council and hear of their work in the parish.

**Weekly Collections**

**9th/10th Nov.**

1st €357. 2nd €292  
Family Offering €795

**16th/17th Nov.**

1st €468  
Special collection  
€2, 935  
Family Offering €480

**ADVENT begins on 1st December**

Advent could be described as the lost season because of the commercialism & the many distractions that engulf our lead up to Christmas. For those who would like to set aside a weekly **hour** of quiet reflection and prayer during the Advent season, you are invited to come to the de Mazenod Centre on the Thursday evenings of Advent. The 1st meeting will be on **5th December, 7-8p.m.** All are welcome; this is also an opportunity for Ministers of the Word & Eucharist to come together.

Liffey Gael's GAA Club's  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**Sunday, 1st Dec.**  
**12-6p.m.**

Come along and pick up a bargain; Santa might even drop in!



**The Annual St Vincent De Paul indoor collection will take place on the week-end of 7th/8th December.**

**Oblate Youth Service Christmas Cards**

Over the week-end of **30th Nov/1st Dec.**, the Oblate Youth Service will be selling Christmas cards in the three Oblate parishes. These cards are **Irish** designed and produced, with the images drawn by local artist Colum Keating, a graduate of the NCAD. All proceeds go to the work that the young people are involved with here in the parishes, in Lourdes and their projects in South Africa. These projects are with 'street children' and a home caring for young people with physical and mental disabilities.

The cards come in a pack of 12, each pack has 4 different designs. We are very much aware of the many requests asked of people in these difficult times and are extremely grateful for your support once again. For more information on the work of the Oblate Youth Service, go to [www.oblateyouthservice.com](http://www.oblateyouthservice.com)

**Confirmation**

There will be an official Enrolment/Commitment Ceremony for children who wish to be confirmed in 2014 on Sunday, 1st Dec. at 11.00am Mass. Meeting for parents on Tues. 26th Nov. in the De Mazenod Centre at 7.30pm.

**'Hope amidst our shattered dreams'**

The theme of this year's week-end Advent retreat led by Frank Santucci OMI. The Emmaus Centre, Swords. Dates & Times: Beginning with supper at **6p.m.** on Friday, **6th December** and finishing with **lunch** on Sunday, **8th December**. Contribution €120. Further information or to book, contact Fr Mulligan, 454 2888 or enquire at the Parish Office.

**Winter Reflection Day  
with Tony Flannery**

**'Hope in a Changing Church'**  
**Saturday, 7th December**  
**Kimmage Manor . 10-4p.m.**

To book, contact Partners in Faith 086 3989309 or email [Info@partnersinfaith.ie](mailto:Info@partnersinfaith.ie)