

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

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Weekday Mass: (Mon-Sat) 10am

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

### **Operation Transformation Inchicore!**

Do you want to improve your health in 2014?

*Join us for a weekly weigh-in*—meeting at reception of Inchicore Primary Care Centre, 1p.m. 9th January.

*Join us for a weekly walk*—approx. 45mins long, meeting Primary Care Centre at 1p.m. on Tuesdays, starting 14th January. Bring suitable footwear and rain jacket.

Other events to follow. **No charge, no booking, Just turn up!**

Organised by Inchicore Primary Care Centre.



### Age Action **Care & Repair** Programme

This service assists older people carry out necessary small repairs to their home. This includes painting, minor electrical, carpentry and plumbing. The service is free; clients only pay for the cost of materials. For further information, contact 01 4756989 or email [careandrepairdublin@ageaction.ie](mailto:careandrepairdublin@ageaction.ie)

The **SCRABBLE** club is now up and running in Inchicore library. Meeting at 2p.m. on Monday's.

**SCRABBLE**  
**SOLVER**

The **Get Connected Programme** is aimed at unemployed 18-24 year olds. The programme provides information on training, education & employment opportunities. The Drivers Licence Theory Test is also part of the programme. For information contact: [lucy@canalpartnership.com](mailto:lucy@canalpartnership.com). Tel 4732196

The **Inchicore Environmental Group** invite you to join with them on Saturday morning, **1st February** for the monthly **CLEAN UP** of canal. **Meet 10a.m, B.E.R.A. Hall.**



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

**26th January 2014  
3rd Sunday of the Year**

Gospel (Mt4: 12-23)

*'Follow me...*

*and leaving everything....they followed him'*

The response from the first disciples was immediate. Not knowing or giving much thought to where they were being taken, the disciples left the world of the familiar to follow Jesus. In his New Year message, Pope Francis spoke of stepping out of our comfort zone, something that can often prove difficult. *'The New Year will be brighter only if everyone steps outside their safe havens, gets involved and works together with generosity and love'*

**Go and open the door.**

**Maybe outside there's a tree, or a wood, a garden, or a magic city.**

**Go and open the door. Maybe a dog's rummaging.**

**Maybe you'll see a face, or an eye, or the picture of a picture.**

**Go and open the door. If there's a fog it will clear.**

**Go and open the door.**

**Even if there's only the darkness ticking,**

**Even if there's only the hollow wind,**

**Even if nothing is there,**

**go and open the door.**

**At least there'll be a draught.**

**The Door** by Miroslav Holub

### First Communion

The children from Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. continue with their Communion preparation programme 'Do this in Memory' on this Sunday, 26th at the 11a.m. family Mass. Two groups of parents are actively involved in preparing the 1st Communion Liturgy. Please continue to keep the children and their families in your prayers. The next Communion liturgy will be on Sunday, 16th February.

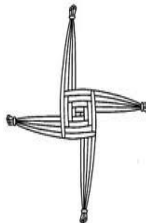


### Pray for

Helen McDonagh,  
High Rd., Kilmainham  
and  
Ita Ward,  
late of Emmet House &  
McDowell's.  
*May they Rest in Peace*

**Bulfin Ladies Club** will resume their weekly meetings on Monday, 3rd February. The committee look forward to welcoming back all members, and new members are always welcome.

### Feast of St Brigid, Mhuire na nGael



On the 1st February we celebrate the feast of St Brigid. St Brigid's feast day, originally celebrated at the time of the pre-Christian festival of Imbolic, marks the beginning of Spring. This was one of the four major festivals of the Celtic calendar; the date chosen as it was mid way



between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. St Brigid was renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. On the week-end of the **1st & 2nd** February, at all Sunday Masses, there will be a special liturgy celebrating the life of St Brigid and the beginning of Spring. Pupils from the Mercy secondary school will be active participants. In keeping with Brigid's spirit of hospitality, refreshments will be served following the 6.30 & 11a.m. Masses. On Friday, **31st January**, a Vigil Mass, as Gaeilge, will be celebrated in Aras na Gaeilge, Grattan Crescent at **8p.m.**

**Liturgy Meeting:** Thursday, **30th January** at **7.30p.m.** Like most other ministries, new members would be very welcome. So if you have ideas to share and are interested in any aspect of liturgy, please consider joining. The group meet in the presbytery.

### Lourdes Novena

2nd-11th February, 10a.m. & 8p.m.  
This year, the novena will be led by Sr Catherine Lavery, Fr Martin Moran & Fr Terry Murray. The Sacrament of Forgiveness will take place each evening during the novena.

### Anointing of the Sick

Sat, 8th at 11a.m.

### Torchlight procession

Tuesday, 11th at 8p.m.



### Weekly collections

#### 11th/12th January

1st €348 Share €243

Family Offering €1,670

#### 18th/19th January

1st €370 Share 4270

Family Offering €1,500

The family offering income was for a total of 5 weeks.

**To do the useful thing  
To say the courageous thing  
To contemplate the beautiful thing  
that is enough for one persons life**

T.S. Eliot

**Our Lady of Lourdes N.S.:** Enrolment forms for Junior Infants are now available. Please contact the school at 454 1265 for details.



Widowed Separated Divorced  
Are you coping?

A 'Coping Programme' for women & men, run by the BEGINNING EXPERIENCE will begin on Wednesday, 5th February at 7.30p.m. and will run for 7 consecutive weeks in the Whitefriars Street Centre, Whitefriars St.

To take part or for further details, telephone 679 0556 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

St Vincent de Paul

### ANNUAL CLOTHING APPEAL

Bags will be left in the church on week-end 15th/16th February and collected on the following week 22nd/23rd. The appeal is for good quality, clothing, foot wear, curtains, bed clothes etc.

### Canal Communities Local Policing Forum

A meeting will take place on Wednesday, 29th January @ 7p.m. in the Bluebell Community Centre. This is an opportunity to meet & address questions to the local Gardai & Dublin City Council on local issues.

Inchicore College of Further Education, **OPEN DAY, 4th February, 1.30-7.30p.m.** Full time & part time courses are on offer for school leavers, adults, unemployed & those planning on a career change. Contact: 4168295 or email [pchalloner@inchicorecollege.org](mailto:pchalloner@inchicorecollege.org)