

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.



St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

3rd May 2015

5th Sunday of Easter

Gospel John 15

'I am the vine, you are the branches'

In these beautiful words, we see Jesus' message of discipleship. We are meant to bear fruit....to spread God's love like branches stretch out from a vine but always remaining connected to the source of our creation. Our dependence on God allows us to become an instrument of his love and peace.

REFLECTION

*I am the true vine,
From my roots lodged deep in eternity
Flows life, love and fruitfulness..*

*I am the true vine,
And my Father God is the gardener
Tending the vine, pruning the branches....*

*I am the true vine
And you are the branches
Grafted in one dark spring morning
when the vine seemed dead, cut down.
But when the world least expected it
the vine broke free from the cold dark earth.
The branches spread their leaves to the risen sun
and the sap of the spirit formed flavorsome fruit.*

*I am the vine,
you are the branches.
John 15:5*

National Spring Clean Day

Despite the wettest morning of the year, the event was very successful with great enthusiasm and hard work displayed by the large number of volunteers who came along for the canal clean up. Thanks to the stalwart members of the Inchicore Environmental Group, Inland Waterways and the Solid Rock Team for their efforts. Special thanks to Kevin in the BERA Hall for his help and for keeping the kettle on the boil! Maybe now those who litter the area will think twice when they see the positive results of the work undertaken by the many dedicated volunteers.

Upcoming Youth Events

Adventure Summer Camp

3rd-7th August in Wales
Ages 12-14

A trip to Taize in France

1st-10th August
Ages 14-17

Lourdes Pilgrimage with the Oblate Youth Service

15th-23rd September
Ages 17-30

If you are interested in any of the above, contact Pdraig:
pdraig.oblate.partners@gmail.com or through
St Michael's Parish.

Medjugorje May Pilgrimage

Mwdjugorje Irish Centre
7 nights B & B, flights and transfers
for €566 on 6th, 11th & 18th May.
Contact the Irish Medjugorje Centre
at 4434510

Bealtaine Festival: 1st-31st May Celebrating Creativity as we age

For details of events, contact 8057709
*'Age is opportunity no less than youth
itself, though in another dress, and as
the evening twilight fades away, the sky
is filled with stars, invisible by day'*

Liam Lawton & St Michael's singers

Music is one of the most magnificent and delightful gifts God has given us. The capacity audience at last Sunday's church concert would agree that the evening radiated an energy that stirred our spirits and lifted our hearts. Special guest Liam Lawton, with his distinctive voice and poetic lyrics, treated us to a memorable evening of reflection & song. Complimenting Liam were St Michael's singers. This group of past and present choir members, who had come together especially for the concert were superb. Thanks to all for your support and to the many who put so much work into bringing about a very enjoyable and successful fund raising event. Approximately €6,800 was raised for church improvement fund. The Exact figure in next Newsletter.

'the universe is a song, from which You have created beautiful sounds....

*Awakening hearts,
calming spirits...*

*music to wash our souls,
to heal the hunger of our hearts'*

1st Communion

Gaelscoil Inse Choir
9th May.

Our Lady of Lourdes N.S
23rd May.

We pray that these children, who have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will continue to grow in faith, supported by their families, school and community.

Loose change needed!

Do you have a stash of 1c, 2c or 5c coins threatening to come through the floorboards? Maybe its time to cash them in! The church Renovation Fund would welcome any loose change you have: this can be dropped in to the Parish Office any morning.

Oblate Summer School 2015 Saturday 19th July, 10-4pm. Aras Mhuire Theme 'WALK THE TALK'

This year, the facilitator will be **Edwina Gateley**, the Founder of the Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM) Edwina will share her own journey to faith from Africa to the bars and brothels of the inner city. In the latter part of the day, we will explore our call to a renewed and dynamic spirituality which is intended to inspire us in our own potential to bring about new life in our broken world. The VMM was founded by Edwina in response to a need for lay people to become more deeply involved in the mission and life of the church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or email: oblatemdo@gmail.co

A tribute to John Byrne R.I.P.

In the sight of God every human being is special. John Byrne was extra special and was born into an extra special family. Parents Mable and Christy and siblings Joan, Alan and Bernice, he lived in a community that was extra special because he was cared for, minded, respected and loved by his neighbours and friends.

When John was allowed out on his own, he made his way into my home and into my heart. I remember John's 1st Communion, Confirmation and his 21st which was a wonderful celebration. I saw John on an almost daily basis; we had some great parties in my home where John was always an honoured guest. Our Communion was enriched by John's presence. His contribution to our parish is unequalled; from being an altar server, an indoor collector, collector of family offering envelopes, delivering parish newsletters, becoming a Minister of the Eucharist; all done with a great heart.

John loved music; he couldn't sing for buttons but he was a shaker and

Tesco Community Fund

We would like to thank our local Tesco Express, Tyrconnell Road who have kindly donated the sum of €162.45 to the Church Renovation Fund. They have nominated us again, so when you are shopping at Tesco be sure to pick up your blue disc and drop it into the tube marked 'St Michael's

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Our best wishes go with the 'A' District Senior Citizen Group who are travelling to Lourdes on 7th May. 24 people from this area will be in the group along with the Spiritual Director Fr Peter Clucas.

Weekly Collections

18th/19th April
1st €408 Share €250
Family Offering €595

25th/26th April
1st €413 2nd €210
Family Offering €650

Pieta House: Darkness into Light: Phoenix Park

Starting while its dark at **4.15am** on the morning of **Saturday, 9th May** and finishing as dawn is breaking, Darkness into Light is a 5km walk/run taking place in over 60 locations throughout the country. Starting place is on Chesterfield Avenue(just past the Phoenix monument) finishing at the Papal Cross. To register, contact: dilmaripeelo@gmail.com or **6219374**