

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.



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Christmas 2015

Church Shop

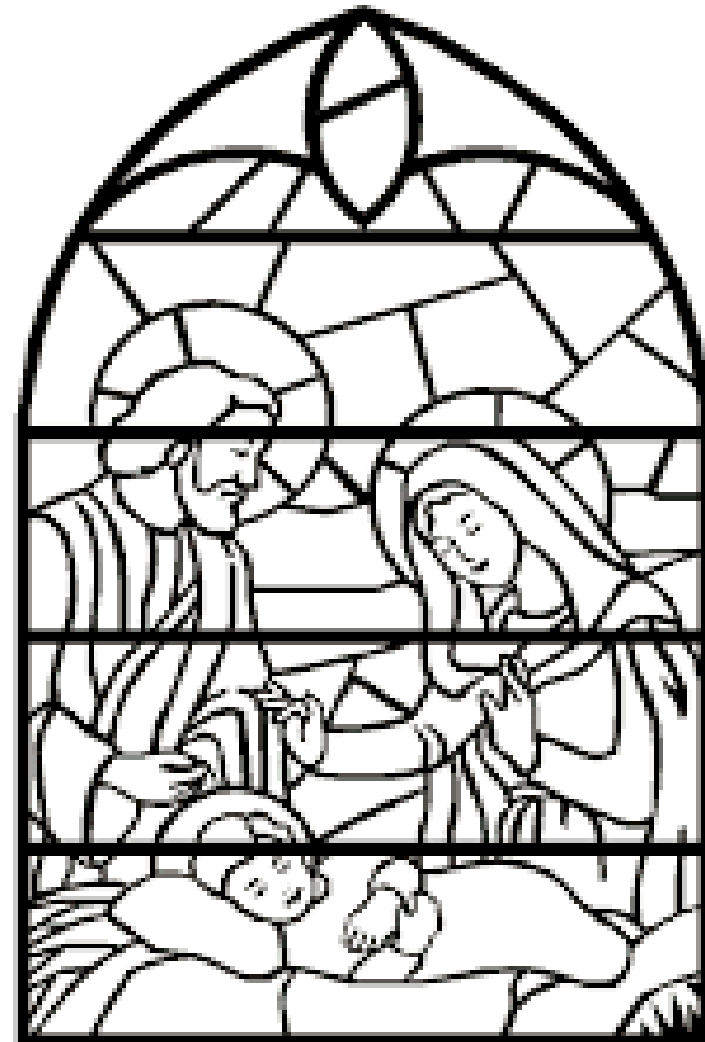
The church shop has a wide variety of Irish made Christmas cards, candles, Mass bouquets and novelty gifts now in stock.

You can support **Trocaires Global Gift Campaign** by buying a gift card which are also on sale in the shop.



Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has designated 2016 as 'a Year of Mercy' which began on 8th December and concludes next November. In announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis reminds us that God makes love 'visible and tangible'. Love, he reminds us, indicates something concrete such as attitudes and behaviors that are shown in daily living. This challenges us to consider how our own actions can help make God's mercy more evident in our world today.



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Joy
Love
Peace
Believe
Christmas

*May the spirit of Christmas which is PEACE
The gladness of Christmas which is HOPE
The heart of Christmas which is LOVE
Fill our hearts and homes this Christmas
And may we see the signs of Jesus' presence
manifested in our own lives and in the world
around us.*

St Vincent De Paul. ANNUAL INDOOR COLLECTION 12th/13th December

With many families in our community struggling to meet the demands of the season, the local conference of the SVP will make over 200 visits in the coming weeks distributing hampers of food and toys. The work of St Vincent de Paul is not just seasonal, but continues throughout the year offering advice and assistance with ESB, rent, fuel & clothing. 25 children annually get the opportunity of a holiday in Sunshine House & family outings are also made possible. SVP help also towards education costs & Communion & Confirmation expenses.

To continue responding to those in need in our community, SVP rely on a generous response to their Annual Appeal. As St Michael's conference consists of only 5 members, volunteers are also needed. If you can help, please leave your name at the Parish Office.

Festival of Carols Sunday 13th, 7pm. St Michael's church

You are invited to join in the singing of your favourite carols in the company of St James's Brass & Reed Band, local choirs and groups.



Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie to round off the evening. A special visitor is also expected to pay a visit.

Donations of mince pies very welcome. A raffle will take place on the evening with all proceeds going towards the Church Renovation Fund.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents and families of the recently baptised children:

Charlie Christopher McElroy
Bulfin Road.

Raphael John Cruz
Lansdowne Gate.

Reconciliation Service Tuesday 15th, 7.30pm.

Pray for

Philip Finnegan,
James's Street
formerly of Keogh Square

Church Cleaning & Decorating

Throughout the year, a great effort is made by a very small number of parishioners to maintain and keep the church clean. At this time, an extra effort is made to create a festive and welcoming church environment. For this, **we need more help**. If you can lend a hand, please consider coming to either of the following:

Church Cleaning: Friday, 11th following Morning Mass

Church Decorating: Sunday, 13th from 1pm.



Times & Dates

A calendar listing the dates and times of the Advent & Christmas liturgies in the 3 Oblate parishes is available in the church.

Please note there will be no 6.30pm Vigil Mass on St Stephen's Day.

You can also pick up a copy of the **Oblate Connections** in the church.

The Three Tenors Sunday 20th December Mary Immaculate Church 7.30pm.

With special guests Inchicore National School & Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal Choirs.

Tickets €25 available from the Church Shop.

Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. *News Update*

Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. recently received the welcome news that it has been given the go-ahead for a major extension and refurbishment project which will commence in the coming year. The school greatly appreciate the support and commitment of Catherine Byrne in helping secure the funding for this project. We now look forward to having a modern gym and the replacement of the prefabs with new classrooms.

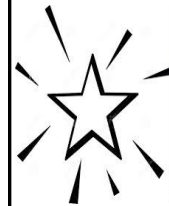
Places in our junior Infant 2016 classes are filling up. If you have a child to start school, please call in or telephone 4541265.

Carol Service: The school invite parishioners to join with them on **18th at 12 pm** in St Michael's church for their Carol Service.

Schools Credit Union Art Competition: Well Done to the budding artists who came away with no less than 8 prizes in this competition.

Toy Sale: Thanks to all who donated toys and supported the recent very successful toy sale in aid of school funds.

Lighting of the Tree of Hope



St James's Band, carol singing, poetry & reflection all lent a festive air to the tree lighting ceremony in the grounds of the church on Tuesday evening. The loudest cheer was for the arrival of the Sam Maguire in the company of Barney and Dean Rock. Dean had words of inspiration for the young people present telling of his determination, despite setbacks, to hold his place on the Dublin team. Blessing the tree, Fr Louis spoke of the symbolism of hope woven in the colourful stars, as we called to mind those in our community who died tragically. The event, now in its 9th year, is organised by the Inchicore and Bluebell Community Addiction Team.

'Let our hopes, not our hurts, shape our future'