

St. Michael's Parish

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Weekday Mass: (Mon-Sat) 10am

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

The church is open from 9am-12.30pm: Monday—Friday.



St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

31st January 2016 4th Sunday of the Year

Gospel (Lk4: 21-30)

Sunday's Gospel story is rich in drama. Jesus is back in his home town; everyone is delighted to see and hear him, that is until they heard his message and then they ordered him out of town' intending to throw him off the cliff'

What was His message ? Jesus is telling his hometown people that they shouldn't expect any special favours, that in the eyes of God everyone is special, everyone is unique, everyone is gifted, graced and loved by God.

Oblates Celebrating 200 years

Just as the mission of Jesus was one of inclusivity, so also was the objective of the founder of the Oblates, Eugene de Mazenod as he and four companions came together back in January 1816 to bring the Good News to the poor and neglected in Aix-en-Provence, France. At present there are 4000 Oblates working in over 65 countries worldwide. The Oblate mission is one of collaboration with parishioners and other religious congregations.

As we give thanks for the Oblate mission worldwide, we remember especially all Oblates who have ministered in St Michael's, Bluebell and Mary Immaculate down the years. Their presence and guidance continues to be an enriching and life affirming force in our community.

Anam Cara Parental & Sibling Bereavement Support

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Monday, 8th Feb. 7.30-9.30pm. In Dominic's Community Centre, Tallaght.
All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

Inchicore College of Further Education OPEN DAY

**Tuesday, 2nd February
1.30-7pm.**

The college has a great variety of courses, both full time and part time, on offer.

From Ashes to Light

A series of talks on the readings during Lent will take place in St Kevin's Oratory in the Pro-Cathedral over **four Thursday's in Lent:** 18th & 25th February, 3rd & 10th March, beginning at 11.30am. There will be a break during which people might like to attend the 12.45pm Mass and have a lunch break. The second session will be from 1.30-2.15pm. If interested, contact: komahony1@me.com



B.E. Beginning Experience

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the loss of their life partner through death, separation or divorce. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences. The next programme will commence on Wednesday, 3rd February for 7 Wednesday evenings at 7.15pm. White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St. Further info. from 086 0877379

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Family Mass; Children's Liturgy

The children's liturgy is an integral part of the 11am Family Mass. It allows the children explore their creativity while listening to the Gospel story in child-like language. More leaders are needed to actively help out with this liturgy. If you would like to help, Fr Louis would love to hear from you.

Invitation

There will be a social evening on Friday, **5th February at 7.30pm.** in the De Mazenod Centre. This get-together is to say **Thank You** to all who help out in the many different and various ways in our community. For catering purposes, we need to have numbers. So can you let Julie Lynch know if you are coming; her number is 086 6041061, or you can leave your name with Pat in the Parish Office.

Birthday Wishes

As he celebrates a significant birthday in the coming days, this is an opportunity to pay tribute to a very special member of our parish, John Kenny.

A life force in our community, John has been actively involved in all aspects of parish life for many years. Gifted with a richness and fluency of language and voice, John has shared his talents in a variety of ways; through his Ministry of the Word, his leading roles in many musicals, his love of John McCormack & of the great opera arias.

For years he and Vera collected the Family Offering, delivered newsletters, coordinated the reader's rota, helped in fund raising and much more. It is always a joy to converse with John, because of his wit, his optimistic nature & his knowledge and interest in all aspects of life.

As he now enters his 'nonagenarian' stage of life, we say **Thank You John** for all you have given to our community as we wish you and Vera continued good health and contentment.

Annual Lourdes Novena

2nd February—11th February

Mornings at 10am. Evenings at 7pm.

Anointing of the Sick Saturday, 6th 11am.

Torchlight Procession Thursday, 11th
7.30pm.



Bulfin Ladies Club will resume their weekly meetings on Monday, 8th February.

The committee look forward to welcoming back all their members after the winter break.

La Fheile Bride: Aifreann as Gaelge,

Monday, 1st February in Aras na Gaelge, Grattan Crescent.

The Mass is at **8.15pm** and will be followed by an Oiche Ceoil.
Beidh failte gach duine.

Weekly Collections

16th/17th January

1st €518 Share €315
Family Offering €580

23rd/24th January

1st €450 Share €245
Family Offering €715

**Lent Begins
on Ash Wednesday
10th February**

Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. News update

Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrating Catholic Schools week from Monday, 1st February. During this week we are asked as a school community to reflect on what it means to be part of a Catholic School Community.

We will be holding a special **Grandparent breakfast** on Wednesday, 3rd February from 9.15am. This is to say thank you to those special people in the pupil's lives.

The pupils from 4th class will be making St Brigid's crosses with Sr Luarena to give to all the classes.

Enrolment for 2016: If you have a child due to start school in September, please call to the school at your earliest convenience, as places are filling up fast. Alternatively, you can contact the school on 454 1265 or email: olons.ias@gmail.com. Website: olons.ie

First Communion

The children from Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. continue with their 1st Communion preparation programme this coming Sunday, 31st at the 11am Family Mass. They will be joined by the 1st Communion children from Gaelscoil Inse Chor.

Feast of St Brigid, Mhuire na nGael



The Feast of St Brigid is celebrated on the 1st February. Brigid's feast day, originally celebrated at the time of the pre-Christian festival of Imbolc, marks the beginning of Spring; a date chosen as it was midway between the Winter solstice and the Spring equinox. Many customs are associated with Brigid, relating to her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick.

To celebrate the Feast of St Brigid, you are invited to the De Mazenod Centre on **Sunday next, 31st from 4-6pm**. There will be a short prayer service in honour of our patron saint and an opportunity to weave a Brigid's cross.

LITTLE OAKS for little Learners
Sarsfield Road
NOW OPEN
Naionra (Monessori tri Gaelge)
Breakfast Club After School Care
Schools drop-offs & Collections

For more information,
Contact Frances at
087 2919380 fdcarr@eircom.net

Inchicore Environmental Group

Invite you to the 1st clean-up of
2016 on **Saturday, 30th**
Meeting Place: **B.E.R.A. Hall**
Time: **10-11-30am**

The Clean up will be along the canal from Suir Road bridge to the 3rd Lock.