

St. Michael's Parish

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Weekday Mass: (Mon-Sat) 10am

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

Confessions: Saturday following the 10am morning Mass

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



St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

6th March 2016

4th Sunday of Lent

Gospel (Lk15:1-3.11-32)

The story of the prodigal son is one of the most well known stories in scripture. One interesting aspect of the story is that we are not told how it ended. Did the 2nd son stay outside nursing his hurt, or did he set aside his pride and join in the celebrations? Was the story left unfinished as an invitation for us to put our own finishing touch to the story? Can't we often find reasons to sit in the darkness building up resentment and nursing our wounds, but we can also accept the invitation to come inside, accept the father's love and share it with others.

An hour of prayer, silence and exposition

Pope Francis has asked that every diocese participate in '24 Hours for the Lord' on the week-end of 4th/5th March, as part of the Jubilee of Mercy... a time of prayer and reconciliation with an emphasis on the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This Friday **March the 4th**, we will have an hour of prayer, silence and exposition in the church from 7.30-8.30pm. Priests will be available for confessions.

Mother's Day 6th March

The history of Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday can be traced back to an olden day practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants. Once in the year, the children were given a day off to visit their 'mother church'. After visiting church, they visited their mothers presenting them with flowers or a special 'mothering cake'. The tradition of Mother's Day continues to be celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent.



Mothering Sunday is an occasion to remember all who 'mother' others with kindness, love and care. To everyone-male or female- who show love and generosity to others, a very

Happy Mothering Sunday



TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

MERCY, the translation of the Irish word Trocaire is at the heart of the work of Trocaire., so this Jubilee Year of Mercy is significant to their work. Trocaire works with the poorest and marginalised in developing countries. Pope Francis echoes this call by saying that we should not just show mercy, we should 'do' mercy and acts of justice.

In this Jubilee of Mercy, Trocaire is calling on all parishes to join the fight for justice on behalf of the world's most vulnerable people-those who are oppressed, vulnerable and forced to flee from their homes.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth. Enlighten those who possess power and influence that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for the world in which we live' Laudato

Partners in Faith

In association with
Debt & Development Coalition
Ireland
Are holding a one-day workshop

EXODUS

And the Anglo Irish Bank
Date: Saturday, 5th March
Time: 10-4pm
Place: Kimmage Manor
Email: info@partnersinfaith.ie
Tel: 01 4535348
086 3989309
www.partnersinfaith.ie

The birds will still sing

*'break my branches,
Saw me into bits,
the birds will still sing
In my roots'*

Often the shortest poem packs the most punch.



FAIRTRADE

FAIRTRADE Fortnight

29th February -13th March

This year, rather than selling Fairtrade goods in the church, we are asking that you make a special effort to look out for the Fairtrade logo when shopping. This year, the movement is focusing on bananas; there are colourful cards in the church which we are asking you to give to your supermarket requesting that they commit to supporting Fairtrade banana farmers and workers. It's a simple choice, though a decision that will impact positively on the lives of families in developing countries in the areas of health, education and the protection of the environment.

Pray For

Frank Collinge, Bulfin Gardens
Irene Neville, late of Kickham Road.
May they Rest in Peace

Vacancy

Bulfin Court Centre wishes to recruit a Mini-bus driver to join the team. The applicant must hold a D1 or D license, current C.P.C. and demonstrate relevant driving experience. The position is 25 hours per week, 10am-3pm. If interested, contact Marie Maguire on 01 4540454 or 085 7337365

Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme

There are a great number of local centenary events, books and websites relating to the 1916 centenary. You may be interested in an exhibition in Collins' Barracks opening 3rd March exploring the impact the event had on the city and its citizens.

There is a very interesting App which takes you on a walking tour of the key 1916 sites in the city www.reclaim1916. Also an online tour on www.dublinrising.

Books recommended for the younger reader: 'Padraig Pearse & the Easter Rising 1916' In a nutshell Series. 'also Molloy's Diary' by Patricia Murphy.

Birthday wishes

Congratulations and good wishes go to Kathleen Morley, Devoy Road who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Kathleen along with her late husband Michael, contributed greatly to the life of this community by their generosity of service down the years. Wishing Kathleen continued good health and contentment.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the young people from Our Lady Of Lourdes N.S., Thomas West, St Patrick's Choir School and Gaelscoil Inse Chor on their confirmation. The ceremonies take place this Friday 4th & Thursday 10th. We pray that these young people will know the Holy Spirit as their strength and guide on their life's journey.



The **St Vincent De Paul** society say **thanks** for your generous support and contributions to their **Annual Clothing Appeal**.

St Michael's church 2016 Commemorations

As Centenary Commemorative events are taking place nationwide, it is fitting that our parish community also commemorate and celebrate the significance of St Michael's church in the story of the Easter Rising of 1916. A series of events will take place in the church from **12th-24th April**. All events will be publicised well in advance and parishioners will have an opportunity to actively participate in the occasion.

Photographic Display... Have you old photographs?

The history of St Michael's church, from its origins as a garrison church for Richmond Barracks to present times, will be portrayed in a memorabilia and photographic display in the church. If you have photographs dating back to the 30's & 40's of weddings or other significant events, we would be happy to have them; they will be scanned and returned safely. Please put them in an envelope with your name and leave them in the parish office.

Lily Hickey R.I.P.

The family of Lily Hickey would like to thank their wonderful neighbours for their friendship and help during Lily's illness. They greatly appreciate all who attended the funeral Mass, giving much support to her family. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

'can words describe the fragrance of the very breath of spring?'

The **Sick & Indigent Roomkeepers' Society** wish to thank you for supporting their recent annual collection. The amount received was €340.

EARTH DAY: Saturday, 19th March

With a new global climate change deal agreed at the end of last year, it's more important than ever to keep up the momentum. If you're looking for a unique opportunity to show concern for the planet and connect with millions throughout the world, sign up for **Earth Hour 2016**, the world's biggest annual celebration of our planet. This means simply switching off all lights on 19th between **8.30 & 9.30pm**.

'humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but a thread within it. Whatever we do to the earth, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect' Chief Seattle 1855.

Weekly Collections

13th/14th February
1st €380 Accord €350
Family Offering €690

20th/21st February
1st €385 Share €250
Family Offering €700

27th/28th February
1st €410 Share €255
Family Offering €750

Welcome in Baptism

Evin Mooney Quinn

