

## St. Michael's Parish

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Weekday Mass: (Mon-Fri) 10am

Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service on Wednesdays 10am

Sunday Mass: 6.30pm (Vigil), 9am & 11am (Family Mass)

The church is open from 9am-12.00pm: Monday—Friday.



## St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

**26th March 2017**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

Gospel (Jn 9: 1-41)

*'I only know I was blind and now I can see'*

Good eyesight is not always a requisite for seeing well, as there are many forms of blindness that can be equally debilitating, often darkening our lives and blurring our vision.

Selfishness can often blind us to the needs of others  
Insensitivity can blind us to the hurt we cause others

Pride can blind us to our faults

Prejudice can blind us to the truth

Hurry can often blind us to the beauty of the world around us.

*'the real voyage of discovery consists of not in seeking new landscapes  
but in having new eyes'*

### The Long View

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take  
the long view.*

*The kingdom is not only beyond our  
efforts,*

*it is beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny  
fraction*

*of the magnificent enterprise that is God's  
work.*

*Nothing we do is complete,  
which is another way of saying that  
the kingdom always lies beyond us.*

*We cannot do everything and  
there is a sense of liberation in realising  
that.*

*This enables us to do something, and to do  
it very well.*

*It may be incomplete,*

*but it is a beginning, a step along the way,  
an opportunity for God's grace to enter and  
do the rest.*

**Blessed Oscar Romero  
Feast Day 24th March**

### Friends of the Coombe

**'And Friends Shall Come  
Mending our Children's  
Hearts'**

**Gaiety Theatre  
26th March, 7.30pm.**

This is a special fundraising evening to support the development of the Combined Paediatric Cardiology Service which is based in the Coombe Hospital. This provides specialised care for babies diagnosed with life-threatening heart failure.

Tickets from  
[friends@coombe.ie](mailto:friends@coombe.ie)

**ISPCD Childline  
Raise the Dough  
27th-7th April**

Check out [raisethedough.ie](http://raisethedough.ie) for details of this fundraiser in aid of ChildLine's 24 hour listening service for children.



Ready.Steady.Bake

### Mother's Day, 26th March

The history of Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday goes 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 attending church, the children 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.***

### Our Lenten Journey

Lenten talks on issues of social justice continue this week-end **25th/26th March**, when we welcome to our parish two people who will speak of their personal experience of living in residential institutions, commonly known as 'Direct Provision'.

**Taizé Prayer** Around the Cross for Lent will take place in St Michael's church on Tuesday, 28th March & Tuesday, 4th April at 7pm.

### A short time out for Lenten prayer

You are invited to join with parishioners on Tuesday mornings during Lent, for a short time of quiet prayer and reflection following the 10am morning Mass

### Pray for

Thomas McCamley,  
Southern Cross Avenue

Marie Bermingham,  
Connolly Avenue

Patrick Lynch,  
Myra Close  
*May they Rest in Peace*

### Confirmation

Congratulations to the young people from Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. on their Confirmation.

We pray that these young people will know the Holy Spirit as their strength and guide throughout their lives.



### Thank you

Fr Louis would like to thank those who attended the funeral of his sister Bernadette, also all who had Masses said and expressed their sympathy. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

### Benzo Support Group

The Benzo Support Group is for people looking for information or support to stabilise or make changes to their benzo use. Participants must be ready to engage in a morning group for 14 weeks starting April 20th. For more information or a consultation, please contact  
Kavanagh House on  
01 4736502

**Easter Reconciliation Service**  
**Tuesday, 4th April, 7.30pm.**

### Weekly Collections

**11th/12th March**  
1st €437 Share €250  
Family Offering €490  
**18th/19th March**  
1st €493 Crosscare Youth €415  
Family Offering €470

### Inchicore Environmental Group

invite you to join them for a clean up of the village  
**Saturday, 1st April, 10am** meeting at Workman's Club, Emmet Road. Gloves, pickers and bags supplied. Well done to all who are helping to make our local environment clean, green and healthy. The shrubs & flowers have been replaced in the tubs on Emmet Road on a number of occasions. Sadly the plants continue to be removed, which is a great shame as they add colour and beauty to our streetscape.

### Dublin Canals Action Day

**Saturday, April 22nd.**

This annual event is to build on the work carried out voluntarily by clean up groups on both canals and to bring all canal lovers and users together on one day for a general clean up.



### Liffey Gaels Easter Camp

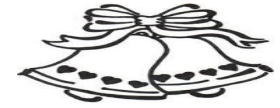
Hurling/Camogie/Football  
Boys & Girls Age 4-12  
10th, 11th, 12th & 13th April  
10am--2pm.

Learn new skills with qualified coaches  
Cost €40 per child  
Application forms can be had by contacting Roisin on 087 2354922 or any Team Mentor.



### CONGRATULATIONS

to Mary Anne O'Donnell and Martin Reilly who will be married next Tuesday. May the future bring them many joys and blessings.



### World Meeting of Families 2018

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August. Planning for this event is underway. A second national collection will be held on weekend, 1st/2nd April to help towards the funding of this event.

### Kilmainham & Inchicore Musical Society

are holding their 1st fundraiser for this year's show 'Anything Goes' on Friday, **31st March** at 8.30pm in the Glen of Aherlow. This will be a quiz with a difference...you can buy **SOME** of the questions. Come along and have a great night's fun.



### Mondays at the Mess

**Monday, 3rd April, 7pm**

Screening of the Battle of the Somme film shot in 1916. (Courtesy of the Imperial War Museum) Refreshments will be served 6.30pm-7pm. Tickets €5.