

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

10th December 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent



Advent

A TIME OF WAITING.....

Advent is the season of darkness,
when we seek stars to guide us.

Advent is the season of solitude,
when we listen for our own heart's rhythm.

Advent is the season to make room,
a time to get ready.

Advent is earth's quiet season,
A season of waiting.....

ALONE'S Cold Winter Initiative

Launching the annual winter initiative, the Lord Mayor urged the public to check in on older people in their community this time of year. *'The winter months can be a difficult time for many who are vulnerable, alone & isolated. We are appealing to all to look out for older people who may live alone and may be at risk from fuel poverty, illness or loneliness'*

This year marks 40 years since ALONE was founded. Since then the charity has supported thousands of older people who have issues with lack of services, poor health & housing. For those who have concerns about their own wellbeing, or the wellbeing of a vulnerable older person in the community, contact Alone on the following:

01 6791032 or visit www.alone.ie

Church Shop

The church shop has a variety of Advent & Christmas goods:

Candles, Christmas Mass bouquets, cards & Novelty Gifts. Open mornings following the 10am Mass & Sunday's Mass times.



Kilmainham Christmas Craft Fair

Kilmainham Gaol Plaza
Saturday, 16th December
12.30-5.30pm.



St James's Brass & Reed Band will be performing from 3.30pm. as part of the tree lighting ceremony.



May the God who became human in Jesus shine forth in our humanity.

May the God of gentleness walk with us wherever we go.

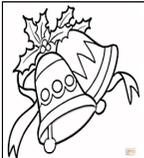
May the God of stories give us a new story to tell and may the God of Peace and Joy settle softly on our lives this Christmas. A Celtic Blessing

**St Vincent De Paul
CHRISTMAS APPEAL
This week-end**

The annual indoor church collection will take place this week-end **9th/10th**. With many families in our community struggling to meet the demands of the season, the local conference of the SVP will make over 200 calls in the coming weeks distributing food hampers. The work of the SVP is not just seasonal, but continues throughout the year offering advice and assistance with ESB, rent, fuel and clothing. To continue responding to those in need in our community, SVP rely on a generous response to their Annual Appeal.

The Giving Tree

Leaves designed by the children of Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. with names of food items are displayed on the Giving Tree in the church. You are invited to take a leaf and bring the food item on the week-end of **16th/17th**. This food will go towards making up the Christmas hampers for the needy in our community.



Church Decorating & Cleaning

Throughout the year, great efforts are made by a small group of parishioners in maintaining and keeping the church clean. At special times such as Christmas, extra work goes into creating a festive and welcoming church environment. For this, we need more help. If you can lend a hand, please come to either of the following:

Decorating: Saturday, 16th from 11am & Sunday, 17th from 2pm.

Cleaning: Thursday, 21st following the 10am morning Mass

Christmas Market: Hosted by the **91st Inchicore Scouts**, this fundraiser will take place on Sunday, **December 17th, 12-2.30pm** in the Scout Den, located behind Oblate basketball hall. Tasty treats: hot beverages: hand crafted goods.

**Christmas Reconciliation
Service**

Thursday, 14th December
7.30pm.



**Christmas Tree
of Remembrance**

The tree lighting ceremony will take place on **Monday, 11th at 6.30pm**. This annual event is a celebration of the lives of those in our community who have died tragically. The colourful stars designed by family members are symbols of hope and healing for families and friends of the bereaved. Now in its 11th year, this celebration is organised by the Inchicore/Bluebell Addiction Team and is a collaboration of a number of community groups.

Thank you to all who contributed to the church gate collection last weekend which amounted to €460.



Carol Service

The Annual Festival of Carols, with St James's Brass and Reed Band, combined choirs will take place on Sunday, **17th December at 7pm**. In keeping with tradition, the evening will close with mince pies, mulled wine and tea/coffee. Donations of mince pies or other seasonal treats welcome. A raffle with some nice prizes will take place during the interval with proceeds going towards the Church Renovation Fund.

Looking to the future

On Thursday last, a group of 12 people along with Fr Louis and Padraig Corcoran, Oblate Youth Worker, met to continue the conversation and reflect on the future direction of our parish. The main conclusion of the meeting was to re-advertise the position of a Pastoral Worker, with some changes to the job description if necessary. Other areas discussed included: An Open Day where parishioners could explore the needs of the community; are there any specific actions or projects that we can focus on as we move forward to life in the 2020's? This conversation will continue in the new year.



Welcome in Baptism

Myko and Mateus Villalobos
Davis Court
Fiachra Patrick Coughlan
St James's Wood

**Please Note: Only one Morning
Mass on Sunday, 24th Dec. at 10am.**

Clear Vision

The life and legacy of the late Noel Clear was celebrated recently with the launch of 'Clear Vision'. The book is a tribute to Noel who, through his work with the local youth centre and as National President of St Vincent de Paul, was tireless in his pursuit of creating a just and more equitable society. The large attendance at the book launch in Richmond Barracks was testimony to Noel's legacy of service and care in our community.

Clear Vision is on sale in Veritas.

Schools' Carol Service

Thursday, 14th, 12pm
Our Lady of Lourdes N.S.

Wednesday, 20th, 11.30am
Mercy Secondary School.

Both in St Michael's Church.

Our Lady of Lourdes N.S.

WELL DONE to the pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes school who featured in this week's evening RTE NEWS. They join with children nationwide in being amongst the highest in literacy skills in the EU. Well done also to the teachers who are laying the foundation for a lifelong love of reading.

The school is now enrolling for Junior Infants for September 2018. Contact the school on 01 4541265 or email:olon.ias@gmail.com. Limited places.