

### 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

### 4th March 2018

#### 3rd Sunday of Lent

As we enter the 3rd week of Lent, maybe it's a good time to ask ourselves 'how is our Lenten journey going so far'? Lent coincides with the arrival of spring, taking its name from 'lengthen' as Winter gives way to the season of Spring. And just as nature renews herself each year, Lent can be a time of spiritual growth and renewal; a time to reflect on our own personal growth as we prepare for the graces that come with Easter, a season of rebirth and renewal of life.



*'Come, come whoever you are,  
Wanderer, Worshipper, lover of leaving-  
it doesn't matter.  
Ours is not a caravan of despair.  
Come, even if you have broken your vows  
A hundred times.  
This is the date of hope,  
Come, come yet again,  
Come.'*



Rumi

### Tusla, Child and Family Agency

Tusla, the Child & Family Agency is currently running a campaign to find families who are willing to provide safe, loving and secure homes for children and adolescents.

Foster carers are needed to provide a home for children of all ages up to 18 years for respite, short term and long term foster care.

For more information, contact 076 6955550 or [www.fostering.ie](http://www.fostering.ie)

### A Lenten reflection

*'I marveled at the power of life pushing the buds towards openness. I thought of how they patiently waited, waited, waited for the right moment before they could rise from their wintered tombs. In the neutral zone, the winter season of the heart when all seems dead and barren, the potential for life is being nurtured and readied for the hurrah of spring-time. In the winter, who would believe the empty branches of those bushes would ever sing with sweet green again?'*



**Anam Cara** South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of March from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

### Make-A-Wish



Volunteers are needed for WISH DAY, the annual fundraiser, on Friday, 9th March. If you can commit to the full day or a few hours on the day, contact: [www.makeawish.ie](http://www.makeawish.ie)

### TROCAIRE Working for a Just World

This year's Lenten campaign focuses on Sierra Leone, a country struggling to recover from civil war, the Ebola virus and a series of landslides that have killed thousands. At last week-ends Masses, parishioner Colm Hogan gave a 1st hand account of the plight of the people of this African country having recently visited Sierra Leone as part of his work with Trocaire. Colm spoke of the positive life-changing benefits of the Lenten campaign to those families & communities who are experiencing great hardship.

As well as funding emergency programmes overseas, Trócaire campaigns to create an awareness of the causes of poverty in the developing world. In recent years Trócaire's campaigns have concentrated on issues related to climate change and climate justice. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*'Love must win out; it is the only thing that can'*

Oscar Romero

**Fair Trade Fortnight**  
**26th February-11th**  
**March**



Each year at this time, attention is drawn to the benefits of buying items displaying the Fair Trade logo. By choosing Fair Trade, we are helping to provide a decent standard of living and better working conditions for producers and workers in developing countries.

This week please be on the look out for the Fair trade logo and consider swapping one item of your usual brand for a Fair trade product.

**Pray For**

George Saunders, Inchicore Road.  
Johanna Connors, Kilmainham Sq.  
Phil Lawler. ( Mark's father)  
Bunmi Aremu, Camac Crescent.  
Martin Corcoran, late of Emmet Rd.  
Bernard Graham, Myra Close.  
Frances Neill, Southern Cross Ave.  
*May they Rest in Peace*

**World Meeting of Families: 21st/26th August**

**WORLD  
MEETING OF  
FAMILIES**

DUBLIN 2018

An announcement that Pope Francis will attend the World Meeting of Families is expected shortly. If you wish to attend all or part of the events, you can register now on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

Although there will be no charge for any event, tickets for the Festival of Families will be very limited and not released until a later date ,along with tickets for the Final Mass which is expected to be led by Pope Francis.

**Invitation: "Lets Talk Family"**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm Oblate House, Tyrconnell Rd**

Join the Conversation: Have Your Say.

All are welcome to an open discussion on the topic "Lets Talk Family". Share your views, thoughts and insights with parishioners from the Pastoral Area, St Michael's, Bluebell & Mary Immaculate. Tea and coffee provided.

**Children's' Liturgy**

With Easter on the horizon ( Easter Sunday 1st April), thoughts are turning to planning the children's liturgy for Easter Sunday. The dramatisation of the Easter story has a powerful effect especially when told through the eyes of children.

Fiona would welcome additional help in planning this and the Good Friday's children's Stations of the Cross. She can be contacted on 086 2330453 . Hopefully the children who take part in the weekly Family Mass liturgy will all participate.

**Dates to Note**

**Confirmation : 10th March**

The sacrament will be conferred by Fr Enda Cunningham.

Confirmation Reconciliation Service: Monday, 5th at 7pm.

**Easter Reconciliation Service:  
Monday, 26th March 7pm**

**Thank You**

Jem Bermingham and Family would like to thank all their neighbours and friends for their support during Marie's illness and at the time of Marie's death. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. The 10am Mass on Tuesday, 10th April will be offered for your intentions.



**We Welcome into our  
Christian Community**

John McKenna, Thornton Heights  
Jayden Shortall, Thornton Heights  
Bobby Frazer McKeever, Errigal Road.  
Neill Anna Ree, St Patrick's Terrace  
Aoileann Mary Ann Leahy , S.C.Rd  
Daniel Conor Igoe, Emmet Road.  
Gigi Sophia McKenna &  
Chayse Thomas McKenna, Tallaght.

**Weekly Collections**

**10th/11th February**

1st €374 Share €200  
Family Offering €540

**17th/18th February**

1st €303 Accord €355  
Family Offering €860

**24th/25th February**

1st €375  
World Meeting of Families €360  
Family Offering €795

**ART CLASSES** have resumed on Tuesday mornings in BERA Hall.  
10.30am. Open to all & everyone welcome



**Birthday Wishes**

Congratulations to Evelyn Keegan, Devoy Road who is celebrating her 90th birthday this week-end.



With her boundless energy and positive outlook, the adage that age is just a number certainly applies to Evelyn.  
Continued good health  
Evelyn!

**Inchicore Environmental Group**

The IEG have now joined Clean Coasts Network. Up to 80% of the plastic found at sea and on our beaches originates on land. So if one questions the point of our regular clean-ups, it's removing litter that can end up in our waterways and ultimately into the sea causing untold damage to sea life.

It all counts!  
**Next canal clean up is March 24th**



**International Women's Day**

The 8th March marks International Women's Day, a day annually set aside to celebrate and acknowledge women's contributions and achievements in society. It is also recognised as the United Nations Day for Women's Rights and Peace.

**Easter Garden**

Always a great response, indoor plants are again requested for Easter garden.

