

### St. Michael's Parish

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## St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

July 2020

### **Kilmainham/Inchicore Musical Society KIMS**

Following the announcement of the recent ASSOC OF IRISH MUSICAL SOCIETY nominations for their annual musical theatre awards. Kilmainham Inchicore Musical we're delighted to be nominated for **Best Programme** for their production of THE WEDDING SINGER last November. Best Supporting Actress for Jen Keane and an UNSUNG HERO nomination for MARIE GAYNOR of Connolly Avenue for her work on costumes and wardrobe for the society.

Unfortunately due to the current situation with Covid-19, the hugely popular CHICAGO due to be staged in November is cancelled. . Sincere thanks to all the local businesses who have supported us in the last five years.

***Please support local in these testing times.***

### **Our Lady of Lourdes N.S.**

As our school year closes we would like to thank everyone in the parish who helped us out in many ways over the Covid Crisis. Your help and support was very much appreciated. We look forward to school opening in September and we will be in touch with everyone when we know what this looks like. If you know of anyone needing a school place for September you can call Miss Hanly on 086 6049036. Have a good Summer from all in Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. *Ms Hanly*

**Inchicore Environmental Group:** A word of appreciation to the members of the IEG who are busy on the canal and other areas, working individually and in pairs picking up litter and high lighting the benefits and enjoyment of a clean and healthy environment. The 1st official post lockdown canal clean-up will be on **Saturday 4th July**. Meet B.E.R.A. hall 10am

**Re-opening:** The grounds of the **Royal Hospital** will be open from Mon 29th June.

### **Call for Volunteers for Re-Opening of St Michael's Church**

***We are building volunteer teams of stewards and cleaners to help with our Masses. If you would like to be included please give your name and contact info to Pádraigín Clancy at 01 4531660 or [pclancystmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:pclancystmichaels@gmail.com)***

### **Begin**

*Begin again to the summoning birds  
to the sight of the light at the window,  
Begin to the roar of morning traffic all along Pembroke Road.*

*Every beginning is a promise, born in light and dying in dark  
determination and exaltation of springtime  
flowering the way to work.*

*Begin to the pageant of queuing girls  
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal  
bridges linking the past and future  
old friends passing though with us still.*

*Begin to the loneliness that cannot end  
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,*

*Begin to wonder at unknown faces  
at crying birds in the sudden rain  
at branches stark in the willing sunlight  
at seagulls foraging for bread  
at couples sharing a sunny secret  
alone together while making good.*

*Though we live in a world that dreams of ending  
that always seems about to give in  
something that will not acknowledge conclusion  
insists that we forever begin.*

This poem by Brendan Kennelly could be a metaphor for recent times. With many people experiencing personal losses and set backs, the poet encourages us to never give in and insists that 'we forever begin'

## FÁILTE ....COMING TOGETHER AGAIN

Guidelines have been followed and all efforts made to ensure that our church is a safe environment for the reopening on **Monday 29th June** for Mass and public prayer.

Masses will be held at the usual times: **Daily Mass** 10.00am.  
(liturgy of the Word & Communion on Wednesday)

**Saturday:** Vigil 6.30pm. **Sunday:** 9.00am and 11.00am( Family Mass).

### Restricted Numbers

**Numbers are presently restricted to 50 people,.**

Regrettably, no more than this number can be safely admitted.

Parishioners are asked to consider coming to Weekday Mass, if possible, rather than Sunday to ensure Govt. guidelines are adhered to. Numbers may extend to 100 from July, 20th.

If a parishioner feels at risk, unwell or has been advised to take precautions for health reasons, it is advisable not to attend.

**A dispensation from Sunday Mass continues**

### Entering the church

Parishioners are asked to enter the church by the **Emmet Road** entrance observing the 2 metre distancing on entering ( disabled/ invalided can use the Bulfin Rd door) **Hand Sanitiser** will be at both doors.

**Volunteer Stewards** will be at the entrance and will help familiarise parishioners with the new arrangements.

Each seat is **marked with an X** indicating where to sit. If you come with a family member or with somebody you don't usually observe the 2 meters rule with, sitting together is acceptable.

**Face covering/masks** are optional though advisable especially on entering and leaving the church.

### Exiting the church

**Both Church Doors** will be open when leaving the church  
You will be invited to use the **Hand Sanitiser** once again on way out.

**Candle Lighting:** You are welcome to light candles in the church as usual. However please take extra care as hand sanitiser is flammable.

**Provisional Guidelines for reopening of church:** The information in this newsletter is subject to change. As a community we will learn through trial and error of what works best for us at St Michael's, bearing in mind also our collective responsibility for our safety during this re-opening phase of Covid-19. Our experience of celebrating together will be a bit different for some time yet.

**Thanks to all - we really appreciate your co-operation as we look forward to coming together again in community celebration!**

### Church Finances

Envelopes will be available at both doors of the church for the 2 Collections during weekend Masses. These will replace the usual bag collections. Envelopes can be put in the slotted boxes on your way out along with your Family Offering contribution.

If a **standing order** is more convenient to contribute to the Family Offering, Fr Louis will be happy to give you details. The upkeep of the parish relies **solely** on the Family Offering.

In the coming weeks there will also be an opportunity to make your donations to the Family Offering by pressing the **Donate Button** on our Parish Website; [stmichaelsinchicore.ie](http://stmichaelsinchicore.ie)

### In Sympathy Pray for

Mick Gallagher,  
The Coombe.

Mick was a regular participant in the family Mass in the company of his nephew Mark Lawler and family.

*May he Rest in Peace*

### Thanks Yuri

**Many Thanks** to Yuri Barssi for his on-going voluntary assistance in revamping our Parish Website – You are much appreciated Yuri. Obrigado!

**Congratulations** to Deirdre Nolan and Paul Nugent on their marriage. Wishing Deirdre and Paul joy and many blessings.

### ANNUAL OBLATE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – CNOC MHUIRE

This year because of Covid 19 we will not be travelling physically as pilgrims from the Oblate Parishes in Dublin to Knock. However we are invited to make a virtual pilgrimage as a faith community. Knock have invited us to join in their Sunday Mass celebration from the Basilica at Knock on **July 12<sup>th</sup> 2020**. During that mass they will name the Oblate Faith Communities. The live broadcast begins with the Rosary from the Basilica at 2.30pm and continues with mass at 3.00pm. The link to the 'watch live broadcast' is given prominence on the Knock website under

Virtual Pilgrimage – July Pilgrimages. See Knock website: [knockshrine.ie](http://knockshrine.ie)