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### ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2020

#### Advent

#### A TIME OF WAITING.....

Advent, the season of waiting, of expectation and of hope takes on a very real significance this year. We wait for a return to normal life, to reconnect with family and friends. We wait with hope for a safe and effective vaccine to end the covid-19 pandemic. We look forward, without fear, to visiting our loved ones in hospital or nursing homes. The ordinary events we took for granted now are precious occasions as we await a return to familiar ways.

During these short December days, as we light the candle on the Advent wreath, let us be mindful that the feast we are about to celebrate is about discovering light in darkness.

This Advent, may our waiting, our anxieties, our needs and our emptiness prepare us for the joy of welcoming our God who comes in the vulnerability of a little child.

*May the spirit of Christmas which is PEACE*

*The gladness of Christmas which is HOPE*

*The heart of Christmas which is LOVE*

*Fill our hearts and homes this Christmas*



Congratulations to the **Inchicore Environmental Group** on getting 1st prize in the South City Neighbourhood Awards for Community Initiative. Well done also to Joan Stapleton & Ken Murphy on being awarded for their individual environmental efforts.



**St Vincent De Paul:** Thanks to all who supported last week's Annual Appeal. Financial donations can still be dropped into the parish office in envelopes marked SVDP. All donations will go towards helping the needy.

#### Frontline Bikes

This recently opened bike shop on Emmet Road is a project of Frontline, formerly known as Kavanagh House, who offer advice, help and support to those in need, their children in the Children's Project and their families.

The latest initiative for the team is Frontline Bikes, a few doors down. As well as repairing and selling bikes, it is also helping people with past addiction problems to get back to work, upskill and play a meaningful part in the community. The bikes are not new but have been rescued from skips, donated and upcycled. They are then given a complete overhaul and new look.

The staff in Frontline Bikes have been overwhelmed with the support from the local community, with bikes donated and local residents booking in for services and repair. They also have a good choice of Christmas gifts for the bike lover in your life! A great initiative and worthy of our support.

#### Emmet Road development

A window display of the proposed development is on view at the new Project Office at 6 Tyrconnell Road. Worksheets are available for your further comments on this display. To engage go to [www.emmetroad.ie](http://www.emmetroad.ie). Hardcopies are also available and a list of pick up places can be seen on the same website. The deadline for the return of worksheets is **21st December 2020**.

Visitors both online and through the shop front will be able to make use of worksheets to share their ideas and insights on how the development can best support their vision for the area.

As a result of the constraints of Covid-19, an outdoor community exhibition on the Emmet Road site has been provisionally rescheduled to January 2021.

For update on the consultation process, go to [www.emmetroad.ie](http://www.emmetroad.ie)

### **A welcome Return**

With the recent relaxation of public health restrictions, there is a renewed sense of community spirit as parishioners return to daily and week-end Masses. All guidelines as laid down by the diocese and the HSE are being strictly adhered to, with the wearing of face covering now mandatory.

### **Volunteer Stewards and cleaners**

Thanks to all who have volunteered and have shown great commitment in previous months. Again, we would welcome more volunteers to join us please! Contact Pádraigín if you think you can help.

### **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses**

**Mass Times: Christmas Eve: 6.30pm & 8.30pm**  
**Christmas Day: 9am & 11am.**

With the maximum of 50 people permitted at any of our Masses, this means not everyone who wishes to come to Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day will be able to do so, at least not in person. After much consideration, the Liturgy Group have decided that Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will need to be **pre booked with the tickets allocated by lottery**. Similar arrangements will be in place in Bluebell & Mary Immaculate parishes. A Request Form is included in this newsletter. Forms will also be in the church. A maximum of 3 tickets will be allowed per household.

**All Masses in St Michael's church are now on line.**  
**website: [stmichaelsinchicore.ie](http://stmichaelsinchicore.ie)**

### **Ministers of the Word needed for weekday liturgies**

Our week day Masses and lay led liturgy are now being broadcast online. We need volunteer readers who will be happy to join us on a weekday readers roster. Please give your name and contact number to Fr Louis or Pádraigín.

### **Advent reading & reflection Group**

This Advent, St Michael's Parish invites you to join our online reading and reflection group as we explore together some of Pope Francis' words in Fratelli Tutti ( Brothers and Sisters All!).  
Tuesdays 11.30-12.30. All are welcome. Contact Pádraigín:  
[pclancystmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:pclancystmichaels@gmail.com)  
for Zoom link and help with setting Zoom up if you are new to it.

### **In sympathy Pray for**

Carmel Cotter, South Terrace  
Kathleen Brophy, Thomas Davis St  
Jim Hendrick, late of Bulfin Gdns.  
Ciara Hughes, Inchicore Post Office  
Niall Redmond, late of Anner Road  
Tony Nolan brother of the late  
Fr Jimmy O.M.I.  
Ann Ritchie, sister of  
Sheila O'Hanlon & Patty Sweeney.  
*May they Rest in Peace*

### **Cross Care**

Cross care - the Diocesan aid to those in need - is looking for toiletries (soaps/ sanitisers/ perfumes etc) for distribution among those in need. Please leave any toiletries in the purple tub near the altar or into the office. These will be taken to the Cross Care drop off point by Pádraigín.

### **WEBCAM: Help needed**

With a Webcam now in our church, help is needed in operating it. If you feel comfortable with technology and would like to learn about our web cam - in order to help us out - please let Pádraigín or Fr Louis know.

### **Family Offerings**

11th & 18th October: €1,041  
25th Oct. & 1st November: €1,205  
8th & 15th November: €1,085  
23rd & 29th November: €1,345

The Family Offering envelopes for 2021 are now available for collection in the church or parish office. If you are new to the parish or not already contributing, please consider taking a weekly envelope. The parish relies solely on this collection for its upkeep. i.e. heating, church supplies etc. Envelopes can be got by calling to Therese in the parish office any morning. 9.30-12.30pm.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2020**

First Holy Communion for the classes of 2020 in both Our Lady of Lourdes and Gaelscoil Inse Chór, will not now take place until sometime in the New Year. We thank both children and parents for their patience and forbearance during these challenging times. Go raibh Míle Maith Agaibh.

### **CLASS OF 2021**

Enrolment with the Parish for the First Holy Communion Classes of 2021 is now taking place in both schools. As we will not be holding preparation Masses at this time, each home will be provided monthly with suggested preparation tasks for parents/guardians to do along with their child.

### **Welcome back Pat**

Parishioners were delighted to see Pat our sacristan return this week following his recent illness. He and co-sacristan Terry's service to our parish is invaluable and offered with great generosity and good humour. Pat is very grateful for all the good wishes, prayers and support he and Marian received during this time.

### **In Appreciation**

The family of Deirdre Feeney would like to thank all their friends, neighbours and local shops for their kindness and support at the time of Deirdre's death. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

The **church shop** has now in stock a wide variety of Christmas cards, Mass bouquets, and candles. The shop is open daily following morning Mass and weekend's Mass times.

