

### 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

May 2021

**WELCOME BACK!** Isn't it great to be able to gather again for prayer, to see familiar faces and reconnect with neighbours and friends. All that we took for granted, we now appreciate, and hopefully we return with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and energy.

This sense of revitalisation connects well with the feast of **Pentecost**, which we celebrate this coming Sunday. This too is a time for renewal, as we ask for the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we may be inspired to serve each other and community in new and creative ways.

Pope Francis reminds us in a recent message, *'our future is built not in isolation, but in community with each other and in harmony with the natural world'*

The images of a dove, fire and wind associated with the Holy Spirit are captured vividly in this poem.

### Firesong

*The dove descends - a dreaming downward dive,  
to fall in flames upon a sun-parched earth.  
And, turning through the temple of the sky,  
she sings the sacred Spirit into birth.*

*From feathered flame the fire-bird finds her breath  
and leaps to life on wings of liquid gold.  
Her sun-dance draws new life from ancient death,  
and brings to life a spark from ashes cold.*

*Come, Sacred Spirit, weave in us your song -  
a melody of sweet celestial fire.  
Gift us with wings to speed our journey on;  
in flame our hearts, our lives, our dreams inspire.*

### Theresa O'Brien R.I.P.

Generous as she was courageous Theresa is greatly missed, not alone by her family but the wider community. Theresa was an active participant in a wide variety of parish ministries and activities and, despite battling illness for a number of years, was always on hand to offer support and encouragement. Theresa brought comfort to many as a Lourdes volunteer along with her late husband John for many decades. Always first to lead a singsong, Theresa's zest for life, her faith and sense of humour was life-giving.

### Development at Emmet Rd (former St Michael's Est)

An exhibition of the proposed design is open at Richmond Barracks this month. See [emmetroad.ie](http://emmetroad.ie) for details. On view also at the Project Office, 6 Tyrconnell Rd. 01 2226538

### Eala Óg Childcare Centre

Goldenbridge Integrated  
Services Complex  
Inchicore  
Ages 2-5 years

Free ECCE places available  
NCS places available  
CCSP places available  
Open 50 weeks  
Part-time and sessional  
Aistear Play based curriculum

Phone: 086 042 8274  
Email: [ealaog@eircom.net](mailto:ealaog@eircom.net)

**Well done** to the Environmental Group and DCC for the lovely flower tubs in the village and environs.



### We Need to talk

The Leaders of the Association of Missionaries and Religious in Ireland (AMRI.ie) invite you to a participative zoom meeting that aims to bring the voices of lay people to a Synodal table to envisage a more inclusive and flourishing Church in Ireland.

Date: 24th May  
Time: 7-9pm. See website [AMRI.IE](http://AMRI.IE)

### ***Parishioners Safety***

Now that the church has reopened for communal prayer, all guidelines as laid down by the Diocese and the HSE are being strictly adhered to. Parishioners are now familiar with the social distancing, hand-sanitising and the entering and exiting routine. The vaccine rollout is gathering momentum and as many of our family, friends and neighbours have now received their Covid vaccinations, we rejoice in its effectiveness. However its important to observe all safety precautions while others await theirs!

The parish is very grateful to the many who volunteer daily with stewarding and cleaning. It is very much appreciated. Mile buíochas.

### ***In Sympathy Pray for***

Edward Mongey snr. Devoy Rd.  
Theresa O'Brien, Bulfin Rd.  
Detta O'Brien, Connolly Ave.  
Mary & Michael McDonagh,  
Emmet Crescent.

*May they Rest in Peace.*



### ***Sacraments***

At present we are not yet returning to administering the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. When we are permitted to do so, the classes of 2020 will be prioritized and then those of 2021.

Baptisms will resume from the middle of June.

### ***Our Parish Online***

The Parish would like to be able to contact you by email in order to keep you informed of future Parish and Diocesan events. Please can you submit your email to us by sending a message to Pádraigín at: [pclancystmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:pclancystmichaels@gmail.com). Your email will not be used for any other purpose.

### ***Get Well Wishes***

Our very best wishes go to **Pádraigín** who is recovering from a back injury. Though presently incapacitated, Pádraigín continues to work from home organising readings, webcam and other duties.

Our best wishes also go to **Mary Hutchings** who was also laid low in recent times. It was great to hear Mary in full voice again last weekend in the choir.

### ***You've got the keys!***

All good wishes go to Yuri and Nabila Barssi as they move to their new home in Celbridge. Both give great service to our parish, with Yuri updating our website and operating the webcam. We are delighted to hear that Yuri will continue to help out in our parish.

## **St Michael's Parish Finance Information for 2020**

### **PARISH INCOME**

#### **Family Offering**

Envelopes..... €40,240  
Standing orders.....€6,224  
Tax Refund on Family  
Offering Contributions of  
over €250 per annum.....€5,703

**Total Family Offering .....€52,167**

Shrines.....€4,876  
Shop Sales.....€1,892  
Donations/Bequests. .... €3,427

**TOTAL Parish Income.....€62,362**

#### **Income sent direct to Diocese:**

1st Collection .....€7,823  
Share .....€4,665

**TOTAL.....€12,488**

#### **Special Collections**

(Including €2,630 to Trócaire).....**€3,572**

#### **Other Information**

Outstanding Balance on Loan  
Account for Toilets &Kitchen  
(Financed by Share Fund ).....**€15,367**

Fundraising a/c Balance:..... **€42,000**

### **PARISH EXPENSES**

Gas & Electricity.....€5,718  
Insurance.....€6,415  
Office Expenses &  
Running Costs.....€12,702  
Webcam .....€5,310  
Repairs & Maintenance.....€1,747  
Altar Supplies .....€1,134  
Shrine Candles etc.....€470  
Telephone.....€1,177  
Sanitation (Covid).....€1,269  
Organ/Choir.....€3,536  
Shop Supplies .....€1,100  
Garden.....€228  
Fire Safety & Security..... €1,255  
Water/Refuse Charges.....€1,398

**TOTAL .....€43,459**

### **THANK YOU**

*Fr. Louis and the Parish Finance Committee wish to thank you for your ongoing generosity to our parish. In a year when parishioners faced many challenges and uncertainty, your steadfastness is greatly appreciated.*

*Because of the closure of the church for lengthy periods in 2020, the parish expenses were less than previous years.*