

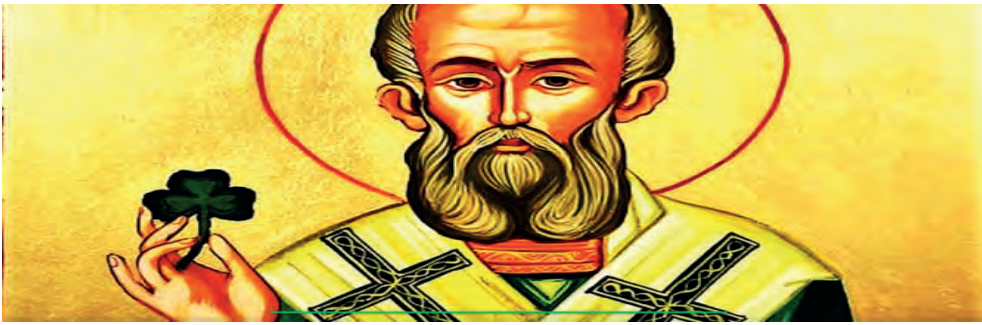


The Parishes of Mary Immaculate; St Michael's, Inchicore and Our Lady of the Wayside, Bluebell.

Oblate Pastoral Area Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Lent

18th March 2018

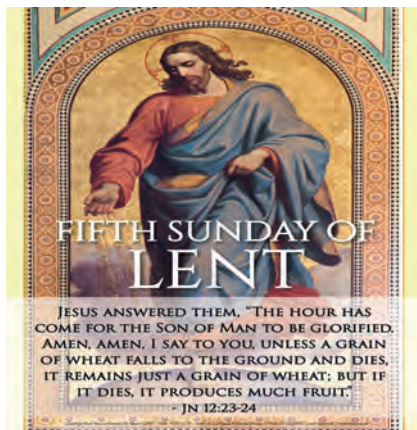


"I am first of all a simple country person, a refugee, and unlearned. I do not know how to provide for the future. But this I know for certain, that before I was brought low, I was like a stone lying deep in the mud. Then he who is powerful came and in his mercy pulled me out, and lifted me up... that is why I must shout aloud in return to the Lord for such great good deeds of his, here and now and forever, which the human mind cannot measure."

from the fifth century writings of St Patrick, *Confession (C12)*.

*Críost liom
Críost romham
Críost i mo dhiadh
Críost ionam
Críost ar mo lámh dheas
Críost ar mo lámh chlé
Críost i mo chuideachta
is cuma cá dtéim
Críost mar chara agam
anois is go buan*

*Christ with me
Christ before me
Christ behind me
Christ in me
Christ on my right hand
Christ on my left hand
Christ accompany me
wherever I go
Christ as my friend
now and forever*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

JESUS ANSWERED THEM, "THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED. AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES, IT REMAINS JUST A GRAIN OF WHEAT; BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES MUCH FRUIT."
- JN 12:23-24

**Happy
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

The Pastoral Area Masses & Confessions

Mary Immaculate

Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 7pm,
8am, 11am, 7pm
Weekdays Mon – Fri 7am
10am, 7pm, Sat 11am
Holy Days 7pm (Vigil), 7am,
10am, 7pm
Holy Days that fall on a Saturday
7pm (Vigil), 11am, 7pm
Confessions Sat 10.30 - 11am &
6.30 - 7pm

St Michael's

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9am & 11am (Family)
Weekdays (Mon – Fri) 10am
*Liturgy of the Word & Communion on
Wednesdays at 10am*
*St Michael's Church is open from
9am-12pm Monday to Friday*

Our Lady of the Wayside

Sundays (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm, (Folk)
8.30am, 11am (Family)
Weekdays Mon -Fri 9.30am
Saturday 10am
Holy Days (Vigil) 6.30pm, 10am
Confessions Sat 10.30am & 6pm

Parish Office Hours

Mary Immaculate: Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm
Closed from 1pm - 2pm
St Michael's: Mon-Fri 9.30am - 12.30pm
Bluebell: Mon-Fri 9am - 1pm

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 week-end Masses on 17th/18th February in St Michael's, parishioner Colm Hogan gave a first 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

The child in the womb has life and potential. However, like all babies, before birth or in the early years, she or he has no choice. Powerless to defend themselves they rely on the rest of us to protect their lives and vindicate their rights. By using the word 'choice' we need to remember that, for the baby waiting to be born, the choice we make can be a matter of life or death. "Our Common Humanity" —General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

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

Quiet Prayer

On the remaining Wednesdays of Lent join with others to spend 30 minutes in quiet prayer. 7p.m. St Thérèse side chapel, Mary Immaculate. All welcome.



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During Holy week we celebrate the great moments of our faith. These are community celebrations. We invite you to take an active part. If you would like to help through presentation of gifts; washing of feet; processions or other actions on these days please leave your name and contact details at the Mary Immaculate Parish Desk.

ART CLASSES

on Tuesday mornings
in BERA Hall.

10.30am.
All welcome



Social Support Agency of the
Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin

Annual Cross Care Youth Services Collection will take place at all Masses this week-end (March 17/18).

Youth Services are focused on prevention and crisis work for the most in need.



Register for the World Meeting of Families 2018

The three-day World Meeting of Families Pastoral Congress will run from 22-24 August in the RDS, Dublin and is packed with major panels, workshops, testimonies, cultural events and music performances throughout each day. There will also be breakfast lectures in the mornings for everyone but especially for members of the business community. The Congress will include the daily celebration of the Eucharist.

The events of each day are guided by a key theme from Pope Francis' document *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*, on love in the family, and will include topics on the joys and challenges of love, marriage and family life in today's world. Young people and children can also have a faith experience at our tailored programmes for children (4-12 years) and young people (13-17 years).

Places for the Congress are limited and include guaranteed tickets for the Festival of Families and Final Mass, subject to availability. Children under 18 years go free but must have a ticket.

Booking for World Meeting of Families is now open. Visit the *Tickets Section* on www.worldmeeting2018.ie to access information on the different type of tickets and registration available.





Memories of the Beast from the East and Emma

Yes, the newspapers were right: snow was general all over Ireland. It was falling softly upon the roads of Bluebell, Inchicore and surrounding parishes and gently falling into the canal. Thursday night was a strange time: snowdrifts wiping out the footpaths and roadsides; rubbish bins flying through the air in blizzards; the country brought to a standstill. The ‘Beast from the East’, and now Storm Emma herself! The Siberian winds caused schools to close, wiped out sports fixtures, left people stranded on the main roads overnight and clogged up our airwaves and TV screens. The Beast from the East received wall-to-wall coverage for sure. For those who had to work, the weather was an unwelcome challenge. But that is only half the story. For the children, it transformed Bluebell/Inchicore into a winter wonderland. And they made the most of it: building snowmen, joining snow fights, and swiftly inventing snow sleighs. As Wordsworth wrote on a different matter: *Bliss it was in that dawn to be alive, To be young was very heaven!* As Irish people, we are obsessed about the weather anyway in a way that no other country does. For us talking about it is a national hobby, be it snow, rain or shine. In some respects its an acknowledgement of the power that the elements have had on this island down through the ages. It shows our understanding that there is little we can do to influence these elements. Regardless of our beliefs, we still acknowledge that there are many factors in our lives that are beyond our control. There are forces far greater than ourselves, including weather fronts. The natural world has an uncanny ability of showing us who is boss, even though we may think that we have finally conquered it. It’s the idea that we are not the masters of all that can happen to us. There will be times in our lives when we can do little more than accept the circumstances in which we find ourselves, make the best of it, surround ourselves with true friends not depending on ourselves but on our Creator God.

Article written by Fr Dick Lyng OSA and adapted by Sr Anne Ryan CHF (Bluebell Parish)

We remember in our prayers those who have died in the *Pastoral Area* recently:

Abigael Conlon, Dolores Byrne, James McGrane, Bernard Graham, Victor Burke, Ben Ward.

Liz Edwards, Tina Copley, Peggy McLoughlin, George Saunders

Matt Ryan, Edith (Edie) Thorpe



Rest in peace

A ‘**Social Evening**’ for Senior Citizens organised by the “A” *District Garda* will take place on Sunday 8th April in the Red Cow Hotel. The evening will begin with a meal followed by a monster bingo and music, commencing at 4pm. Tickets are €20 and available from: May Little, Breda Kielthy, Ann Griffin and Liena Hayes. All are welcome.

A Pilgrimage to Paris & Lisieux

A celebration of our vocation in the spirit of St Eugene and St Thérèse

June 18th - 25th 2018. Cost: €635.00.

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Congratulations to the first communion classes who made their first confession recently.

Comghairdeas le daltaí Gaelscoil Inse Chór who made confirmation on Thursday 15th March 2018.



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 Wednesday 28th March, 7.30 pm
Location: Long Room Hub, TCD
The Paul Lennon O.Carm Lecture
Prof Lisa Sowle-Cahill (Boston College)
Catholic Teaching on War and Peace: Old Problems and New Directions.
 Thursday 12th April, 7.30 pm
Location: Long Room Hub, TCD
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