

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports **bereaved parents**, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 11th of December from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Hesed House

Psychotherapy & Consultation Service

Providing professional family therapy and counselling at low or no cost to the Dublin 8 area. Hesed House is a community based service that takes into consideration that every individual is affected not only by their family relationships and early experiences but also by the wider issues of poverty, unemployment, violence and addiction.

74 Tyrconnell Road, 01 4549474

Vacancies

The Oblate Community Employment Project are looking to fill vacancies in the following areas:

Kitchen Assistants Lá Touché Court SCC

Cleaners Bluebell Community Centre

Cook Lá Touché Court Senior Citizen Centre

Driver Lá Touché Court Senior Citizen Centre

Cleaners Oblate Basketball Hall

Hours: 19.5 hours per week.

Eligibility Criteria

Persons aged 21 years or over and who are currently in receipt of Social Welfare payment for 12 months or more.

For further information please contact:

Caroline or Carol on 4737278 or

email oblatece@yahoo.com

This is a Department of Social Protection Community Employment Programme

Parish Office: Tel: 01 4534408 Fax: 01 4543466

Email: parishofmaryimmaculate@gmail.com

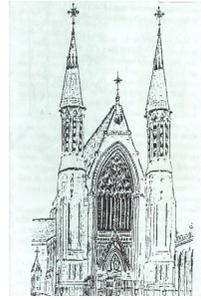
Parish website: www.oblateparishinchicore.ie

Oblate Province website: www.oblates.ie

Parish Team: Fr Brian de Búrca, Fr Willie Fitzpatrick,

Br Frank Flanagan, Joanne Lanigan

Child Safeguarding Reps: Mary Flood/Kitty Looney



Oblate Parish of Mary Immaculate Newsletter

Second Sunday of Advent

St Vincent's de Paul Christmas Collection this weekend

A voice crying in the wilderness



Jesus reminds us:

*'As long as you did it one of these,
the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it to me'*

Somewhere at this moment a child is crying,
crying for love or maybe simply for bread.

Somewhere a young person is crying,
crying for a listening ear
or an understanding heart.

Somewhere a deserted wife and mother is crying,
crying for the support of a husband or partner.

Somewhere parents are crying,
crying for a word from their children.

Somewhere people are crying,
For care, compassion, a smile, a word of welcome,
encouragement, recognition
For the basics of life, shelter.

John's was a voice crying in the wilderness.
Lord, help us to listen to these voices. That may be
Around us and in our city.

Help us to listen to your voice
telling us that we are loved by the Father,
and that we are to love one another.

I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas

Ideas for an Eco-friendly Christmas



- ◆ Choose cards and wrapping paper made from recycled paper.
- ◆ Cut the pictures from old Christmas cards and use them as gift tags for presents.
- ◆ Unwrap your presents carefully and reuse the paper. Even simpler, put your presents in reusable gifts bags.
- ◆ Instead of giving each other unwanted presents this year, give a present or the gift of your time to a charity or homeless shelter.
- ◆ If your family does not have a compost bin, put that on your present list and start making compost for your garden with left over vegetables, grass cuttings, etc.
- ◆ Recycle your Christmas tree at a designated recycling centre.
- ◆ Consider buying rechargeable batteries. They are much kinder to the environment. Give a battery charger as a gift.
- ◆ Use eco-friendly cleaning materials.
- ◆ Use LED lights and turn down the heating by 1 degree
- ◆ Recycle your bottles and cans.
- ◆ Make a new year's resolution that you and your family will recycle anything that can be recycled, reuse anything that can be reused and anything that can be reduced.

A Weekend with a Difference

"To become a priest or a religious is not primarily our choice. It is our answer to a calling, a calling of love." Pope Francis

Have you ever felt the call to Priesthood or Religious Life?

Do you want the opportunity to discern the call?

If so, why not spend a weekend with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate at our retreat centre in Wistaston Hall, Crewe, UK?

13-18 February 2018

18-20 May 2018

Our call is to Prayer, Community and Mission. Perhaps yours is too?

For more information contact:

Fr John McFadden OMI Tel: +44(0) 7803 521626

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www.oblates.ie/vocations

Mass & Confession Times

Saturday: Vigil 7pm
Sunday: 8am, 11am, 7pm

Holy Days: Vigil 7pm,
7am, 10am, 7pm
When Holy Day falls on a Saturday, Mass times are Vigil, 11am and 7pm

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)
7am, 10am, 7pm

Saturdays: 11am
Bank Holidays: 11am

Confessions: Saturday
10.30 am-11.00am
6.30 pm.7.00 pm

Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál "Carol Service"

Thursday 21st December
at 7.30p.m. in the Church.
No 7 p.m. mass.
All are welcome.

Baptisms take place
on the third Sunday of
every month at 3pm.
Contact the Parish Office.

Lotto Results: 2,18,20

Next Draw
Monday 11/12/2017

Jackpot €2,550

Family Offering

26/11/2017 €364.00

Thank you for your support

Parish Initiative for Advent

3rd—17th December



Simon Winter Woollies



collecting **NEW**

- 1) socks, 2) underwear, 3) gloves,
- 4) hats and 5) scarves.

Drop them into the parish office reception

Only new items from the five listed above will be accepted at reception and they must be new.

Thank you.

An Advent Prayer

Advent: a time to once more reflect on the great mystery in which God's Son emptied the divine self and assumed our human condition in Jesus Christ.

My prayer this year in my old age:

Lord help to accept more fully my humanity

In the light of your incarnation.

Help me to accept more readily my vulnerability in the power of your passion.

Help me to accept less fearfully my mortality in the hope offered by your death and glorious resurrection.

Fr Richard Haslam OMI



Christmas Craft Fair

91st Oblate Scout Group

Sunday 17th December 2017

in the Scout Hall

(at the back of the Basketball Hall)

11a.m to 2p.m. All are welcome.

Wedding Congratulations

David Finn & Mayra Puch Sosa

We wish them every happiness in their marriage life together

Oblate Connections

Pick up a free copy of *Oblate Connections* magazine at the back of the church. A special feature on the Jubilee celebration in Bluebell.