

We are delighted to announce that *The Pastoral Area* is launching a new monthly Pastoral Area Newsletter on the First Sunday of Lent in collaboration with Liturgical Publications Ireland. Each month the newsletter will replace one of our regular fortnightly parish newsletters. So, we still have a mixture of newsletters from both our own parish and one combined with the three parishes of Mary Immaculate, St Michael's and Our Lady of the Wayside, Bluebell, to share our experiences and events both inside and outside the parish. We hope you will find the newsletter to be useful and enjoyable.

**ANNOUNCING...**

**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**



### **Cherishing the Wisdom of the Elderly**

*The elderly help us to appreciate 'the continuity of the generations', by their 'charism of bridging the gap'. Their words [grandparents], their affection or simply their presence help children to realise that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them. Those who would break all ties with the past will surely find it difficult to build stable relationships and to realize that reality is bigger than they are. Attention to the elderly makes the difference in a society.*

As human longevity extends, grandparents can often have a significant impact for decades.

Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia)



1st February: St Brigid's Day

*St Brigid—Mary of the Gael—Abbess & Secondary Patron of Ireland*

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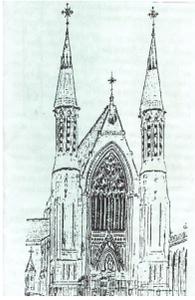
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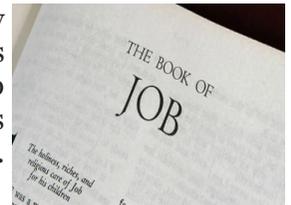


## **Oblate Parish of Mary Immaculate Newsletter**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*4th February 2018*

The story of **Job** is a famous one: Job has a happy home, good material resources, and is a religious person. Satan tells God that Job mightn't be so religious if troubles come his way. So the Lord lets Satan test him. Job doesn't know what hit him. Job speaks about the misery and emptiness of life.



We are far removed from Job in time, but we can all see the pain and misery into which human life is often plunged. The question of evil and a compassionate God remain a serious question. After World War II, Rabbi Rubenstein, confronted with the realization that 6 million of his fellow Jews had been exterminated, was forced to the conclusion that there is no God and that we stand alone, unaided in our world. The same conclusion could also be drawn by the parents, relatives and friends of the millions who die every year apparently senselessly and needlessly due to famine, war, disease, earthquakes and tornadoes. We see destruction and violence in our cities. Many live in fear. Life for some has little meaning and death has less.

Jesus on Good Friday. "My God My God why have you forsaken me." What is the Christian response to a person in pain? In the Gospel the sick are brought to Jesus, and he heals them. He does not enter debates on the meaning of suffering - he reaches out and helps. We cannot remove all loneliness or make a fever go away as Christ could. But we can help to ease the suffering. We can let Christ himself act in us to fill the loneliness, care for the sick, to be with the fearful and the heartbroken.

Today the Scripture challenges us to listen and to share. We are to follow Jesus on the path which winds through the hunger, and the loneliness, and the tragedies. We too are to reach out and touch the worried, and the weak, and the bored and to allow the Lord touch those situations through us.



Inchicore Variety Group presents

# Cinderella

**Panto for all the Family**



in the Árus Mhuire Hall, Inchicore, on

Wed 14th, Thur 15th, Fri 16th, Sat 17th of February 2018  
at 8p.m. each evening. A matinee on Sunday, 18th at 3.00p.m.

Tickets: Adults €12; Seniors/Students €10; Children €7.

*Group prices are also available*

Tickets available at the Oblate Parish Office Reception or call  
086 8627739; Bulfin: 087 9155177, or at the door.

A great show is promised, with lots of laughs, hisses and boos,  
singing and dancing. Get your tickets now. Places are limited.



## Oblate Basketball Club Nursery

Fun & Games through Basketball

**Every Saturday morning in the Oblate Hall**

Inchicore, Dublin 8

4 & 5 year olds 10am—11am

6 & 7 year olds 11am—12pm

8 & 9 year olds 12pm-1pm

Cost: €10 Registration. €2 per session

Contact: [oblatebasketball@gmail.com](mailto:oblatebasketball@gmail.com) Tel: 087 2445498

**Anam Cara** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 12th February at 7:30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Friday 9th February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

## 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



**Baptisms** take place  
on the third Sunday of  
every month at 3pm.  
Contact the Parish Office  
Tel. 4534408 ext. 203

**Lotto Results:** 5,10,18  
Next Draw  
Monday, 5th February  
**Jackpot € 1,350**

**Family Offering**  
21/01/2018 €524.10  
28/01/2018 €335.10

*Thank you for your  
support*

**The Irish Cancer Society** operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at [irishcancer.ie](http://irishcancer.ie) or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

## To an Early Snowdrop

*How amazing to see you ahead of your hour,  
Using your strength to reveal a small flower.*

*Like a pure white pearl amid emerald blades,  
Your head peeps through winter's harsh shades.*

*A courageous act, pushing through frozen earth,  
To show me your beauty, to reveal your true worth.*

*Stand tall and proud, delight me with your charm;  
For the merest sight of you, makes my heart calm.*

**World Day of the Sick**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 3p.m.**

Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick  
St Agnes' Parish Church, Crumlin, Dublin 12  
**Archbishop Diarmuid Martin**

We **welcome** to the Christian community **Lilly Grace Hickey** who was baptised on 21st January. We wish Lilly and her family every blessing.

## Host a Family /Pilgrim

Do you have a spare room in your home? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August.

Call us on 01 567 6800 or email  
[hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie)  
**World Meeting of Families 2018**