

Cleans Seas: Turn the Tide on Plastic

A Marine Pollution-free year!

The last twelve months was a crucial time for our oceans. A growing number of countries banned microbeads in personal products (including the US, the EU and South Korea) and plastic bags, most notably Kenya. 2017 also saw UN Environment launching the Clean Seas campaign, with the goal to raise awareness on marine litter and make a difference on single-use plastic items. In just ten months we have generated the following impact: 40 countries have joined the campaign, making specific commitments to tackle marine litter, the length of their coastlines combined representing more than 50% of the world's total. The latest additions in December 2017 included Chile, Montenegro, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Sudan. At the UN Environment Assembly, the world's highest level decision-making body on the environment, governments collectively pledged to reduce marine pollution of all kinds by 2025, a milestone for the campaign. Over 55,000 individual pledges to change behaviours and reduce plastic consumption have been recorded through the CleanSeas and BeatPollution social media platforms and the APP 'My Little Plastic Footprint'

Cleanseas UN Environment

Ripples of Kindness

'You might think you don't matter in this world, but because of you someone hears a song on the radio and it reminds them of you. Someone has read a book that you recommended to them and gotten lost in its pages. Someone has a memory that makes them grin that involves you. Someone likes themselves that little bit more because you made a passing comment that made them feel good. Never think you don't have an impact, your ripples of kindness make the world a better place.'

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Come Follow Me



Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus came with 'the Good News from God', and that we need to change the way we look at the world and people if we are to take it in and believe the good news. And the Good News is that God loves us and wants us to share God's life with us.

Jesus sees fishermen, Peter and Andrew, James and John, at work and invites them to follow him. They had heard Jesus and his message and were drawn to follow him and share in his life and mission.

Jesus calls them as they are; ordinary fishermen living their everyday lives. Peter and Andrew, James and John respond to Jesus' call both generously and totally. The gospel tells us that at once they left their nets and followed him.

What is the Good News for you? And how do you live out Jesus' invitation to follow him in your daily life?

When God's words call you, God puts your life at a cross-road. You can ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn't really matter, or didn't really care what you did, or maybe didn't really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with a willingness to trust him. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life behind for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won't be who you were before. You will be a new person, in God and for him.



OBLATE PARISH OF MARY IMMACULATE
OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA

2nd—11th February 2018

Fr Brian de Búrca OMI

Novena

Monday-Friday Mass: 10a.m. & Novena Service: 7p.m.

Saturday 11a.m. & 7p.m.

Sunday 8a.m., 11a.m. & 7p.m.

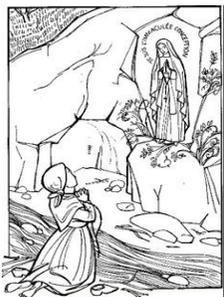
Saturday 10th: **Mass & Anointing of the Sick** 11a.m.

Sunday 11th: **Torchlight procession** closing the Novena following the 7p.m. Mass

Candles on Sale: Parish Office & Mission Office

All are welcome

Please let your family and friends know.



When the Clock Strikes Twelve

Inchicore Variety Group presents

Cinderella

14th—18th February 2018 (inclusive)

A lovely family event during the school mid-term break.

More information to follow soon.

The 21st Sir John T. Gilbert Commemorative Lecture

'Live from the Conniving House: Poetry and Music in Eighteenth-Century Dublin', given by Dr. Michael Griffin, University of Limerick, chaired by Ardmhéara Micheál Mac Donncha, will take place in Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, on Wednesday January 24th at 6 p.m. Wine reception. No Booking required. Come early to ensure a place. For further information: call - 01 674 4999

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: 7,11,23
Next Draw
Monday, January 22 Jan
Jackpot €1,050

Family Offering

07/01/2018 €362.00

14/01/2018 €474.59

Thank you for your support

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018
18-25 January**

The love of Christ compels us to pray, but also to move beyond our prayers for unity among Christians. Congregations and churches need the gift of God's reconciliation as a wellspring of life. But above all, they need it for their common witness to the world: "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21).

The world needs ministers of reconciliation, who will break down barriers, build bridges, make peace, and open doors to new ways of life in the name of the one who reconciled us to God, Jesus Christ. His Holy Spirit leads the way on the path to reconciliation in his name.

Mindful Meditation

Mondays at 10.30 a.m. in the room at the back of the sacristy— please ring the bell.

Pope Francis' Quotes/Tweets

We must not wait to be perfect before responding to the Lord who calls us, but rather open our hearts to His voice.



**Oblate Community Employment Project
Vacancies**

Kitchen Assistants, Cleaners, Cooks & Driver

For further information contact Caroline or Carol on 4737278 or email: oblatece@yahoo.co.uk

Dogs on Leads, please!

We remind dog owners that their dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in the grotto and gardens of the church. Thank you for your cooperation.