

Job Opportunity: A Parish Pastoral Worker St Michael's Parish, Inchicore, Dublin 8

We are seeking to appoint a full time or part-time person to be involved in leading, developing and co-ordinating the various parish pastoral programmes. The successful candidate will be a good communicator and relationship builder with leadership and organisational skills. Other requirements include commitment to personal faith development, relevant theological qualifications and a minimum of one year's experience.

They will collaboratively develop innovative and imaginative responses as St Michael's goes forward into the future. The successful candidate will be based in St Michael's parish.

The successful candidate will be employed by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate who will fund this position for 3 years, subject to review at the end of the contract.

For a detailed job description, please contact:

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Closing date for completed applications is **Tuesday, 24th April, 2018**

Shortlisting will take place in May

'God of openness, of life and of resurrection, come into this Easter season and bless me. Look around at the tight, dead spaces of my heart. Bring your gentle but firm love... Open me. Open me. Open me. For it is only then will I grow and change, for it is only then that I will be transformed. For it is only then that I will know how it is.

To be in the moment of rising from the dead.' Joyce Rupp



Wishing all our parishioners and neighbours in the Pastoral Area a very happy and joy-filled Easter.

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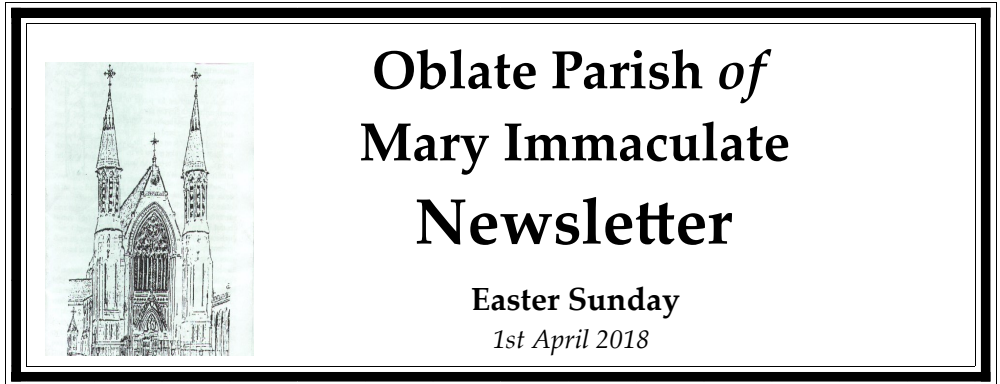
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Child Safeguarding Reps: Mary Flood & Kitty Looney



During an episode of the *Britain's Got Talent* auditions the panel of judges said they were finding it all rather boring and predictable. Paul Potts, a sad-faced young man from Wales, was next up. He said he would like to be an opera singer. I noticed two of the three judges throwing cynical glances at each other. The Paul opened his mouth and a voice of power and beauty soared through the auditorium, capturing our hearts.

Paul went on to win the national competition and to reveal a talent worthy of any of the "three tenors" themselves. At the Royal Variety Performance before the year ended, the three chastened judges more or less publicly apologised to Paul, who was performing that night. In the beginning, they were looking at him, but they had not "seen" him. They had forgotten that people do not see things as they are; they see things as *they* are. But now their eyes were opened. They finally saw the real Paul Potts.

I have long wondered why the risen Jesus was unrecognised by Mary and the disciples. But something clicked in my heart as I recently listened to the Dominican Timothy Radcliffe. It wasn't, he said, that they knew Jesus before and did not recognise him now. It was more that they never really knew him, or rather, as Herbert McCabe put it, "they thought they knew him", and now they were meeting the real Jesus as if for the first time. The miracle of Easter was already opening their eyes. The blindfold preventing them from fully recognising him before was now being removed. Love was bringing pure vision. It was transforming the blurred, the false; it was revealing the real, the beautiful. For one bright moment they glimpsed pure truth..

"Something prevented them from recognising him." What a striking way of putting it. Maybe the "thing" that prevented them wasn't a thing at all. Maybe it was an absence that still blinded them - the absence of a fully purified vision. Love fills in the gaps and heals the flaws. It sees perfection from within, the beauty already there. We call it the sacrament of presence - of real presence. A young monk was returning to the monastery after his annual retreat. Waiting for him was an older monk who always criticised him, belittled him. "Out skiving again," the young monk was cuttingly greeted, "and in spite of all your costly retreats you still look no different to me." The young monk paused, smiled a small smile and murmured, "Ah, maybe; but you look different to me."

Daniel O'Leary *Open your eyes*, p 17. For the full article see *The Tablet* Easter Issue, 22 March 2008.



Céad míle fáilte for Pope Francis

The Pastoral Area welcomes the announcement by Pope Francis that he will attend part of the 9th World Meeting of Families which will take place from 21 – 26 August in Dublin on the theme, ‘The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World’.

Pope Francis, who is 81 years of age, will arrive in Dublin on Saturday, 25 August, and will take part in the ‘Festival of Families’ in Croke Park. The Festival of Families is the faith-based cultural concert of the World Meeting of Families six-day programme. The next day, Sunday 26 August, Pope Francis will be the chief celebrant at Mass in the Phoenix Park and this liturgy will bring to a conclusion the World Meeting of Families 2018. Full details of the papal schedule will be available at a later date.

Pope’s Visit is not a Celebrity Concert

The Irish Jesuit theologian, Gerry O’Hanlon, commenting in an interview on the news that Pope Francis has confirmed, and commenting on the Phoenix Park as a venue for the final Mass, says that Pope Francis is visiting a very different Ireland from the one Pope John Paul II visited in 1979. The country is much more secularised, and the clerical sexual abuse scandals and how they were handled, has eroded the moral authority of the Church. Gerry O’Hanlon hopes that the Pope’s visit will lead to more than just an emotional response from people like the buzz one might get at a celebrity concert. There is an opportunity now, he says, for people to go deeper and not just listen to what Francis says but try to follow his process of implementing a synodal church that listens to, and learns from, the experience of its members.

Extract from: soundcloud.com/jesuits-in-ireland/popes-visit-is-not-a-celebrity-concert

Lough Derg—St Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimages 2018

in June, July and August
Advance Booking Essential.

For more information contact: Ms Miriam Delaney (01) 494 1171

Holy Thursday—The Lord’s Supper for Children

All the children of the Parish are invited to the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Bluebell at 12:00 noon. Come dressed up as Disciples!



Congratulations to all the Confirmation Candidates who had their ‘Service of Light’ on Wednesday 21st March 2018.

A Church Gate Collection will take place on 7th & 8th of April for a School in Ethiopia—organised by Margaret O’Brien.

Mass 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

8-20-22

Jackpot € 600.00

Family Offerings

18/03/2018 €355.20

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Resurrection



Easter. The grave clothes of winter are still here, but the sepulchre is empty. A messenger from the tomb tells us how a stone has been rolled from the mind, and a tree lightens the darkness with its blossom. There are travellers upon the roads who have heard music blown from a bare bough, and a child tell us how the accident of last year, a machine stranded beside the way for lack of petrol is covered with flowers

R.S. Thomas (1913-2000)

Three Vital Activities

There are three activities that are absolutely vital in the creation of a community. The first is eating together around the same table. The second is praying together. And the third is celebrating together. By celebrating I mean to laugh, to have fun, to give thanks together for life. When we are laughing together with belly laughs we are all the same.

Jean Vanier in "Living Gently in a Violent World," p. 37

World Youth Day Panama January 2019

Pope Francis has announced that the next World Youth Day will take place in Panama next January 22-27. It is hoped that young people aged 16-29 from the Archdiocese will travel. Details of the Pilgrimage to World Youth Day are being finalised. Pope Francis’ Message for the 33rd World Youth Day - which will be held at diocesan level on Palm Sunday – centres on the theme: “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God” (Lk 1:30). The document is available in various languages on the Vatican website at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/youth/index.html>