

Can you help?

The World Meeting of Families will be upon us shortly. We expect that thousands of people will be travelling to Dublin from all parts of the world. Among those will be people with Oblate Connections. With this in mind, we would like those that are travelling to Ireland who are known to the Oblates to stay locally with us. Would you consider hosting some of our visitors in your home? Accommodation is the greatest obstacle for people coming to participate in the World Meeting of Families 2018. For more information contact Pdraig Corcoran 4531660

The Earth is our Home

Reduce your plastic footprint. Cut down on your consumption of goods that contain excessive plastic packaging and parts. If it will leave behind plastic trash, don't buy it. Refuse/say NO to disposable plastic whenever and wherever possible. Choose items that are not packaged in plastic, and carry your own bags, containers and utensils. Recycle what you can't

St Padre Pio Mass and Devotions,
Thursday 3rd May @ 7pm.
All are welcome.

We think we are fleeing from God, but in fact we are running into his arms.

Meister Eckhart (1220-1328)

Community Employment Programme Ltd are currently seeking suitable and eligible applicants for the following positions:

Kitchen Assistant	2066178	Senior Citizen Centre, Bluebell
Driver	2066176	Senior Citizen Centre, Bluebell
Cleaner	2066186	Bluebell Community Centre
Recreation Assistants	2066188	Bluebell Community Centre
Cleaner	2066177	Oblate Basketball Hall
Caretaker	2066212	Oblate Basketball Hall

No experience necessary as training will be provided.
Apply directly to your local Social Welfare / Intreo Office with the above job reference number.

Parish Office: Tel: 01 4534408 Fax: 01 453466

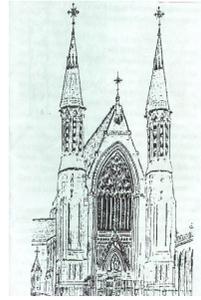
Email: parishofmaryimmaculate@gmail.com

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

29th April 2018



Traffic on Tyrconnell Road was delayed somewhat during the week while the trees were being pruned. Branches cut off to provide for new growth in time. Signs of Spring and new life are all around us. Beautiful blossoms on the shrubs and trees. Winter is past, Spring and new life all around us.

In today's Gospel Jesus says our relationship with him is like that of the vine and the branches. Just as the blossoms will not flower unless they are attached to the stem and branch, and the branch attached to the tree, and grapes are not produced if the branch is cut off from the trunk, so Jesus tells us that our lives will not have any real value unless we are 'attached' to him, the real vine.

Jesus became one of us in Mary's womb to lead us into communion with God the Father. He came not only to dwell in us but also to act *in* and *through* us, to give life to others, in and through us. We will bear much fruit if we live in Jesus and remain attached to him. It is a process of growing towards greater oneness with Jesus. To help us understand how this is to be, Jesus speaks of the vine: I am the true vine and my Father the vinedresser. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes so that it bears more fruit. Jesus tells us that he is the Vine; he is not separate from the Vine. He is not separated from us, but is part of us, one with us. Life flows from him and through him and then through us, the little branches, to bear fruit, just as the sap runs through the vine, through the branches to produce grapes. "Those who abide, live in me and I in them bear much fruit, because cut off from me you can do nothing." The fruit is the life we are all called to give to others. But it is not just we who give life, nor is it just Jesus, it is both together, Jesus in us and we in Jesus. And God's life, life of the Spirit flows through each one of us, coloured by who we are and our particular mission, calling in life. God uses each of us as instruments for God's life, through our words, gestures, presence and prayer. In this way we take part in the creativity of God giving life. We give the life of God to each other and we receive this life from one another. (*thoughts inspired from Jean Vanier*).

Tickets for the Papal Visit?

All events will require tickets or registration. Some events are free while others require a fee to be paid. There are two main events that Pope Francis will attend:

The 'Festival of Families' in Croke Park on August 25 and the Final Mass in Phoenix Park on August 26. While both events are free, the only guaranteed way to get a ticket is to register for the three-day WOFM Congress which will take place from the 22 to 26 August 2018.

The Festival of Families is a faith-based cultural concert as part of the World Meeting of Families six-day programme. It is described as "a celebration of family life around the world that will feature musical and dance performances, as well as five selected families from around the world giving witness to their family's faith". To attend the Festival, **you must register for a free ticket.** Tickets will be limited subject to availability.

A first level of access is available for people attending the three days of Congress. Booking a three day registration to the WMOF2018 Congress guarantees the opportunity to book a free ticket to the Festival of Families at time of registration, as well as for the Final Mass.

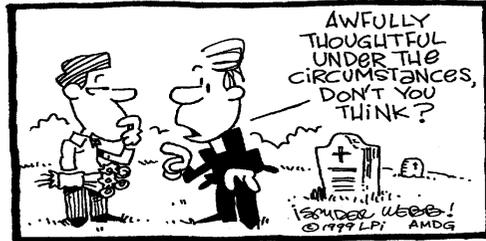
Subject to availability at time of registration, booking a one day ticket will include an option to access tickets to the Festival of Families and Final Mass. People can register for the Congress as part of a group, as a family or as individual adults. Children under 18 can attend for free if they're registered as part of a family.

Registering online is slightly cheaper, however you can also choose to register on the day, subject to availability.

A five-day registration booked online costs €68 for an adult, while a single day registration online is €38. A five-day registration booked on the day costs €78, while a single day registration on the day of attendance is €43.

Senior Citizens, the unemployed and students over 18 can avail of a reduced rate. A limited number of tickets to the free event will also be made available through each diocese in Ireland. Pope Francis is due to be the main celebrant for the Final Mass on Sunday August 26 in the Phoenix Park. This event is free but all those wishing to come must have a ticket.

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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

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



Get Well to all our parishioners who are sick, at home or in hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Lotto Results

4, 14, 16
Jackpot €1,200.00

Family Offerings

01/04/2018 €335.07
08/04/2018 €350.60
15/04/2018 €317.12

Thank you for your support

From Darkness into Light



Saturday 12th May 2018

On 12th of May, our light will spread across the world, in over 180 venues on 4 continents.

Darkness Into Light is more than just a walk, it's a global movement against suicide and self-harm. As our flagship fundraiser, it keeps our doors open and allows us to help more people every year, always free of charge.

For further information visit: <https://dil.pieta.ie>

Looking forward to seeing you at the

Open Parish Meeting

Tuesday 1st May at 7:30pm in the Annexe Room, House of Retreat.

See the April Pastoral Area Newsletter for proposals for discussion at this final meeting relating to masses in the parish. All are welcome.

Congratulations to Matty Moss, Cillian Hoey and Thaila Rodrigues Feitosa who were baptised recently.

A big **thank you** for your contribution to the Annual Collection for Crosscare Youth Services. Our parish contributed €401.00

The 8th Amendment Referendum

"The Christian message is a message of life. It is about how every human life is a reflection of the very life of God. Each of us is created in the image of God. Catholic teaching clearly affirms that every human life has unique and irreplaceable dignity. Every human life has the right, from its very beginnings, to flourish and develop as God wants it to. The 8th Amendment to the Constitution guarantees equal protection for both mothers and unborn children. All should be equal in the face of the law. Any society, which attempts to define certain lives as being of lesser worth and of lesser protection, betrays the common good." Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin