

## Thought for a Day

We are guilty of many errors and many faults,  
but our worst crime is abandoning the children,  
neglecting the fountain of life.

Many things can wait. Children cannot.  
Right now their bones are being formed,  
their blood is being made,  
and their senses are being developed.  
To them we cannot answer, "Tomorrow."  
Their name is today.

Gabriela Mistral (1889-1957) Chilean poet-diplomat, educator .



## Irish Hospice Foundation

Host a coffee morning?

If you would like to host a coffee morning for the Irish Hospice Foundation on 20th September 2018 in aid of the Irish Hospice, please contact them on 01 4911072 for further information.

## *A special blessing on the Oblate Jubilarians 2018*

*May they continue to grow strong, planted and built on love, until they are filled with the utter fullness of God.*

Newsletter  
Notices

If you are involved in a charity, sport, community, school or parish event, you are welcome to submit your notice to be considered for publication in the **Parish Newsletter**, subject to available space. Notices should be emailed to:  
maryimmaculate@oblates.ie

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In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus asks Peter and the disciples: "Will you also go away?" This question is one that is faced by every generation in terms of leaving the Church and whatever this means to them. Thinking about that question I am aware that some people have indeed gone away, which includes some of my own friends and family members.

Some have gone publicly for various reasons and others for their own private reasons. For whatever the reason, and there are many, they have left the Church. The reality is that when they were faced with the question "Will you also go away?", they have said 'yes', or at least they have allowed this 'yes' to happen.

But there are others who recognise the many difficulties but who endeavour to respond to Jesus' question with Peter's words: "To whom shall we go" by staying. I include myself among those who have stayed. For all of the Church's limitations, and there are so many, this is my imperfect home. It is here that God has touched me in so many different ways and through so many different people. Yes, there are people and laws in our Church that annoy me and leave me frustrated, but I know that without God's continuing help and patience with me I wouldn't be where I am today.

There are also people and events that have influenced me in my life, to mention a few:

- Growing up at home: my parents and neighbourhood, there was a sense of a living faith which was like part of the air I breathed.
- I have accompanied many people who, as adults, joined the Church. Their faith-life stories have helped and inspired me on my journey.
- Your faith. The shared faith stories and life experiences of many parishioners and people whom I have had the privilege of encountering over the years in ministry. When, for example, visiting the sick and housebound; listening to people who have to carry incredible burdens in life... their courage and witness to the faith has strengthened me, as has the many nurses, carers and volunteers who give so generously to others.

We, both Church and humanity, are not perfect, but in all of this I am conscious of the unending love and fidelity of God in spite of our failings and sins. We may be unfaithful but God is always faithful, as scripture tells us.

These are some of my experiences. And when I think, 'Will you also go away', I answer, 'No', because here, in spite of so many limitations, is where I find life and meaning.

Brian de Búrca OMI

## World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Pope Francis has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. We prepare to celebrate the fourth annual World Day of Prayer in September 2018. The annual Day of Prayer is inspired by his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared earth.

Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

This World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of Creation Time, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

The World Day of Prayer is another opportunity for us to connect with our creator God and allow the Lord to redefine our relationship with the environment: from one of consumption and control to one of care and protection.

*Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.*

### The following are the new mass times at Mary Immaculate from 1st September 2018.

7:00 a.m. Monday to Friday  
 10:00 a.m. Monday to Friday  
 7:00 p.m. Wednesday to Friday  
 11:00 a.m. Saturday  
 11:30 a.m. Sunday  
 7:00 p.m. Sunday

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"  
*(Laudato Si' 160)*

### Inchicore College of Further Education

The college has a wide variety of day and evening courses on offer and places are still available. These include Business & Computer studies, Childcare, Tourism & General studies.

For more information email enquiries@inchicore.cdetb.ie or call the college on 4535358.

**Céad Míle Fáilte** to all visiting Dublin for the World Meeting of Families 2018.

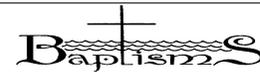
### Mass Times

**Sunday:** 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,  
 7 pm (Wed-Fri)

**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: 9, 18, 21

Lotto draw every Monday evening.  
 Jackpot: €1,950

### Family Offerings

17/06/2018 €432.19  
 24/06/2018 €383.00  
 01/07/2018 €510.00  
 08/07/2018 €426.00  
 15/07/2018 €533.58  
 22/07/2018 €416.21  
 29/07/2018 €377.60  
 05/08/2018 €385.17  
 12/08/2018 €370.00

*Thank you for your generous support.*

A special collection in aid of the invalids fund for **Lourdes** will take place at all Masses on Sunday 2nd September 2018.  
*Please give generously*



Blessings on the new school year. We look forward to working with teachers and students during the months ahead.



Remember in your prayers the sick and housebound.

**St Padre Pio**  
**Mass and devotions**  
 Thursday, 6th  
 September @ 7pm

We can email the Parish & Pastoral Area Newsletters to you. If you would like to receive the Newsletters just email the word "Newsletter:" maryimmaculate@oblates.ie

Visitors are welcome to the **Legion of Mary** meeting every Thursday at 7:30pm in the Oblate House of Retreat.

### Crosscare Collection

*Social Support Agency of the Archdiocese*

The Annual Collection for Community & Homeless Services throughout the Dublin Archdiocese will take place on Sunday 16th September, replacing the *Share* collection.

### Family Offering Boxes

Boxes are available from Tuesday 28th August for the coming year. You can pick one up in the sacristy or parish office if you haven't received one. Thank you for your support.