

The church grounds and gardens at Mary Immaculate are ablaze with Spring colours at this time of year, thanks to Aisling the gardener and her team. We are delighted that you and your family can enjoy a stroll around the grounds from time to time. Please do not pick the flowers and thank you for your cooperation.

Mother's Day, Sunday 31st March

The history of Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday goes back to an olden day practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants. Once in the year, the children were given a day off to visit their 'mother church'. After attending church, the children visited their mothers presenting them with flowers or a special 'mothering cake'. The tradition of Mother's Day continues to be celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent. Mothering Sunday is an occasion to remember all who 'mother' others with kindness, love and care. To everyone—male or female—who show love and generosity to others, a very **Happy Mothering Sunday**.

First Communion Days

Inchicore National School—Saturday 11th May @ 11am
Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál—Saturday 18th May @ 11am

Confirmation Days

Gael Scoil—Thursday 14th March @11:30am
Inchicore National School—Thursday 23rd May @ 11am
Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál—Thursday 30th May @11am

Reconciliation Service for Confirmation Families

Wednesday 15th May @7pm. There will be no evening mass.

The Annual collection for ACCORD, the national marriage support & counselling service taken up recently, realised €349.00
On their behalf, thank you very much.

Legion of Mary meetings every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the House of Retreat. New members are welcome.

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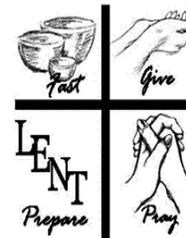
Child Safeguarding Reps: Mary Flood, Josie McCann & Rita Berry



Oblate Parish of Mary Immaculate Newsletter

Sunday 10th March 2019—First Sunday of Lent

Lent is Springtime



The word 'Lent' comes from the old English word for 'spring'. So, it's important to remember that Lent is not about feeling gloomy for forty days; it's not about making yourself miserable for forty days; it's not even about giving things up for forty days. Lent is springtime. It's preparing for that great climax of springtime which is Easter – new life bursting through death. And as we prepare ourselves for Easter during these days, by prayer and by self-denial, what motivates us and what fills the horizon is not self-denial as an end in itself but trying to sweep and clean the room of our own minds and hearts so that the new life really may have room to come in and take over and transform us at Easter. (excerpt from Rowan Williams).

Let us then:

- Give up complaining and focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism and try to focus on what is possible.
- Give up harsh judgements and think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry and trust in God to look after you.
- Give up bitterness and turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred and believe more in your goodness.
- Give up negativism and be positive.
- Give up anger and try to be more patient.
- Give up pettiness and treasure the blessings you have.
- Give up gloom and enjoy the beauty that is around you.
- Give up jealousy and pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping and take care in what you say.
- Give up sin and open yourself to the good news of the Gospel
- Give up giving up and instead hang in there as best you can!

(Author unknown)

Celebrating International Women's Day 2019

International Women's Day 2019 campaign theme: #BalanceforBetter

The future is exciting. Let's build a gender-balanced world. Everyone has a part to play - all the time, everywhere. From grassroots activism to worldwide action, we are entering an exciting period of history where the world expects balance. We notice its absence and celebrate its presence. Balance drives a better working world. Let's all help create a #BalanceforBetter.

The 2019 #BalanceforBetter campaign runs all year long. It doesn't end on International Women's Day.

Visit: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme>



The Inchicore Primary Schools' Cross Country Championships

were hosted on the grounds of Mary Immaculate Church on the feast of St Valentine (14th February 2019). Over 120 students from 6 schools in the parish competed and a wonderful day was had by all. Hosts Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál had brilliant performances bringing home

an impressive medal haul. Sincerest thanks to Dublin City Council, Aisling O'Connor and all the gardening team for having the church grounds in excellent condition.

@ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

Grandparents Day

Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál celebrated Grandparents Day on Wednesday 6th of February as part of Catholic Schools Week. The children in all classes invited their Grandparents and older relations into the

school for a coffee morning and more importantly for a visit to their grandchildren's classes. The children really enjoyed learning all about life in the past and loved celebrating their grandparents. It was a really special day for both young and old and there was a great buzz around the school. It was also a wonderful way to show our appreciation for the older generation in our community.

Mass Times

Sunday: 11:30am, 7pm

Holy Days: Vigil 7pm,
7am, 10am, 7pm

When Holy Day falls on a Saturday, Mass times are Vigil, 11am

Weekdays

10am (Mon-Fri)
7pm (Wed-Fri)

Saturdays: 11am

Bank Holidays: 11am

Confessions: Saturday
10.30 am-11.00am

Confession is also available by calling to the *Oblate House of Retreat*

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

Lotto draw every Monday evening.
Jackpot €1, 800.00
Numbers Monday 4th March: 4, 11,18

Thank you for your support.

Family Offerings

03/02/2019 €724.00
10/02/2019 €301.97
17/02/2019 €425.90
24/02/2019 €228.53
03/03/2019 €689.47

Thank you for your generous support.

Anam Cara Wicklow, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening on Monday 18th of March at 7:20pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Old Dublin Society

Kurt Kullmann will recall 'The First Irish Railway: From Westland Row to Kingstown' at 6 p.m. on Wednesday March 13th in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

St Vincent De Paul Annual Clothing Appeal

The society of St Vincent De Paul welcome good quality adult and children's clothing, shoes, bed linen etc. Bags will be available in the church on Sunday 10th March and should be returned to the church following Sunday 17th March for collection on 19th March.

Dócas Linn

Naomh Pádraig

Aspal Mór Na hÉireann.

St Patrick be our hope.

Sunday 17th March



Child Safeguarding

Anyone who ministers or volunteers in any way in our parish is required to complete the Garda vetting process. To complete the necessary form, please contact the Parish Office. Garda Vetting is now compulsory by law, it will not be possible to continue in ministry if Garda Vetting is not in place.