

Parish Newsletter

A number of roads in the parish who in the past had a newsletter delivered, may no longer receive one. There are many elderly people in these areas living alone who miss this contact with the parish. Extra newsletters are left in the church, so if you have a neighbour who is house-bound, please take one for them. If you want to volunteer to distributed the Newsletter in your area, please contact the parish office.

In addition, if you have any items of news, upcoming event or any good news story, please tell us about it. You can drop it into the Parish Office, or email: maryimmaculate@oblates.ie

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.

A word of thanks...

A special word of thanks to all our parishioners for gathering recently to celebrate Fr Brian's 80th birthday. He was truly surprised and delighted for the cake, cards, good wishes and lovely gifts.

We remember in a special way in our prayers those who are sick, housebound and in hospital at this time. May they be enfolded in God's healing love.

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

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Parish Team: Fr Brian de Búrca, Fr Willie Fitzpatrick,
Br Frank Flanagan, Joanne Lanigan

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



Oblate Parish of Mary Immaculate Newsletter

Sunday 7th April – Fifth Sunday of Lent



Today's Gospel is a well known story that has more than one meaning. It is a story first of all of compassion and forgiveness. It is also a story about Jesus and his authority: his refusal to engage with categories of judgement forced on him.

Sr Dianne Bergant, reflecting on this gospel, states that 'the fact that only the woman was apprehended is an example of the gender bias of Jesus' adversaries. The compassion of Jesus toward this endangered woman is an example of his disregard for such bias. It is probably not by accident that the story is about a woman, and there is more here than gender bias. All of the gospels depict Jesus as especially sensitive to the needs of poor and disadvantaged people, those who have been pushed to the margins of the community. Such treatment was particularly true of women in patriarchal societies. Therefore, the person who stood in shame in the midst of these men was not only guilty of violating marital trust, but she was a marginalized woman. She was doubly vulnerable. This fact serves to heighten Jesus' compassion.'

This woman represents all of the people we may have relegated to the margins of society for various reasons. But Jesus' love was extended to all, and in imitation of him, so must our love and compassion extend to all.



Palm Sunday 14th April

Palms will be blessed at all Masses today. The Advocate collection will take place this weekend (14th April). The Sunshine Fund provides week long summer holidays for children who otherwise would not get a break during the summer holidays. Make a difference in a child's

Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday April 27th 2019

Time: 11.00am – 4.30pm, led by
Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

Celebrating 140 years since the
apparition in 1879

knockpilgrimages@dublidiocese.ie

Oblate Pilgrimage Office and Gift Shop

An extensive selection of religious
gifts, candles and Easter Mass
Bouquets on sale in the Oblate
Pilgrimage Office and Gift Shop
adjacent to the Oblate Basketball
Hall. Well worth a visit. Buy
tickets for the lovely Easter
Hamper.

If you're not in you can't win!

Anam Cara Wicklow, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening on
Monday 15th April 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

Loyola Institute @ TCD Open Evening

9th April, 6:00pm—7:30pm

Join the staff of Loyola Institute to learn more about the Institute, degrees,
short courses and evening lectures, followed by a wine reception.

The evening will include a short lecture on

Fake News—Why Truth Matters

By Dr Fáinche Ryan, Director of the Loyola Institute. All are welcome.

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 €2,400
Numbers: 7, 9, 23

*Thank you for your
support.*

Family Offerings
10/03/2019 €315.88
17/03/2019 €428.55
24/03/2019 €499.00

*Thank you for your generous
support.*

Safeguarding

The Parish Safeguarding Committee convened
a meeting recently to complete the annual
Safeguarding Audit as requested by the
diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection
Services. We continue to ensure proper
recruiting procedures including Garda Vetting
of all staff, volunteers, and clergy. Thank you
for your co-operation.

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:
**Mary Flood; Rita Berry and Josephine
McCann.**

**If you have a concern about child abuse,
please contact either:**

Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Services (CSPS)

Designated Liaison Person

Mr Andrew Fagan, Director, Child
Safeguarding and Protection Service,
Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe
College, Dublin 3. Tel: **01-8360314.**

Deputy Designated Liaison Person

Ms Julie McCullough, Child Protection
Officer,
Child Safeguarding Protection Services
Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe
College, Dublin 3. Tel: **01-8360314**

OR

Tulsa Office: 01 7718500

OR YOUR

Local Garda Station: 01 666 9700
(Kilmainham)

“Outward appearance, money, career, hobbies:
these are sirens that enchant us and then set us
adrift. Lent is a time of grace to free our hearts
from vanities.” – Pope Francis