



MARY IMMACULATE - PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Clustered with Our Lady of the Wayside Bluebell and St Michael's Parish

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY



“Try to keep quiet a moment and let God love you. Try to silence all the inner voices, and rest for a second in His loving embrace”.

Pope Francis @Pontifex

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

“None of you can be my disciples unless you give up all your possessions.” (Luke 14:33) Jesus knows that it is not easy for us to follow him and to live the demands of the Gospel. There is a cost involved. In the Sunday Gospel Jesus wants us to think carefully about what is expected of us if we are to be his disciples – if we want to call ourselves his friends. We often think of Jesus as the ‘nice guy’ who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Of course Jesus said and did things that really attract us to him and make us want to be like him. He was a model of charity and compassion, embracing the excluded and the humiliated, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today's Gospel is a case in point. Jesus emphasises that we must place our relationship with God above all else. In words that shock us and alarm us, Jesus talks of ‘hating’ those who we love the most – our parents, siblings, and even our own life! It's important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to “prefer” something or someone else, namely, God, to these important relationships. Taken in the context of the Gospel as a whole it is clear that Jesus is not advocating cruelty or animosity towards others or towards oneself. As we listen and reflect on this Sunday's Gospel we must always remember the “the greatest law” that Jesus taught us (Matthew's Gospel 22: 34-40):

“Love God... Love your neighbour”

We are invited to place our trust, confidence in God.

**T G I F
TODAY GOD
IS FIRST**

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRIESTS

We welcome Fr Tony and Fr Leo who have joined the Parish Team of Mary Immaculate. Together with Br Frank, Joanne (Faith Development Coordinator) and Philip (Parish Administrator), they will be responsible for the pastoral care of Mary Immaculate Parish. Fr Dominick (co-parish priest in Bluebell) will also be around the parish and support the team. He is currently getting familiar with the parish of Bluebell and will gradually be involved in all three communities in the Pastoral Area. Fr Willie Fitzpatrick will continue to provide support in any way he can to the parish team and will be engaged in some of the sacramental preparations. We will be relying of the generosity of the Oblates in the House of Retreat to help us out from time to time.

The pastoral care of the parish is not left solely to the Parish Team, but is the task of all of us. We are all called by our Baptism, as disciples of Jesus, to build up the Kingdom of God – a kingdom of justice, peace and reconciliation, a kingdom of welcome and joy in the Holy Spirit. We are co-operators in the work of Jesus, partners in the mission entrusted to us to “go and tell everyone the Good News that God is with Us.”



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK - after the summer break - to all the children, teachers and staff of Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál and the Inchicore National School. Special welcome to the new children starting junior infants and their families. We hope you all had a great summer break.

We remember the young people returning to Secondary schools and colleges. We will be praying for the former Sixth Class children, that they will be happy, make new friends, never be afraid to ask for help and remember they can only try and do their best.

COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING:

Meetings scheduled for parents of children in Second Class who wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The meeting will be an opportunity to learn about the year of preparation and to register their child for the Communion Programme. The meetings are held in the Annex in the Oblate House:

**Parents in Inchicore National School
on Wednesday, 18th September @ 7.30pm**

**Parents in Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál
on Thursday, 19th September @ 7.30pm**

*Bless our children, Lord,
They are a gift more precious than gold.
Keep them in your care Lord,
For they are yours from of old.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WELCOME

As Fr Tony, Fr Dominick, and I settle into our new homes and parish setting, we are happy to be with you and to minister in the Pastoral Area of Inchicore/Bluebell. Together with Fr Louis (in St Michaels) our mission is to be close to you and to walk with you in the joys and hopes, the struggles and sorrows of life. We want to live out the words addressed by Pope Francis to the Oblates when he met with our Oblate leadership in 2016. Reminding them to smile, Pope Francis told the priests and brothers that they must be joyful witnesses of the Gospel. **"It is important to work for a Church that is for everyone, ready to welcome and accompany!"**

As the Moderator for the Pastoral Area my particular responsibility will be to build a Mission Team with the Oblates, the people of the parish and with our lay and religious associates and partners in mission in the grouping of parishes in the Pastoral Area.

I will be living in the presbytery in Bluebell parish with Fr Dominick. Fr Tony will be living in the House of Retreat and Fr Louis will live in the presbytery in St Michaels. You will eventually see us celebrating various masses and services around the three parishes. Please be patient with us as we will first take our time to get to know our respective parish grouping and then the wider pastoral area.

Be assured of our prayers for you and for your loved ones. We ask you to pray for us and bless us in this work.

Leo, OMI

never give up.
there is no such thing as an ending.
just a new beginning.

SEPTEMBER – CELEBRATION OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a special time for the Catholic Church especially since Pope Francis devoted 1st September as a special **Prayer Day for Care of the Earth**. The season continues until 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). Pope Francis said we must realise that we are one human family. The earth is our home. We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us. During this season we are asked to honour the Creator and preserve the network of life. We can do many things, for example, discontinue the use of plastic, do not buy more than we need, use public transport as much as possible and consider purchasing electric cars. **All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen.**

OBLATE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

14th – 19th September. Blessings upon all our pilgrims and those assisting and supporting the pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. There are also nearly 90 young people from the **Oblate Youth Service** heading to Lourdes on the 12th September to welcome the assisted pilgrims.

BAPTISMS: Take place on the third Sunday of every month @3pm. Contact Parish.	LOTTO DRAW: Every Monday evening. Tickets €2. <i>Thank you for your support.</i>
RELIGIOUS SHOP A selection of religious gifts on sale in the Oblate Pilgrimage Office and Gift Shop.	BINGO: 8.15pm – 9.30pm on Monday evenings (except Bank Holidays) in the Árus Mhuire. All are welcome.

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MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS

Sundays:	11.30am, 7pm
Weekdays:	7am, 10am Monday - Friday 7pm Wednesday - Friday 11am Saturday & Bank Holidays
Holy Days:	Vigil 7pm, 7am, 10am & 7pm (When falling on a Saturday: Vigil 7pm, 11am)
Confessions:	10.30am – 11am Saturday