



# MARY IMMACULATE - PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY



**“The Lord is the first to trust in you, and He also invites you to trust in yourselves; He invites you to encourage one another, and join Him in writing the most beautiful page of your lives.”**

Pope Francis @Pontifex

## THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

In this Sunday's Gospel we find three parables (stories) of mercy: that of the sheep found, that of the coin found, and the great parable of the prodigal son, or probably better called the “merciful father”. The three stories recounted by Jesus convey one simple and extraordinary message: **God is serious about forgiveness!** Each parable conveys actions done by people that seem risky, foolish and awesome! The shepherd seemed to risk everything by leaving the ninety-nine sheep he had in order to go looking for the one who had strayed. The woman seemed foolish to have spent all day looking for a single lost coin when she had coins to spare and when she found it, she throws a massive party for her friends and neighbours. And then, we have a father whose tolerance and lavish forgiveness is beyond our fathoming or comprehension. Yet, that is how God is with us - always ready to forgive and to hope against hope.

*“God comes to us with tenderness when we return to him. The errors we commit, even if large, do not scratch away the ever faithful love of God for us.”*  
Pope Francis.



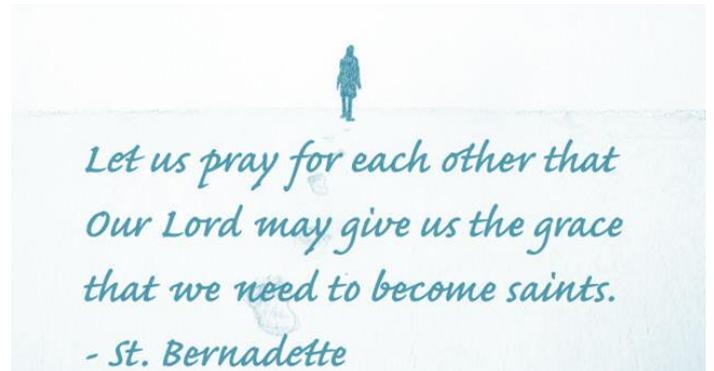
## OBLATE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019

*“Blessed are the poor; for theirs is the Kingdom of God”*

Groups from every part of the Anglo-Irish Province will make the journey to Lourdes – England, Scotland, Wales, Jersey and Ireland. One of the first groups to leave was the Oblate Youth Service (OYS) led by Fr Eduardo and Pdraig Corcoran and this year over 100 young people will be on hand to help take care of the assisted pilgrims. Fr Paschal left London with a group of intrepid travellers making the journey overland by coach with stops in Paris and Nevers (where Bernadette lived out the rest of her brief life). The majority of the pilgrims will depart on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. A little over 600 people are expected to be in Lourdes under the Oblate banner.

The pilgrimage team are committed to encouraging people to share in the pilgrimage whether they are able to travel or not.



To make this possible a **Prayer Leaflet has been prepared and is available in the back of the church.** It contains a short daily reflection based on the theme for the year. Details of the pilgrimage will also be posted on the oblate website **www.oblates.ie** Some of the activities will be broadcast on Lourdes TV and you are invited to follow the pilgrimage on:

[www.facebook.com/theoblates](https://www.facebook.com/theoblates)

**Twitter:** @oblatesUKIRE **Instagram:** @theoblates  
#oblateslourdes2019

Fr Lorcan, the Pilgrimage Director writes: *“Throughout the pilgrimage we will be holding all members of the Province in prayer and invite you to remember us as well.”*

## SEASON OF CREATION

*Creation Time* (celebrated by churches worldwide from 1<sup>st</sup> September to the 4<sup>th</sup> October) is a time to give thanks and reflect on the wonder, beauty and mystery of God's creation. The theme this year is biodiversity - *God's Web of Life* - where we are invited to reflect on the unique value of each creature in God's wondrous web of life.

### An Invitation...

Evening of Reflection with **Colm Hogan of Trócaire** on the *Season of Creation* on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September @ 7.30pm** in the *De Mazenod Centre* in St Michaels parish. All are welcome!



### OUR SYMPATHY - REST IN PEACE

**Irene SALMON**, late of West Terrace, died on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Funeral took place on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Committal to Palmerstown Cemetery.

### DUBLIN CULTURE NIGHT EVENTS

**LOCAL TOURS:** As part of the Dublin's Culture Night on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**, a free guided tour of Richmond Barracks and Goldenbridge Cemetery will be held at 6pm. Booking essential: [www.culturenight.ie](http://www.culturenight.ie)

**Special ENCOUNTER** (young adults aged in their 20s & 30s) on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** at 8pm in St Paul's Arran Quay. Musician Hannah Bests and with guest speakers including Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Lisa McKenna and Codie Preston. Tickets available from [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

### NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS 2019

Congratulations to **Inchicore Environmental Group** who jointly shared 1<sup>st</sup> Prize with Drimnagh Environmental Group at the Dublin City Council awards ceremony. Bluebell was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize in a separate category. Well done to everyone involved. The next clean up day is on Saturday, **21<sup>st</sup> September**, meet at Grattan Cres, 10am.

### DOG SHOW AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Organised by Dublin City Council and Public Domain in Jim Mitchell Park, Ring Street, Inchicore on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 12noon-1.30pm**. Registration from 10:30am. Free event. Dogs of all shapes and sizes are welcome.

### Crèche JOB VACANCY

The Oblate Community Crèche is seeking an Early Years Practitioner to join the team on a part-time basis. An enthusiastic individual who has a child focused approach to early childhood education with a minimum F.E.T.A.C. Level 5 in Childcare. Please send CV with relevant information to: [oblatefatherscreche@hotmail.com](mailto:oblatefatherscreche@hotmail.com)

**BAPTISMS:** On the third Sunday of every month @3pm. Contact the Parish Office.

### LOTTO RESULTS 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Nos. **1, 10, 24**. **No winner**. Jackpot is now **€1,950**. Next draw 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019.

### FAMILY OFFERINGS

11/08/2019 €629.62  
18/08/2019 €192.60  
25/08/2019 €478.20  
01/09/2019 €433.28  
08/09/2019 €215.00  
*Thank you for your generous support.*

**BINGO:** 8.15pm – 9.30pm on Monday evenings (except Bank Holidays) in the Árus Mhuire. All are welcome.

### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday will take place on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

### FAMILY OFFERING WEEKLY ENVELOPES

are available from the Parish Office for those who wish to contribute to the Parish finances.

### PARISH TEAM & INFORMATION

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Fr Tony Clancy OMI, Br Frank Flanagan OMI, Fr Willie Fitzpatrick OMI

### Church Safeguarding Reps:

Mary Flood, Josie McCann & Rita Berry

### 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  
Confessions may also be availed of in the House of Retreat during parish office hours or by appointment

### Prodigal Story - A Third Son!



Pope Francis in a reflection on the Prodigal Son commented: "In this parable, you can also glimpse a third son. A third son? Where? He's hidden! And it is the one, *"who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant"* (Phil 2:6-7). This Servant-Son is Jesus!

He is the extension of the arms and heart of the Father: he welcomed the prodigal Son and washed his dirty feet; he prepared the banquet for the feast of forgiveness. He, Jesus, teaches us to be *"merciful as the Father is merciful"*.