



MARY IMMACULATE - PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

13th – 19th October 2019

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY



“The elderly and the young, together. This is the sign that a people cherishes life, that there is a culture of hope: the care of the young and the elderly.”

Pope Francis @Pontifex

Dear Friends,

God's grace and healing does not confine itself to religious, social, gender, class, ethnic or racial constraints. Sometimes we must cross boundaries to obtain healing; and healing brings new life. Sunday's Gospel tells the story of ten lepers who ask Jesus for help. Though all ten are cured, only one (a Samaritan – an outsider to the Jewish community) came to give thanks to Jesus. In Jesus' day people with leprosy suffered from rejection and isolation. They were cast out from their homes and communities, and sent off to live quite miserable lives away from healthy people. One message for us in today's Gospel is that our response must be gratitude and this must not be forgotten in the excitement of the moment. The Samaritan was not the only one who had faith, but his gratitude sets him apart from the others, and Jesus upholds him as an example.

Another message is just as important for us, God is no respecter of religious traditions or ethnic identity. God's love and concern is for all people, Jew and non-Jew alike. This gospel begins by recounting that Jesus was travelling along the border between Samaria and Galilee. Borders were often places where disputes took place, with barriers often erected against those who are outside accepted norms of society on each side. Jesus walks in the places where there is division, isolation, conflict. His presence is to bring wholeness, reconciliation and communion.

GRATITUDE

IS NOT ONLY
THE GREATEST OF VIRTUES,
BUT THE PARENT
OF ALL OTHERS.

Ponder: Have you experienced the pain of being excluded or treated as an outsider? Identify what God has done for you. What is your response? What should you do next? What are the things you can thank God for? During this week, reflect on where the barriers are in your own life, the things that cut you off from others. Work towards breaking down one barrier this week.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT CEREMONY



Next Sunday 20th October at 11.30am Mass

we will have the joy of welcoming 6th Class children from *Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál* and *Inchicore National School* as they make their commitment to prepare well for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thanks to all the parents/guardians who attended the

information and enrolment meeting last Tuesday. Parents who missed out on the meeting are asked to pick up a *Confirmation Registration Form* from the Parish Office and enroll as soon as possible, if their child wishes to make their Confirmation in May 2020.



**Baptised
and sent**

EXTRAORDINARY

**WORLD MISSION MONTH:
October**

Pope Francis has chosen the theme for October Mission Month as *Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World*. Pope Francis in calling for an extraordinary celebration and witness of our faith and mission this month. He tells us: *“I want there to be a mess in the diocese. I want you to go outside. I want the Church in the street,”* Echoing his words in “The Joy of the Gospel” he urges each one of us that “without joy, we will attract no one.” It is clear that his intention is to turn the Church upside down, and make us all realise the one activity that makes the Church of Jesus Christ what it is meant to be - mission in the world. He describes mission as a challenge to every baptised person - *to be close to Christ through encounter with him and to gaze upon the mess of the world as Jesus did* in his time, with love.

SECOND COLLECTION: NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and the SHARE Collection is replaced by the collection for **World Mission Ireland**. Thank you for your generosity.

SACRISTY RE-ROOFING PROJECT

As many of you will remember, the main Church building was re-roofed about 30 years ago. The Sacristy building which is a large area was not part of the 1990 re-roofing project as funds were not available to undertake the Sacristy wing at that time and local repairs were carried out. The building is now in need of very urgent work to the roof to protect and preserve this important building. The project involves the re-roofing of the Church Ancillary building i.e., the Sacristy building. The building has three separate roofs. The main Sacristy building, the link corridor to the Church and the store area.

Having engaged the expertise of conservation architects, completed a tender process and selected a suitable building contractor to carry out this work, we are pleased to inform you that the work of re-roofing the Sacristy will commence in the next couple of weeks. It is anticipated that the project should be completed within 6 to 8 weeks with minimum disruption. The overall cost, approved by the Oblate Leadership team, is €108,415 (incl. VAT) We hope to meet this cost by using funds from the Building Fund Savings Account and your continued support and generosity. Any shortfall (in the short term) will be met by a loan from the Oblate Provincial Administration. The Finance Committee is looking into the matter and will provide further details on funding this project. The building is a Protected Structure and listed on the Dublin City Council's register of buildings. All work will be carried out in accordance with Conservation principles.

ARCHED STRUCTURE - OBLATE GROUNDS

We have been professionally advised that the Arched Structure (Folly) on the grounds of Mary Immaculate is unstable and in danger of collapse. As an interim measure, the structure will be reduced to a safe level for health and safety reasons following a recent Engineer's report on the structure. Given the urgency, this work will commence on Monday 14th October. While this area on the grounds will be sealed off while the work is being carried out, the grounds will remain open to the public and we would ask you to observe and follow any diversion signage and keep pets on a leash and children supervised.

SAINTHOOD FOR JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

This Sunday, 13th October, Pope Francis will Canonize Blessed John Henry Newman (1801 -1890), first rector of the newly established Catholic University in Dublin in 1854.

SYRO-MALABAR COMMUNITY CELEBRATES

The Feast of St Alphonsa on Sunday 20th October at 3pm in Mary Immaculate. She was the first woman of Indian origin to be canonised as a saint by the Catholic Church, and the first canonised saint of the Syro-Malabar Church, an Eastern Catholic Church based in Kerala. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen Chirapanath - Apostolic

visitor for Syro-Malabar Community in Europe. All are welcome.

SALE OF WORK IN BLUEBELL

This weekend after all their Masses the parish of Bluebell are having a Sale of Work to raise funds for their parish. Sale work with lots of new stuff and "Wheel of Fortune" after all Masses on Saturday, 12th and Sunday 13th October. Come and support our sister parish in the Pastoral Area.

VACANCY: Parish Secretary in St Michaels

The Parish of St Michael's (Inchicore) is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary on a part-time basis. For further information please visit their website: <http://stmichaelsinchicore.ie>

ANNUAL NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASSES

Saturday 2nd November at 12:00 noon. Mass of remembrance for deceased Oblates. All are welcome. *Please note there is no 11am Mass.*

Wednesday 6th November at the 7:00pm Mass. This Mass will be a remembrance of all who died in the past year. All are welcome.

BAPTISMS On the third Sunday of every month @3pm. Contact the Parish Office. 01 453 4408	LOTTO RESULTS 7th October Nos. 2,4,11 Jackpot is now €900. Next draw 14 th October 2019.
FAMILY OFFERING 29/09.2019 €363.02 06/10/2019 €362.20 <i>Thank you for your generous support.</i>	BINGO 8.15pm – 9.30pm Mondays (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
Confessions may also be availed of in the House of Retreat during parish office hours or by appointment