

BAPTISMS
 Celebrated on the *Third Sunday of every month* @3pm. Contact the Parish Office to complete the *Baptismal Form* and to arrange for a preparation meeting with our Pastoral Associate, Joanne.
 Parish Office: 01 453 4408

LOTTO RESULTS: 17th Feb
 POOL: € 1,500 Nos. 11, 13, 19 *No Winner*
 POOL for next week is €1200
Next draw Monday 24th February
 Tickets €2. Available from the Parish Office or before/after 11.30am Sunday Mass. **NB:** due to GDPR winners names are no longer disclosed, only their ticket number will be displayed.

FAMILY OFFERING

2 February	€385.81
9 February	€413.00
16 February	€282.78

Thank you for your generous support

PARISH BINGO
Mondays 8.15pm – 9.30pm
(except Bank Holidays)
 in the Árus Mhuire.
 All are welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Clothing Appeal
 Last year 149 bags of good quality clothing was collected from the parish of Mary Immaculate. It would be wonderful if we could achieve the same level this year. The Society is very conscious of the tremendous support given by the parishioners of this Parish for their charitable works over the years and the difference it makes to those in need. Bags will be available at all Masses on **Sunday 15th March** and collected the following **Sunday -22nd March**. Thank you for your support.

Church Safeguarding Reps: 01 453 4408
 Mary Flood, Josie McCann and Rita Berry

MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS

Sundays: 11.30am & 7pm
Mondays & Tuesdays: 7am, 10am
Wednesdays - Fridays: 7am, 10am & 7pm
Saturday & Bank Holidays: 11am *only*
Holy Days: 7am, 10am and 7pm **NB:** Vigil 7pm *(if vigil on Wed or Thurs)*,
 On a Saturday: Vigil 7pm *(Fri)* & 11am *only*
Confessions: 10.30am – 11am. Saturday *Confessions may also be availed of in the House of Retreat during parish office hours or by appointment*

RADIO LINK
for housebound to listen to the parish Mass. Contact office.

OBLATE VISION/MISSION
 “Profoundly respecting the dignity and sacredness of each person, we seek to grow close to Christ and make Him known through our way of life and ministry. We commit ourselves principally to those on the margins of church and society.”

CONFIRMATION CLUB
SMGS & INS and Faith Friends on:
Thurs. 12th March: 7-8pm
Thurs. 19th March: 7-8pm
Thurs. 26th March: 7-8pm
Árus Mhuire Hall



We alone cannot satisfy ourselves. We need to unmask our self-sufficiency, overcome our closures, go back to being small within, be simple and enthusiastic, filled with fervour for God and love for others.

Pope Francis @Pontifex

SEASON OF LENT starts this week with **ASH WEDNESDAY, 26th February**. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting. Ashes are distributed at 7am, 10am & 7pm Masses.



A PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR LENT

Loving God, I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you. Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world. Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission you have given me and experience the joy you have imagined for my life. Inspire me to live my faith and love of you in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Show me how to best get involved in the life of my community and to be your loving-presence to those in need.

Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision. Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times. **Amen.**

PARISH INFORMATION

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INCHICORE-BLUEBELL PASTORAL AREA
Mary Immaculate (Inchicore), St Michaels (Inchicore) and Our Lady of the Wayside (Bluebell)

SUNDAY REFLECTION: "GO THE EXTRA MILE"

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to re-examine how we live our lives as people who want to know, love and follow Jesus Christ. There is a radical message about God's love for you and for all, and an invitation to be the same for others. Jesus offers a radical invitation to love one another without condition – to love those who are different than ourselves, to love even our enemies. Using three over-the-top examples, we are shown what he means: when someone strikes you on your right cheek, offer the other one as well. If anyone sues you for your jacket, hand over your overcoat as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. In short, give much more than is asked! All this makes no sense to people living in a competitive, success driven, consumer culture. This makes no sense if we must be "number one." It makes no sense if our central value is "me first".

In a world with many examples of hatred, violence, war, and unnecessary death, Jesus appears with the radical call for us to love: Disarm your enemies with your willingness to go beyond what is asked!

The
best way
to get
even is to
forgive
as you have
been
forgiven

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING

in the Annex in the Oblate House of Retreat

Parents from INS on Tuesday, 25th Feb. @ 7.30pm

Parents from SMGS on Wednesday, 26th Feb. @ 7.30pm

GOD'S IS MERCY
~ NEVER ENDING

ACCORD

Thanks to all who supported last week's Second Collection for ACCORD Dublin. Total raised: € 232.00



CELEBRATION OF FIRST CONFESSIONS

in Mary Immaculate Church, Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore

SMGS: Tuesday 3rd March @ 1.15pm

INS: Wednesday, 4th March @ 1.30pm

LOURDES NOVENA—THANK YOU to Fr Shane Crombie for directing our Lourdes Novena and to all who worked at the Novena. Our thanks also to all who participated in the Novena days in the church or through your prayers at home or with other members of your local faith community. The Special Collection on 11th February was for the Oblate Lourdes Pilgrimage fund to take sick pilgrims to Lourdes in September 2020. A total of €1332 was raised. Fr Vincent conveyed the thanks of the Pilgrimage Office for such great generosity.

LIVING LENT 2020 - LOCAL PASTORAL AREA EVENTS

St Michaels Church in the De Mazenod Centre, 52A Bulfin Road:

Wed. 26th Feb: "DOING LENT DIFFERENTLY"

a talk with Scripture Scholar Sean Goan, 10.30am

Mon. 2nd & 9th March: "DOES JESUS MAKE SENSE OF SUFFERING?"

- led by Sean Goan, 7.30pm - 9pm

Tues. 3rd March: "FINDING GOD IN A LEAF" 10.30am (Tuesdays of Lent)

Reading, reflecting and sharing our thoughts on the book by Brian Grogan SJ on the mysticism of Pope Francis' e *Laudato Si'*.

Thur. 5th March: "AT HOME IN MY BODY" 7-8pm (Thursdays of Lent)

Through meditation, mindfulness, movement and music.

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Our Lady of the Wayside, Bluebell - Side room by Parish Office

Fri. 6th March: "LECTIO DIVINA" 7-7.45pm (Fridays of Lent)

Prayerful reading of the Bible led by Sr Mary Walsh DC.

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Mary Immaculate Church in the Annex Room in House of Retreat

Mondays of Lent: "MINDFULNESS" 10.30am

Being in the present led by Br Frank Flanagan OMI

Throughout Lent: "GOING OUT - COMING HOME" (any time, any day)

During Lent the Oblates of the parish team are available to visit you in your home for a chat, to listen, to bless and/or to pray with you and those you live with. If you would like a visit, **complete the form below**, cut it out and give to one of the priests or place it into the collection bag or into the parish office.

PARISH LENTEN VISIT: I would like a visit from an Oblate Priest...

NAME: _____ Tel/Mobile: _____

Address: _____

GDPR: The information you provide will be used only for the Lenten Visit and will not be used in conjunction with any other event or parish activity nor passed onto any third party.

If you would like the Oblate parish to retain your information for future visits please tick here:

Signed: _____