

# Mary Immaculate

SEASON OF LENT

March 2020



**“May the Lord help families discover new expressions of love in this (Covid-19 virus) situation. It's a beautiful opportunity to creatively rediscover affection in the family. Let us all pray together that relationships within the family might flourish always for the good.”** Pope Francis @Pontifex

**POPE FRANCIS** has entrusted the entire world to the protection of the Mother of God, as a sign of salvation and hope during this Covid-19 emergency:

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of all people, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED & House of Retreat is not open to callers. Parish or Urgent Calls: 086 7954706**  
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## PARISH TEAM

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## INCHICORE-BLUEBELL PASTORAL AREA

Mary Immaculate (Inchicore), St Michaels (Inchicore) and Our Lady of the Wayside (Bluebell)

## 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

## PARISH LOTTO

POOL: 500 Nos. **No Winner**  
Next week is €  
Next draw: 14th February  
Tickets €2. Available at Parish Office or before/after 11.30am. Prizes: due to GDPR winners names are not disclosed, only their ticket number will be played.

## PARISH BINGO

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

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

Thank you for your generous support

## St Vincent de Paul Annual Clothing Appeal

Last year 149 bags of good quality clothing was collected for Mary Immaculate. It would be wonderful if we could achieve this year. The Society is very conscious of the tremendous support given by parishioners for their charitable works over the years. Bags will be available at all Masses on **Sunday -22<sup>nd</sup> March.** Thank you for your support.

**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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## PRAYERS & 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 Faith Friends on:  
Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> March 8pm  
Árus Mhuire Han

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## Is there a Christian way of facing the Covid-19 crisis?

Fr Kieran O'Mahony, the Biblical Studies Coordinator in Dublin Diocese, responds clearly that "Yes, of course, there is." He provides four characteristic ways in which we could respond:

- The first is the move from "I" to "we". This is a frightening situation that we face together. The **common good** — the good of us all — must be given first place; within the common good, we will find our own good. That is a very Christian, even a very Catholic virtue.
- The second is an attitude of concern and compassion. Even if we must be isolated in our own homes or workplaces, modern communications allow us to stay in touch in a way impossible before. This is a great benefit. But, we need to choose to stay in contact, perhaps with a greater frequency so that people don't feel abandoned.
- The third is a respect for truth. In recent years, the truth has suffered in public discourse, giving rise to a horrible expression, the post-truth era. In these days, we need to pay attention to science and medicine and less attention to opinion-makers and rumours. A society without truth cannot last. Today, right now, we need truth more than ever before.
- Lastly, as Christians, we can pray. We can pray in particular for scientists, medical personnel and politicians. These are wonderful people with a huge job of work before them. As we pray for ourselves and our families and friends, we pray too for all who look after the common good.

### **ALL PARISH CELEBRATIONS SUNDAY MASSES, CLUBS & EVENTS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

The only Services taking place (and for small gatherings only) are the usual Masses scheduled for Monday to Saturday.

**Please keep a SOCIAL DISTANCE  
of three pews/benches between others.  
Thank You for your cooperation.**

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## Be Strong...Keep Faith

The desert will sing and rejoice  
and the wilderness blossom with flowers;  
all will see the Lord's splendour,  
see the Lord's greatness and power.

Tell everyone who is anxious  
be strong and don't be afraid.  
The lame will leap and dance;  
those who can't speak will shout.

They will hammer their swords into ploughs  
and their spears into pruning knives,  
the nations will live in peace;  
they will train for war no more.



This is the dream of God,  
a dream that will come true.  
Lord, help us to believe in your longing  
for a world where peace  
and well-being reigns,  
help us to see what we can do  
to help it become a reality,  
trusting in your power,  
knowing you are always there with us  
showering us with life-giving energy  
and healing.

*Iona Community Worship Book, adapted by Partners in Faith*

### **COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

**Support Line open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm,  
0818 222 024.**

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. ALONE is a member of the National Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Subgroup for Vulnerable People.