

ADVENT MASSES

Sunday Masses: 11.30am & 7pm
Monday to Saturday Masses: 10am
No Mass on Wednesdays

SERVICE OF WORD + COMMUNION

Wednesdays at 10am

+ ADVENT EXPOSITION + Wednesdays 2pm—5pm.

ADVENT CONFESSION

Sacrament of Confession available on
Wednesdays 2pm-5pm and on
Saturdays after the 10am Mass.

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesday, 23rd December at 10am** during the Service of Word with Communion. ***Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do.***

COMMUNION VISIT TO SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

The priests or ministers of Communion can bring communion to those who request (with PPE). We can also facilitate a family member to take Communion to their sick or housebound relative or neighbour in the parish. Please contact the Parish Office 01 453 4408 during office hours.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING

Monday to Friday: 10am—1pm

MISSION OFFICE OPENING

Monday to Friday 10am—4pm

At times the offices may be closed due to staff shortage. Thank you for your understanding.

DROP IN PARISH INCOME

This year with the lockdowns, church closures and no public Masses, our parish funds have decreased severely by 53% at the end of November. In July the Oblates of the parish helped us by providing a €20,000 grant to meet our ongoing expenses. The **First Collection** has collapsed by nearly 70% and a similar figure with the SHARE Collection (which support the Diocesan pastoral works). We are all experiencing the hardships and difficulties caused by the impact of COVID-19. **Thank You** to all who have continued to provide the **Family Offering Envelopes**. There have also been many who have increased their family offering or made donations over and beyond what is normally given to make up the shortfalls in donations currently experienced. **Thank You**.

WAYS TO DONATE: In order to expand the ways you can make a donation to the parish, we have a **Contactless Card reader machine installed** in the church (every tap donates €5). You can also use the **DONATE** button on the website: **www.oblateparishinchicore.ie**

CHRISTMAS DUES EVELOPES:

Kindly return them to the Collection Boxes or drop them into the Letterbox in the Oblate House of Retreat.

Thank you for your support.

The Oblates Church

Inchicore Parish

Mary Immaculate

THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT 2020 - *In joyful Hope*

God is continually coming into our world, into our ordinary, broken lives. That is the central message of Christmas because each one of us is important to him. His incurable longing to be with us makes it possible for us to encounter him. We may find this hard to believe living in a time of global grief and suffering; in a time when people have died without saying goodbye to their loved ones, families in difficulties, people out of work; in a time when we could cry out 'make our paths straight.' But God wants to be found.



God wants to become one of us;

to be wrapped in humanity and embraced with joy.

Julian of Norwich, a 14th century Christian mystic, lived through a time of great upheaval. The people of Europe were anxious due to the Black Death, war and famine. In her writings she reminds us that the intimacy of God's love is like the familiarity of the very clothes that cover and protect us. "He is our clothing, who wraps and enfolds us for love, embraces us and shelters us, surrounds us for his love, which is so tender that he can never desert us" (*Revelations of Divine Love*).

In this time of Advent, as the days grow darker; as we continue to stand apart to protect each other; may you be surprised by the God who is reaching out to enfold you in love and know his joy which completes all things.

"The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything." Julian of Norwich

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL this Sunday (13th December). The annual Appeal goes to support their work of reaching out to individuals and families in the Pastoral Area who will be facing a difficult Christmas this year. Your donations can be placed in the *St Vincent de Paul Box* at the back of the church or take home an SVdP envelope and return it with your donations enclosed to the letterbox of the House of Retreat. Thank you for your help.

2019/2020 HOLY COMMUNION: We keep in mind the children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion due to the Covid-19 restrictions. You may see some of the children making their First Communion at a regular Mass this month or in January. We hope to organise in the new year a day for them to celebrate the Sacrament in small groups with their class friends. **NOTE: Parents intending to present their child for First Communion at a regular Mass are asked to confirm with Joanne before hand: j.lanigan@oblates.ie**

2020/2021 COMMUNION + CONFIRMATION: Sacramental Registration for 2020/2021 year group (children in 2nd Class and 6th Class) is now taking place. **Please email Joanne Lanigan** for further information: J.lanigan@oblates.ie

The Pastoral Area of Inchicore Bluebell have set up a Sacramental Team (Joanne Lanigan, Fr Dominik, Pádraigín Clancy, Pádraig Corcoran) to coordinate the preparations for First Communion and Confirmation. Fr Dominik and Joanne are coordinating the Sacramental Programme for schools in Mary Immaculate and Our Lady of the Wayside churches.



**“God’s grace changes lives:
He takes us as we are, but He never leaves us as we are.”**

Pope Francis Advent 2020

NEW CRIB IN CHURCH: After years of faithfully providing us with the images of the first nativity, the life-size wax figures are showing the wear and tear of life. The traditional place in which they were set up is not accessible currently to the public, thus, we have a new (smaller) Nativity set purchased due to a generous donor. This crib will be located at the back of the church.

BLESSING OF BABY JESUS: On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** (20th December) if possible, you are invited to bring in the baby Jesus figurine from the nativity set at home and have it blessed during the Mass. This is a tradition that was started by Pope St Paul VI in 1969 and it continues to today.

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASSES

At Christmas we love to welcome any and all to Mass, but this year given the situation of Pandemic, we need to limit the numbers and ensure we can all worship safely. This year we are introducing a **ticketed entry** into Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Thursday 24th Dec., Christmas EVE: Masses at 7.00pm & 9.00pm

Friday 25th Dec., Christmas DAY: Masses at 9.30am & 11.30am

Tickets (free) will be available in the church

before Mass on the following on days:

Saturday, 12th December from 9.15am—10am

Sunday 13th December from 10.45am—11.30am & 6.15pm-7pm

Tickets will be necessary in order for admission to all Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

JOIN US THROUGH OUR PARISH WEBCAM - LIVESTREAMING:

www.oblateparishinchicore/#live-streaming

www.churchservices.tv/maryimmaculateoblates

PLEASE NOTE: *The Bishops of Ireland have dispensed us from the obligation to attend Christmas Mass. Therefore, those who wish to attend a Christmas Mass and receive Holy Communion can also do so by going to any Mass from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany (24th December to 6th January).*

OLD INCHICORE AND KILMAINHAM - COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE 2021

30 years since its first publication, the authors of the 2021 edition are looking for short articles of social history, memoir or other topic of local interest for the new issue. Kindly email: i.k.old.journal@gmail.com

EMMET ROAD DEVELOPMENT IN INCHICORE The community consultation by Dublin City Council on the Emmet Road Development is available at the new Project Office at 6 Tyrconnell Road - beside Golden Soles - showing the proposed design layouts. Views on the display are sought until 21st December. **www.emmetroad.ie**

BUS CONNECTS: Community consultation on the core bus corridors runs until 16th December. Route 7 - Liffey Valley to City Centre relates to Inchicore. **www.busconnects.ie**