

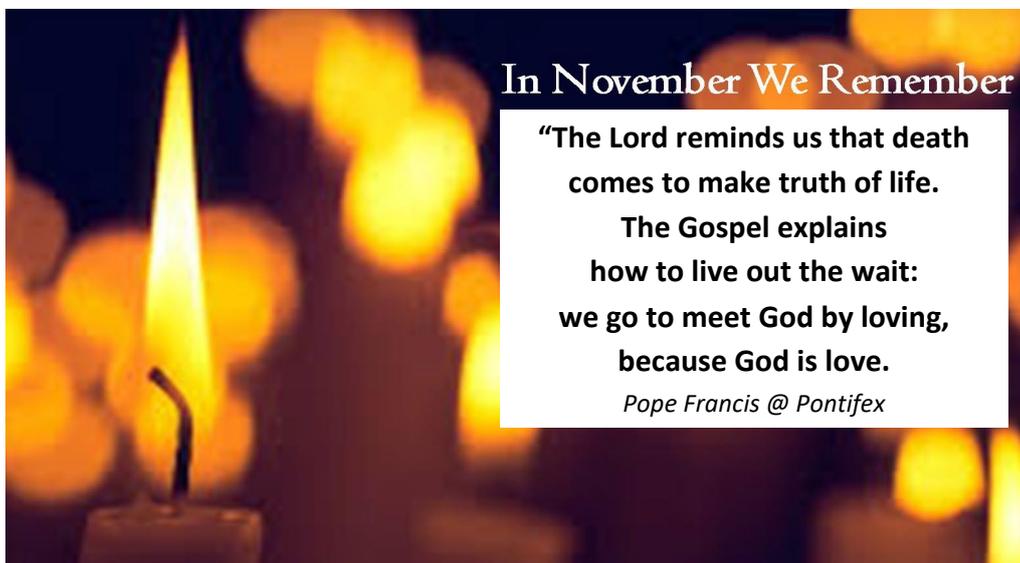
# NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## Inchicore/Bluebell Pastoral Area

Missionary Oblates  
of Mary Immaculate



### In November We Remember

**“The Lord reminds us that death  
comes to make truth of life.**

**The Gospel explains  
how to live out the wait:  
we go to meet God by loving,  
because God is love.**

*Pope Francis @ Pontifex*

## SHARE SUNDAY: 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> November

### *A Message from Archbishop Dermot Farrell*

I am writing to you today about Share, the Diocesan Development Fund, which depends on the generosity of parishioners across the Archdiocese. Through the work of the Dublin Diocesan Offices, Share provides a range of essential services to our parishes and schools.

In the Diocesan Offices we are fortunate to have a dedicated and skilled group of people whose work is indispensable. They serve the Archbishop, priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and all in pastoral leadership roles, ensuring the daily functioning of the Church in the Archdiocese.

Colleagues at Archbishop’s House support me in my pastoral responsibilities to clergy, parishes, lay members of the Church, and those belonging to Religious Congregations who minister in the Diocese. The work of the Office for Mission and Ministry and the Communications Office is helping to renew the pastoral focus of the Archdiocese and its parishes in these changing times. The resourcing of Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees, adult faith development, funeral ministry, and liturgy and music, for example, are crucial in the everyday pastoral life of the parish. The Education Secretariat provides important support for our schools, their teachers and pupils.

As a result of the Share collection, and in order to help them fulfil their increasing pastoral, administrative and statutory responsibilities, the Diocesan Offices also provide parishes with training and advice on legislative compliance across a range of areas, including the protection of children and vulnerable adults, financial reporting and auditing, property, health and safety, data protection, charity governance and human resources. In this way, parishes are continuing to meet and go beyond best practice standards.

The Building Hope initiative, promoting pastoral renewal and partnership between parishes will assist in the development of a pastoral strategy for the future. The need for contemporary approaches to our mission of bringing Christ to the people in our parishes and beyond has never been more stark.

Share also continues to provide much needed financial support to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured. As we emerge from the pandemic, the Office for Financial Development is available to parishes to ensure awareness of and provide access to available external grant funding.

All these services are invaluable to parishes and are primarily funded by the Share collection. The supporting financial schedules convey the very significant impact the pandemic has had. Considerable savings have been made through reduced numbers of staff in the Diocesan Offices, as also identified in the tables provided. With the final closure of Clonliffe, and the move to smaller diocesan premises, further savings can be achieved.

In this letter I have responded to a question sometimes asked in relation to the second collection. While the purposes of the Share collection have changed over the years, it is an essential source of funding in the Archdiocese, supporting parish life and ministry. Please give as generously as you can on this Share Appeal Sunday, and continue to support Share every Sunday. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

With every blessing and wishes, + **Dermot Farrell**, Archbishop of Dublin

## CHANGES TO THE PASTORAL AREA TEAM – *A Message from Fr Leo*

I will be finishing my term as Moderator of the Pastoral Area at the beginning of December. I had requested a Sabbatical year and the Provincial, Fr Oliver Barry OMI, has granted permission. A sabbatical period is a personal time for reflection and renewal. I thank him and the Oblates for giving me this privileged time and grace. I thank the people of the Pastoral Area, the local Parish leadership groups, Parish Staff, volunteers and the Pastoral Area Team for your welcome, friendship, collaboration in ministry and prayerful support over the past three years. Thank you also, for the many prayers you extended to me and my family on the death of my father in July.

Fr Martin Moran OMI has been appointed as the Moderator of the Pastoral Area. He is coming to Inchicore-Bluebell after six years of ministry in Edinburgh. I wish Fr Martin every joy and happiness in mission. I am sure you will extend to him your characteristic warm welcome and generous support. Fr Martin will take over as Moderator from Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. Fr Dominik and Fr Paul will continue as Co-PPs in the Pastoral Area.

Ministering in the Pastoral Area as a Moderator has had its blessings and challenges. Your active collaboration, support and generosity was invaluable and has helped the three parish communities to develop and emerge through the tough period of Covid restrictions and trauma.

Not being one to have any focus on myself, I ask sincerely for no gifts or special celebrations to mark my leaving. Over the next few weeks I will speak at Masses, where I am scheduled, to personally express my thanks. I ask for your forgiveness for any hurt I may have caused you or for any shortfall in my pastoral care. I will pray for God's blessing and peace upon you and all your loved ones, and, if you can, remember me in prayer from time to time.

*Leo, OMI*

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**Fr LOUIS MCDERMOTT, RIP:** Fr Louis, who ministered in St Michaels parish and was a member of the Pastoral Area, passed away on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. His death was deeply felt by members of the parish and the Pastoral Area, the Oblate Family and his own family. Sincere thanks to all in St Michaels who helped to prepare and organise his funeral. On Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 11am we will mark the Months' Mind in St Michael's Church with Fr Louis' family present.

**NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES** having been taking place in all the churches recently. Sincere thanks to all who prepared and participated in the various Masses. This month provides an opportunity to thank our ***Bereavement and Funeral Ministry Teams*** in the three parishes for their care and support at the funerals of present and former parishioners. If anyone is interested in supporting the ministry of Bereavement and Funeral Ministry Team, please speak with a member of the Pastoral Team.

**BLUEBELL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** for all who have died is on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm** in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Bluebell.

**SYNOD FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH:** The latest update on the Synodal Process is the release of a document called entitled "***Working Document - For the Continental Stage***". It is a synthesis of all of the feedback from the National Bishop's Conferences of the World, Religious Institutes, Lay Movements and so on. You can access this document on Mary Immaculate Parish website. [www.oblateparishinchicore.ie](http://www.oblateparishinchicore.ie)

The Continental Stage consists of a time of listening and deepening our discernment process. The National Conference will identify people to represent the local Churches in a pre-assembly processes prior to the European Assembly. The theme and thrust of the Synodal Process is captured well in the quote chosen to guide our reading of the document: "***Enlarge the space of your tent***" (Isaiah 54:2).

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS:** MONTHLY MASSES have begun for the children preparing for their First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. In Mary Immaculate Church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 11.30am Mass. In St Michaels Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 11am Mass. Bluebell Parish had their celebration last Sunday.

**STORIES OF THE IMAGINATION - AND SCAFFOLDING OF LIFE:** Winter Reflection Day led by Partners in Faith on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am—3.30pm** in Sophia House, Cork Street D8. Time of telling, hearing, creating, exploring and reflecting on stories and how they shape our lives and are shaped by our lives. Presented by Frank Naughton. Suggested donation is €30. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. To book contact Gemma on 087 2077458 or [info@partnersinfaith.ie](mailto:info@partnersinfaith.ie)

**BLUEBELL CHURCH FUNDRAISING:** Special Bingo night at the Cottage Inn, Bluebell Road, on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December starting at 8.30pm with many prizes and a raffle draw.

**CHRISTMAS WITH *THE THREE TENORS*:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December , 8pm in Mary Immaculate Church, Inchicore. Tickets €30 from the Parish office 01 5160954 (9am to 1pm) Book Early!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS ARE BACK AGAIN!!!** The Schools and Church Choirs in the Pastoral Area are busy preparing to bring us into the festive mood with carols and stories of Christmas. Keep an eye on the parish websites and noticeboards.

**Our Lady of the Wayside, Bluebell: 01 4501040**

[www.bluebellparish.com](http://www.bluebellparish.com)

**St. Michael's Church, Inchicore: 01 4531660**

[www.stmichaelsinchicore.ie](http://www.stmichaelsinchicore.ie)

**Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate: 01 516 0954**

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## **INCHICORE BLUEBELL PASTORAL AREA TEAM**

*Inchicore Bluebell Pastoral Area comprises of Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Bluebell Parish and St Michaels Church, Inchicore. The Area is served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.*

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