## **Parish Liturgical Events**

## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Fr Brendan Steen CM (formerly St Peter's) and Philomena (Phyllis) Clarke (Connaught Street). Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. **Amen.** 

## **Sunday Masses**

6.30pm - Saturday Vigil

8.00am - General

10.00am - General

## 11.30am - Family Mass

All are invited to come along, children, parents and grandparents.

## **2.15pm - African Mass** 1st Sunday of each month.

**4.00pm - Indian Mass** 2nd Sunday of each month.

6.30pm - Young Adults Mass

## Sunday

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

St Nicholas, bishop is not celebrated this year

#### Monday

St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm A Word on the Word 7.30pm (St Peter's Club)

## Tuesday

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation:

Masses 10.30am & 6.30pm

## Wednesday

St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

## Thursday

Bl. Mark Anthony Durando CM, priest Prayer for Vocations after Mass

### Friday

St Damasus I. pope

## Saturday

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron of the Americas St Finnian, bishop

## Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

St Lucy, virgin & martyr is not celebrated this year Readings

Zeph 3:14-18.

Ps Is 12:2-6, R/ v 6.

Phil 4:4-7.

Lk 3:10-18.

"Do not worry yourself over much... Grace has its moments. Let us abandon ourselves to the providence of God and be very careful not to run ahead of it."

St Vincent de Paul



## **Mass Times**

#### Sunday

Sat vigil (6.30pm) 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am & 6.30pm

#### Monday - Saturday

10.30am

(& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, ex Bank Holidays)

#### **Holy Day**

10.30am & 6.30pm

## Confessions

Saturday, immediately following the 10.30am Mass and at the Parish Office by request

## **Parish Clergy**

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# Parish Newsletter

## **BE A SIGNPOST**

How is your Advent going? We're a week in already. Less than three weeks to Christmas and so much still to be done! Where to start?

St Peter's, Phibsborough

If we have time to listen, there are some pointers in our readings today. Following the example of John the Baptist, our Advent task is to 'prepare a way for the Lord'. Of course in these busy weeks we have shopping to do, presents to buy, parties and festive gatherings to organise; these are important parts of our Christmas celebrations. But how are we preparing to meet Jesus this Christmas? Can we create space amid the hustle and bustle? And not just in our own personal lives – we are also called to be witnesses, to be the people who 'cry in the wilderness', announcing the good news to others. We must be signposts, our words and actions pointing towards Christ. Our task this Advent is to make Jesus known. In our dealings with others as we count down to Christmas, let us try to be like John the Baptist, pointing always towards Christ. St Paul's prayer in today's Second Reading is that our love for one another may increase more and more. Let love be your guide.

Tríona Doherty (taken from 'Intercom')

#### A Little Lifetime Foundation

Christmas Service of Remembrance on Sunday, 6 December at 7.30pm in St Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis Street, Dublin with Archbishop Martin.

#### Monday Novena

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

The Miraculous Medal Novena continues Monday evenings at 7.00pm (ex. Bank Holidays). All are encouraged to attend.

#### A Word on the Word

Held on Monday's at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club (entrance is through the small black gate on the left hand side of the car park entrance), the sessions will focus on the readings for each coming Sunday.

## Immaculate Conception

Rosary will take place in honour of our Lady of the Immaculate Conception at the Grotto in St Benedict's Gardens (last left turn on NCR before Dorset Street) at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 8 December. Our Lady invites all, young and old, to attend. Free tea/coffee afterwards.

#### Cuidiu

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group welcomes all mothers and babies on Wednesday's from 10.00am in St Peter's Club.

Join us as we Pray for Vocations
On Thursday's after Mass the Vincentian
Community here in St Peter's invites you
to join with them in prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the
Vincentian Community in Ireland.

## Crib Appeal

This year our crib has been installed in the church earlier than normal. Unfortunately it has come to our attention that some of the crib figures have deteriorated badly over time and can no longer be used. In this regard we are hoping to raise money over this year's Christmas season to buy new figures for Christmas 2016. Each new figure is expected to cost between €500 - €800. If you would like to donate towards the new crib figures, you can do so through the Parish Office or the Sacristy.

A Little Lifetime Foundation Blessing of Remembrance and Tree

Lighting ceremony on Sunday,13 December at 4.00pm in Glasnevin Cemetery. This special Service of Remembrance is for all parents, family members and friends who have had the experience of a baby's death, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a warm welcome to everyone.

## **SVP Christmas Collection**

The annual Diocesan collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be held at all Masses next weekend (13 Dec). It replaces the usual Share collection.

## Food Appeal

This year we repeat our annual Food Appeal for those most in need. Please bring your non-perishable food items to Masses next weekend. Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times. Christmas Cards & Calendars

Mass Bouquets €7, Novena Cards €4,

SVP Cards €5 & €6 and Church Art Calendars €2 are now available from the

Parish Office and Repository.

#### Christmas Dues

Christmas Dues envelopes are available at the Church doors. Please return them to the Parish Office.

## Weekly Boxes

The weekly boxes of envelopes are also available from the Parish Office and they commence from this weekend (6 Dec).

#### Please Remember

In order to maintain a prayerful atmosphere particularly during



Masses and other ceremonies we ask that you remember to turn your mobile phones off before entering the Church.

### Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (29 Nov) = €1,048.49 Roomkeepers (29 Nov) = €1,175.17

Thank you very much for your support.

#### Church Gate Collection

This week's is in aid of essential Church repairs.

