## **Parish Liturgical Events**

#### In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Peggy Mullan (NCR) Fr Richard McCullen CM (former Superior General of the Vincentians), Vera Rocca (Rosemount Road), Sheila Cahill (Connaught Parade) and Thomas Dunne (Churchview Nursing Home). 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

The Baptism of the Lord

#### Monday

Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm A Word on the Word resumes 11 January

#### Wednesday

St Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church

#### Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

#### Friday

St Ita, virgin

#### **Saturday** St Fursa, abbot & missionary

#### Sunday

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** *St Anthony, abbot is not celebrated this year* **Readings** Is 62:1-5. Ps 95:1-3, 7-10, R/ v 3. 1 Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11.

"Proceed quietly, pray a great deal and act together."

St Vincent de Paul



## Mass Times

Sunday

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

#### <u>Monday - Saturday</u>

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

Fr Paschal Scallon, CM paschal.scallon@stpetersphibsboro.ie

## **Parish Office**

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# St Peter's, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus we hear that Jesus was at prayer after his baptism, when the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. This is main focus of Luke's account of this story, he is the only Gospel writer who says that Jesus was at prayer before 'heaven opened' and God's voice was heard. A call to do God's work can often be preceded by a deep prayerful experience of God. Luke's focus is on the experience of Jesus in this account but we are also called to see the revelation of God in ourselves and in others. Perhaps you can recall when you suddenly saw a divine spark in someone you know or noticed a change in yourself because of a deep experience.

We can recall moments in our own lives when we experienced God tenderly and lovingly saying to us, 'you are my son/daughter'; 'you are my beloved'; 'my favour rests on you'. Very often experiences such as these are simple events. They can also call us to a greater commitment to our faith and our relationship with God.

> 'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them' *W.L. Wallace*

> > Jane Mellett (taken from 'Intercom')

Monday Novena "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The Miraculous Medal Novena continues on Monday evenings (ex Bank Holidays) at 7.00pm. All are encouraged to attend.

#### A Word on the Word

Held on Monday's at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club, the sessions will focus Old and New Testament texts to do with mercy. Resumes Monday, 11 January.

#### AMM Meeting

The Association of the Miraculous Medal will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, 18 January in the Church directly after the Novena. All are most welcome.

## Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 19 January in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'The Joy of the New Year'. All are welcome.

## Cuidiu

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group welcomes all mothers and babies on Wednesday's from 10.00am - 11.30am in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Rd). Cuidiu is a voluntary support group where you can meet other mothers, socialise, get advice, learn and make new friends. Cost:  $\in$ 4 per session (members  $\notin$ 2). Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: www.cuidiu.ie for more details. "When the world slumbers in comfort and selfishness, our Christian mission is to help it rouse from sleep."

- Pope Francis

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.

### Anam Cara

Anam Cara holds the monthly parent evening on Monday, 11 January from 730pm - 9:00pm in Dominic's Community Centre, Tallaght. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

## Retrouvaille

#### A Lifeline for Marriage

Have you lost the desire to communicate with each other? Do you feel disillusioned or bored in your marriage? The Retrouvaille programme can help you recover your marriage. Next programme takes place 5 – 7 February 2016. For information contact Tony & Anne: 01 495 3536, Mike & Anne: 01 450 0922, text / call 086 413 5440 or email: info@ retrouvaille.ie. Go to: www.retrouvaille.ie or www.dublindiocese.ie/retrouvaillelifeline-marriage/ for more details. Lifetime Trip to the Holy Land Join group leader Mícheál de Barra and spiritual director / Bible scholar Fr John Newman for an unforgettable journey, following in the footsteps of Jesus in the land of the Bible. June 8 - 18, 2016. To see testimonials from last year's pilgrims go to: www.culturaltoursireland.com. Email: culturaltoursireland@gmail.com for more details.

## Consecrated Life

A service to conclude the Year for Consecrated Life will take place in the Church of St Therese, Mount Merrion on Tuesday, 2 February at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

# VLM Fundraising Events Table Quiz

The VLM's (Vincentian Lay Missionaries) annual Table Quiz has been gathering momentum! Why not challenge your colleagues or friends to a trivia night? There will be questions to suit everyone, spot prizes for lucky teams and cash prizes for the winners. Join us in The Church Cafe Bar, Jervis Street on Thursday, 4 February at 7.00pm. Teams - €10 per person.

## The African Run Ireland

Grab your runners on 27 February 2016 and sign up to take part in the first ever African Run Ireland which will take place in the beautiful surroundings of St Anne's Park. For more information get in touch with Mary-Anne in our office or email: fundraising@vlm.ie. Parish Office Marion, Antoinette and Ecaterina hope you had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish you a very happy New Year.

### 2016 Calendars

Church Art Calendars for 2016 are still available from the Parish Office and the Repository priced  $\in 2$  each.

### Weekly Envelopes

For those of you that haven't collected your weekly envelope boxes for 2016 they are available from the Parish Office.

## Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

| Church (20 Dec) | = €1,359.50 |
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| Share (20 Dec)  | = € 486.96  |
| Church (25 Dec) | = €2,406.08 |
| Share (25 Dec)  | = € 809.50  |
| Church (27 Dec) | = €1,061.08 |
| Share (27 Dec)  | = € 494.87  |
| Church (3 Jan)  | = €1,122.73 |
| Share (3 Jan)   | = € 538.77  |
| Church (6 Jan)  | = € 400.95  |
| Share (6 Jan)   | = € 265.33  |

Thank you very much for your support.

Church Gate Collections This week's Church Gate Collection is in

This week's Church Gate Collection is in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

As the collection for essential Church Repairs did not take place on the first Sunday of January, it will take place next weekend (17 January) instead.