

Parish Liturgical Events

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Patrick Cooney (uncle of Kirsten Mahon, our Sacristan). 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

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

St Lucy, virgin & martyr is not celebrated this year

Monday

St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church

Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm (St Peter's Club)

Tuesday

Patrician Meeting 7.30pm - St Peter's Club

Wednesday

Cuidiu 10.00am - St Peter's Club

Coffee Morning directly after Mass

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations after Mass

St Peter's NS Nativity Play 6.00pm

Friday

St Flannan, bishop

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Fachanan, bishop is not celebrated this year

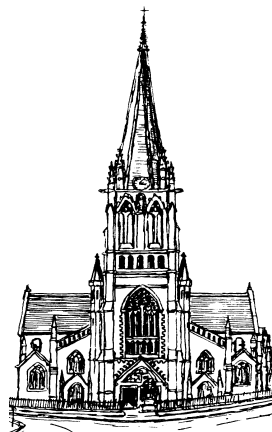
Readings

Mic 5:1-4.

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, R/ v 4.

Heb 10:5-10.

Lk 1:39-44.



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

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St Peter's, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

REJOICE!

In his poem, Japanese Maple, Clive James offers a heartrending description of some of the beauty he observes during what he believes are his final days.

You feel the drain

Of energy, but thought and sight remain:

Enhanced, in fact. When did you ever see

So much sweet beauty as when fine rain falls

On that small tree

And saturates your brick back garden wall

Faced with his mortality, the poet was able to celebrate and take pleasure in the simplest of things. The poem radiates with acceptance and a certain contentment as he reflects on the world and its 'sweet beauty'. (A year later he wrote of his embarrassment at still being alive after the attention the poem garnered!)

Today is Gaudete Sunday; the day takes its name from the Latin Gaudete meaning 'Rejoice'. The first line of our Second Reading uses the word 'happy' twice and 'happiness' once. This happiness Paul speaks of is not a passing mood, but a deeper happiness and contentment, a peace of heart. Do we take the time to cultivate this deeper sense of happiness? It is something we can think about as we prepare for Christmas. It is not the gifts and festivities that will bring us true and lasting happiness.

Triona Doherty

(taken from 'Intercom')

"Some persons look and never see, others see and never look."

St Vincent de Paul

A Little Lifetime Foundation

A Blessing of Remembrance and Tree Lighting ceremony takes place today at 4.00pm in Glasnevin Cemetery. This is for all those who have experienced the death of a baby, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a warm welcome to everyone.

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 the sessions focus on the readings for each coming Sunday.

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 15 December at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club. The topic for discussion is 'What is mercy and justice?'. All are welcome to come along.

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.

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.

Nativity Play

St Peter's National School will present a short Nativity Play along with some Christmas Carols in St Peter's Church on Thursday, 17 December at 6.30pm. All family members and friends welcome.

Christmas Flowers

Donations would be most appreciated to offset the cost of flowers for the Church this Christmas. These can be left into the Parish Office or Repository. Please don't donate flowers as these don't always complement arrangements or colour schemes. The team wish to thank all those who continue to support them.

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.

Coffee Morning

In order to launch the fundraising campaign for the new crib figures, we are holding a Coffee Morning in the Sacristy this Wednesday, 16 December directly after Mass. All are encouraged to attend.

The Moving Crib...

... is a Nativity Play told through animatronic figures, hand-painted backdrops and sets depicting key moments in the Bible and finishes after the crib scene. Visit our scenes where we have over 100 figurines depicting biblical life, plus an exciting variety of animals inc. bears, lions, camels and many more will enthrall every visitor. Celebrating almost 60 years they are open Monday to Friday, 2.00pm - 6.00pm and Saturday & Sunday, 11.30am - 6.00pm until Sunday, 10 January. Venue: St Martin Apostolate, 42 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1 (opposite Rotunda Hospital's Outpatients Dept).

Weekly Boxes

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

Urgent Appeal

We urgently need volunteers to join the ladies and gents who give of their time so tirelessly to clean the Church. With the Christmas Season almost upon us we ask you to please give us 2 hours of your time, especially on Monday, 21 December. The group meets after the 10.30am Mass. Light refreshments are provided.

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.

SVP Christmas Collection

The annual Diocesan collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be held at all Masses this 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 this weekend. Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times.

Thank You

The Ladies of Charity recently received two anonymous donations and wish to thank most sincerely the people involved. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (6 Dec)	= €1,251.64
Share (6 Dec)	= € 464.88
Repairs (6 Dec)	= € 777.85
Church (8 Dec)	= € 529.64
Share (8 Dec)	= € 202.82
Thank you very much for your support.	