

Parish Liturgical Events

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Elizabeth (Lillie) O'Sullivan (Shandon Park). 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Fachanan, bishop is not celebrated this year

Monday

St Peter Canisius, priest & doctor of the Church

Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

A Word on the Word resumes in January

Wednesday

St John of Kanty, priest

Thursday

Christmas Vigil 9.00pm following Carols at 8.15pm

Friday

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Night Mass - Is 9:1-7. Ps 95:1-3, 11-13, R/ Lk 2:11. Ti 2:11-14. Lk 2:1-14.

Day Mass - Is 52:7-10. Ps 97:1-6, R/ v 3. Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18.

Saturday

St Stephen, First Martyr

Sunday

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

St John, apostle & evangelist is not celebrated this year

Readings - Year C

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28.

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10, R/ v 5.

Jn 3:1-2, 21-24.

Lk 2:41-52.

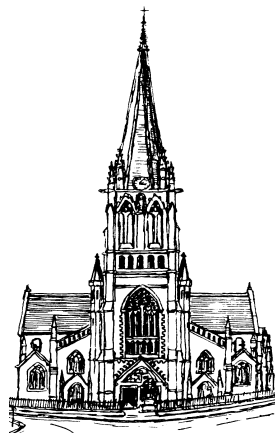
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Eccles (Sir) 3:2-6, 12-14.

Ps 127:1-5, R/ cf. v 1.

Col 3:12-21.

Lk 2:41-52.



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

Jubilee at Christmas

In biblical tradition a jubilee year was a moment of liberation; debts were to be written off, property was to be restored to its rightful owners and slaves were to be freed and returned to their homes. Israel reflected on two elements deeply ingrained in its social and religious culture, namely its memory of having been enslaved in Egypt and its defining moment of liberation in the Exodus under the leadership of Moses as well as the dominant idea of the Sabbath in which even God was said to have rested.

This Christmas falls within the extraordinary year of Jubilee proclaimed by Pope Francis which runs from December 8 this year until the end of November next year. The essence of jubilee is mercy and Christmas is the beginning of the greatest Jubilee of all culminating in Easter, when even death itself has no more hold on us.

The Holy Father would like us to reflect on and make real in our lives and the lives of others now and in the future what we can do to anticipate our deepest hopes being fulfilled. It will be a holy and wholesome thing, then, for us to examine ourselves and see what there may be in us and those around us that is crying out to be allowed go free. In families, among friends and in the circles of people to whom we are neighbours and colleagues there is often unacknowledged and unaddressed pain. In the wider communion we know as the Church the pain of exclusion is profound. All fall short of the glory of God as St Paul says but some of us are made to feel it more acutely than others. This Christmas, this year, allow yourselves to hear Moses' prophetic cry; 'Let my people go!'

On behalf of the Vincentian Community and staff in St Peter's and the Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to wish you all the happiest and most blessed Christmas.

Fr Paschal Scallon CM

*In the Beauty of the Season, in the Stillness of the Snow,
In the Charm of Christmas Carols and the Warmth of Candle Glow,
May you feel the Holy Presence of the One whose Lowly Birth,
Brought the Joy and Blessing of God's Love, and Hope of Peace on Earth.*

The Vincentian Community at
St Peter's, Phibsborough wish you
Peace & Joy this Christmas &
every Blessing for the New Year

Parish Office

The Parish Office will close at 12.30pm on Wednesday and will re-open Monday 4 January 2016. Marion, Antoinette and Ecaterina would like to wish you a very happy Christmas & peaceful New Year.

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.

AMM Meeting

The Association of the Miraculous Medal will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, 21 December in the Church directly after the Novena. The talk will be given by Fr Devlin. All are welcome.

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. Resumes in January 2016 (date to be announced).

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.

Urgent Appeal

We urgently need volunteers for 2 hours tomorrow (Monday) to join the ladies and gents who give of their time so tirelessly to clean the Church. They meet after Mass. Light refreshments are provided. Young adults are particularly welcome.

Crib Appeal

Unfortunately it has come to our attention that some of the crib figures have deteriorated badly over time and can no longer be used. 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.

Thank You All

On behalf of the Vincentian Community at St Peter's, I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who give so much of their time to help us in so many ways. We wish you and yours God's blessing this Christmastide and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.
Fr Paschal Scallon CM

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.

Thank You

To all who supported our Coffee Morning last Wednesday we say a **BIG THANK YOU**. The amount raised was €261.51.

Christmas Cards & Calendars

Mass Bouquets €7, Novena Cards €4, SVP Cards €5 & €6 and 2016 Church Art Calendars €2 are still available from the Parish Office and the Repository.

Christmas Dues

Envelopes available at the Church doors.

Weekly Envelopes

Boxes available from the Parish Office.

Weekly Collections

Last week's collections amounted to:
Church (13 Dec) = € 952.90
S.V.P. (13 Dec) = € 5,109.51
Thank you very much for your support.

The Christmas Fayre...

... was a huge success with hundreds of people attending and thank God the rain stayed away. We raised €1,155.70 which will now be given to the local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

The Dublin Airport Singers and St Peter's Parish present

A CONCERT FOR THE EPIPHANY

Featuring Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and a selection of seasonal music, old and new...

Saturday, 9 January 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

with The Merrion Ensemble String Quartet
and guest soloists

Mary Flaherty - Soprano, Chris Murphy - Alto, Simon Madden - Tenor

Musical Director - Paul Deegan

Assistant Musical Director and Accompanist - Celine Kelly

Tickets: €15 from St Peter's, info@stpetersphibsboro.ie or at the door