

Parish Liturgical Events

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially David Somers (NCR), Brendan Glynn (NCR), Agnes Gunning (NCR) & Mary Julia Shaughnessy (Shandon Drive). 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

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Monday

Ss Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St John of God, religious

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Wednesday

St Frances of Rome, religious

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Thursday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Friday

St Aengus, bishop & abbot

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Saturday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Sunday

5th Sunday of Lent

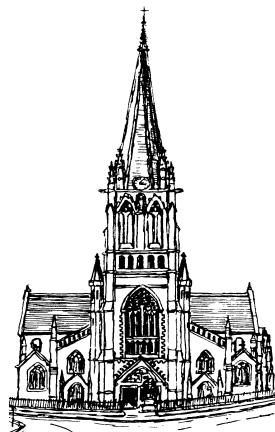
Readings

Is 43:16-21.

Ps 125, R/ v 3.

Phil 3:8-14.

Jn 8:1-11.



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

A NEW CREATION

The parable of the prodigal son is so familiar to us, and when stories are familiar they can lose their meaning. But let us look a little closer at the context of the story. Jesus told this parable in response to some comments and complaints by the Pharisees and the scribes: 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.' What would these detractors have made of the story, flying as it did in the face of their traditional morality?

What about the so-called sinners? The 'tax collectors and sinners' were already at ease in the company of Jesus; they were seeking him out to hear what he had to say, and he in turn was welcoming them. How this parable must have spoken to them! It wouldn't have been much of a stretch for them to compare the generous welcome and forgiveness of the father in the story to the treatment they were already receiving from Jesus.

One sentence strikes me from today's second reading: 'For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation'. The 'sinners' with whom Jesus associated were made new by his presence, just as the son in the parable was surely a changed man after his reunion with his merciful father. He was 'dead and has come to life'.

This familiar parable is not just about how forgiving and merciful God is. It is about how his mercy brings us to new life. If we, sinners, return to him and let him welcome us back, we are new creations.

Triona Doherty
(taken from 'Intercom')

"Upon awakening, may my first thought be of God."

St Louise de Marillac DC

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

Now held on Monday's from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Road), the sessions will focus on Old and New Testament texts to do with mercy.

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 15 March in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'St Joseph'. All are welcome.

Aware

Aware, the national organisation providing support and information to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder is now recruiting new volunteers to train on a number of services. Go to: www.aware.ie for specific information and requirements for all volunteering opportunities including the Aware Life Skills (Online) programmes. The minimum commitment is 18 months. Help Aware continue to be a supporting light through depression. For further details call 01 661 7211 or 01 237 4904, email: supportmail@aware.ie or go to their website at: www.aware.ie. The Support Line for Aware is: 1890 303 302.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Prodigal Son

'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'
(Luke 15: 31-32)

True reconciliation is one of life's highest experiences... one in which you have come near to the heart of the love, which many still fail to realize or to understand. Always seek to be reconciled; My prompting also means My strengthening.

Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful
(Luke 6:36)

Our Lenten Journey

Lent is a time for conversion. During these weeks we try to renew our faith, coming to a fresh acceptance of the presence of Jesus in our lives and a renewed readiness to be with him in all things. To help us prepare for this season, a reflection handout for the Lenten Journey will be available at the doors of the Church each Sunday in Lent. Please take one home with you.

Important Update

Work on the Bell Tower had to cease recently due to poor weather conditions. As a result of this the main door of the Church will remain closed to the public for another week. The Church will continue to close at 12.00pm after Eucharistic Adoration. It will re-open on Saturday, Sunday and Monday in time for evening Mass. We apologise for the inconvenience. Entrance to the Church will be via the doors on the North Circular Road and Cabra Road only for the duration of the works. We hope to be back to normal from next Monday, 13 March.

Easter Cards

Easter Mass Bouquets €7 and Novena Cards €4 are available from tomorrow (Monday) in the Parish Office and the Repository.

Easter Envelopes

Envelopes for Easter Dues are also available at the doors. Please return them to the Parish Office.

Easter Ceremonies

A list of the ceremonies for Easter will be available at the Church doors from next Sunday, 13 March.

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.

Easter Flowers

As you are aware, the cost of cut flowers is extremely expensive. We would be very grateful therefore to receive any donations towards the cost of flowers for Easter. Thank you.

Wanted

Space to rent in Phibsborough

Music teacher requires studio space for teaching/practice. A detached garage or shed with light & heat would be suitable. References available. Call: 085 732 0732.

SVP Clothing Appeal

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is seeking your help for its Annual Appeal for second-hand clothing. Collection of bags takes place today (Sunday) after morning Masses only. Thank you.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:
Church (28 Feb) = €1,320.94
Share (28 Feb) = € 436.57
Thank you very much for your support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's Church Gate collection is in aid of essential Church repairs. Our local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul hold their collection on the 2nd Sunday of each month. As the Sunshine Fund (under the auspices of the SVP) are holding a collection on the weekend of 19/20 March, our local SVP monthly collection, due to take place next weekend, has been cancelled.