

Parish Liturgical Events

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently. 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

5th Sunday of Lent

Monday

(Church closes after 10.30am Mass)

Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Wednesday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Thursday

St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times: 10.30am & 6.30pm

Friday

St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Saturday

St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Readings

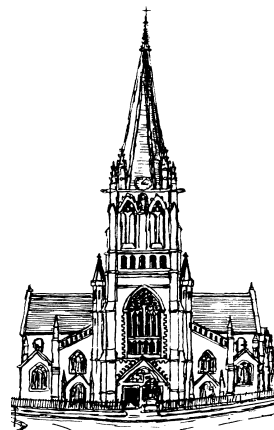
Procession: Lk 19:28-40.

Mass: Is 50:4-7.

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R/ v 2.

Phil 2:6-11.

Lk 22:14-23:56.



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

OPEN THE DOORS

Today marks the third anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. His papacy has been marked by a focus on openness, forgiveness, and mercy - summed up, perhaps, in his oft quoted remark: 'Who am I to judge?' So prevalent is his focus on God's mercy that Pope Francis has declared this a Jubilee Year of Mercy - a special year to receive blessing from God and remission of sins.

Some of us will make a pilgrimage during this year to one of the many holy doors in our cathedrals and churches. Pope Francis has called on Catholics around the world to use the occasion to open wide the doors of their hearts to forgive others and not to exclude them.

'When we go through that door, it is good to remember that we must also open wide the doors of our heart,' he said, suggesting that before passing through the Holy Door, people should pray: 'Lord, help me to open the doors of my heart!'

'The holy year won't be very effective if the doors of our heart do not let Christ enter, who pushes us to go towards others, to bring him and his love. Therefore, as the holy door remains open because it is the sign of the welcoming that God himself reserves for us, so also our doors - those of the heart - must always be open to not exclude anyone. Not even those that bother me. No one!'

It is very much in the tradition of today's Gospel, where we meet a Jesus who is merciful to sinners, and who challenges us all to look at our own attitudes and our tendency to judge others.

Triona Doherty
(taken from 'Intercom')

"When I am accomplishing some good deed, I shall develop the habit of calling to mind the belief that God and His angels are watching me."

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.

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).

Parish Office

The Parish Office will close on Thursday, 17 March for the St Patrick's Day bank holiday. It will reopen on Friday as usual.

St Patrick's Day

As St Patrick's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation the Mass times are as follows: 10.30am and 6.30pm. The Church will remain open throughout the day.

Prayer for Vocations will not take place on St Patrick's Day.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Woman caught in Adultery

'Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

(John: 8:7-9)

The ground which you tread with Me is not always easy ground, but it is *safe* ground...it is the way forward, planned by Me, according to your individual needs. My intervention, My provision for you, are based on knowledge of your life's pattern which is Mine alone.

'The Lord will save; He will rejoice over you!'

(Zephaniah 3:17)

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.

Bell Tower Update

Unfortunately work on the Bell Tower is still ongoing and so, the main door of the Church will remain closed until its completion. 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 will of course continue to keep you updated of any developments. Once again we apologise for the inconvenience.

Light the Fire!

St Patrick's Day 2016

You're invited to a special event on the Hill of Slane to pray together for Ireland, on the very spot where St Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Smith on Thursday, 17 March at 5.30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an outdoor event, please dress for the cold weather, feel free to bring a chair. For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, 041 983 0441.

Vocations Weekend

The Redemptoristine Nuns invite you to a Monastic Vocations Weekend on the 18 - 20 March. For more details contact Sr Lucy at: lucy.conway@redemptorists.ie.

Easter Ceremonies

A notice of the ceremonies for the Easter Season is available at the Church doors. Please take one home with you. We invite you and your families to come and join with us in this year's liturgy.

Urgent Appeal

We urgently need volunteers to join the ladies and gents who give of their time so tirelessly to clean the Church. With Easter now upon us we ask you to please give us 2 hours of your time, especially on Monday, 21st March. They group meets after the 10.30am Mass. Light refreshments are provided. Young adults are particularly encouraged to take part.

Easter Cards

Easter Mass Bouquets €7 and Novena Cards €4 are available from the Parish Office and the Repository.

Easter Dues

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

Flowers

We would be very grateful to receive any donations towards the cost of flowers for Easter. Thank you.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (6 Mar) = €1,561.73

Share (6 Mar) = € 435.76

Repairs (6 Mar) = € 608.14

Thank you very much for your support.

Church Gate Collections

As the Sunshine Fund (under the auspices of the SVP) are holding a collection next week, our local SVP monthly collection, due to take place this weekend, is cancelled.