# **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

**1st Sunday of Lent** Ss Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop, patrons of Europe, are not celebrated this year

#### Monday

Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm A Word on the Word 7.30pm

## Tuesday

First Confessions 6.30pm

**Wednesday** St Fintan, abbot Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

**Thursday** St Francis Régis Clet CM, priest & martyr

#### Sunday

**2nd Sunday of Lent** St Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year **Readings** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18. Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14, R/ v 1. Phil 3:17-4:1. Lk 9:28-36.

"To be involved in the service of Jesus is a sacred trust to which we have been invited."

St. Vincent de Paul



## Mass Times

<u>Sunday</u> 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

## Parish Clergy

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

## **Parish Office**

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# St Peter's, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

## TRUST THE WILDERNESS

The temptations are not just an embarrassing episode in the life of Jesus but are an integral part of his mission. Jesus is tempted to eat when he is not supposed to eat, to take the easy route of power through exploitation, when that is not His way. Ultimately, God is in control here; this wilderness is 'Spirit' led. And so it is for us. When it comes down to it, each of the temptations are about the same thing, our ability to trust in God. This should not direct us towards complacency but to listening.

We listen to God's Word and this year's Trócaire campaign is urging us to listen to what God is saying through the Book of Creation; to trust in those signals and signs. Listening to the story of Teresina this year, we hear of an effect of climate change that is often overlooked: a family forced apart because of dry land. This past year we have seen large movements of refugees around the world. We know that the next generation of refugees will be climate refugees. It does not have to be this way. As we enter the 'wilderness' of Lent, let us spend time with the temptations in the Gospel today and hear the call to 'trust'. Trust what God is trying to tell us through the Book of Creation. It is in the wasteland that we find the signs of God's renewal.

'I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all'.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 1, 14.

Jane Mellett (taken from 'Intercom')

#### Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations to the pupils of St Peter's National School who were Confirmed on Thursday by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Thank you to all who helped to make it such a wonderful day.

#### 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, 15 February in the Church directly after the Novena. All welcome.

## 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.

#### First Confessions

Please remember in your prayers the pupils of St Peter's National School as they make their First Confessions on Tuesday, 16 February at 6.30pm.

#### Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 16 February in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'The Year of Mercy'. All are welcome. 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: <u>fundraising@vlm.ie</u>.

Volunteer with VLM this Summer Have you always wanted to visit Africa? Do you wish to share your skills with others? Are you concerned about social justice? Do you love travelling and learning about new cultures? We are now recruiting for our 2016 Summer Programme in Ethiopia. We are looking for primary and secondary school teachers, music, art or drama teachers, youth workers, coaches or student teachers. You can apply now by contacting Mary Anne at: info@vlm.ie.

#### Phibsboro' Aid Sheltered Housing

Phibsboro' Aid, founded in 1972 provides sheltered accommodation for the Senior Citizens of Phibsborough and its environs. It is a wholly voluntary organisation. After 44 years, time has taken its toll on the early members of the committee and now needs active personnel to ensure its continuance into the future. We appeal for volunteers to join the committee and participate in the administration of the houses and the welfare of the residents. Anyone interested can contact the committee via the parish office. Tel: 838 9708 or email: info@stpetersphibsboro.ie.

## Emmanuel 2016

Book now for the Emmanuel Concerts. 29 February /1, 2 and 3 March at The Helix (tel 700 7000 or <u>www.thehelix.ie</u>). 62 schools and 2,400 students over four nights singing liturgical music. Go to: <u>www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie</u> for details.

## World Day of Prayer

This year's service will take place in All Saints Church, Phibsborough Road (beside the Fire Station) on Friday, 4 March at 7.00pm. The theme this year is 'Receive children, Receive Me' written by Christian women of Cuba. Come, pray for children. All are welcome.

#### Opening the Door of Mercy A Special One Day Conference

Join us for a special one day conference to mark Opening the Door of Mercy on Saturday, 5 March in the Moran's Red Cow Hotel from 10.00am - 5.00pm. Guest speakers on the day are His Excellency, Archbishop Charles J. Brown (Papal Nuncio), Prof. Michael Conway (Department of Faith & Culture, St Patrick's College, Maynooth) and Ms Susan Gately (Journalist & Author of 'God's Surprise, the New Movements in the Church'). For further information please contact Julieann Moran (Council for Pastoral Renewal & Adult Faith Development, Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference) PP €40 advance booking is essential - closing date for bookings is Sunday, 28 February. Tel: 505 3025 or email: pastoralrenewal@iecon.ie. All welcome.

## ACCORD...

... is a well-known, respected and experienced agency that has in excess of 50 years of experience working with couples and individuals supporting them in their Marriages and Relationships. It offers a professional counselling service throughout Ireland, facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and work to resolve difficulties that arise in their marriages and relationships. It counsels on a wide range of issues and difficulties that arise in relationships i.e. communication, intimacy, sexual issues, infidelity, problem behaviours, conflict, domestic violence, health, family issues, finances, loss. Counselling can be arranged by contacting us (to find your local centre please visit: www.accord.ie). Our service is totally confidential. All 57 ACCORD centres offer marriage and relationship counselling. Other services offered include a marriage preparation course, and a relationship and sexuality programme in primary and secondary schools. Their annual collection takes place this weekend and replaces the Share collection.

## Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:			
Church (7 Feb)	=	€1	,297.20
Share (7 Feb)	=	€	437.03
Repairs (7 Feb)	=	€	692.40
Thank you very much for your support.			

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