# **Parish Liturgical Events**

#### In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Mary Holton, Edgar McGarry and Niall Jordan. 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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

#### Monday

St Enda, abbot is not celebrated this year (Church closes after 10.30am Mass) Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm A Word on the Word 7.30pm

### Wednesdav

St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop is not celebrated this year

#### Holv Thursday

St Macartan, bishop is not celebrated this year Ex 12:1-8, 11-14. Ps 115:12-13, 15-18, R/ cf. 1 Cor 10:16. Jn 13:1-15.

#### **Good Friday**

Day of Fast and Abstinence ls 52:13-53:12 Ps 30:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25, R/ Lk 23:46. Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9. Jn 18:1-19:42 The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated on 4 April

#### **Holv Saturdav** Easter Vigil 9.00pm

#### Easter Sunday Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection St Vincent Ferrer, priest is not celebrated this year Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/ v 24. Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8. Jn 20:1-9.

"Charity is not charity if not accompanied by Justice." St Vincent de Paul



# 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

# Parish Clergy

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# St Peter's, Phibsborough **Parish Newsletter**

# PLAYING OUR PART

We tend to be uncomfortable with audience participation, especially when it is sprung on us at the last minute. Many people get embarrassed or clam up when a microphone is thrust in their face. TV audience members can even look uncomfortable when expected to sing or clap along to a performance. I was once cajoled up on stage with a friend during a comedy show, and I still cringe at the memory.

More than most, today's liturgy calls for our participation. First, we are caught up in the drama of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We are comfortable enough with this – holding up our palm branches and imagining ourselves celebrating and supporting Jesus as he arrives into town riding on a colt.

But our participation takes on a darker tone during the reading of the Passion, and we soon find ourselves joining in with those who question and accuse Jesus. Before long we are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting Jesus on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God'. It is enough to make even the most complacent among us uncomfortable.

Palm Sunday and Good Friday are the only two occasions when the congregation is invited to take part in the reading of the Gospel. What strikes you as you play your part today?

> **Tríona Doherty** (taken from 'Intercom')

### Urgent Appeal

We need volunteers to join the ladies and gents who clean the Church. With Easter upon us please give us 2 hours of your time, especially tomorrow Monday. The group meet after 10.30am Mass. Light refreshments provided. Young adults are particularly encouraged to take part.

Miraculous Medal Novena "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The Miraculous Medal Novena continues each Monday evening at 7.00pm (except Bank Holidays). All welcome.

# A Word on the Word

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.

#### 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 be closed on Good Friday, 25 and Easter Monday, 28 March for the bank holiday weekend. It re-opens on Tuesday as usual.

### Spring Forward

Don't forget to put your clocks forward an hour at 1.00am next Sunday, 27 March.

# Palm Sunday

# Sunday of the Passion

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

(Luke 23:44-47)

I did not draw back from Calvary and I still wish to pour forth My love... comforted when that love meets the need of a child in failure, or distress of spirit... comforted because My love is being fulfilled.

'There is no greater love than when a person lays down his life for his friends.'

# 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. Free Computer Lessons Our 4 week FREE computer sessions for the over 55's will start again from Tuesday March 29th. They run everyday from 10.00am to 12noon or 2.00pm to 4.00pm. To register please call Carmel on 01 7007 423.

1916 and the Church
Bilingual Lecture and Discussion
Friday, 1 April at 7.30pm **1916 agus an Eaglais**Léacht agus Diospóireacht Dá-theangach
Dé hAoine 1ú Aibreán
13 Geraldine Street (opposite Berkeley
Road Church). Free admission, all welcome, refreshments afterwards
(Eagraithe ag An Léigúin Mhuire)

Holy Land - Year of Mercy Christian Solidarity Pilgrimage led by Archbishop Eamon Martin from 9 September for 8 nights - direct flights -€1,495.00 per person sharing on a Half-Board basis. Contact MAP Travel at (01) 878 3111 or go to: <u>www.maptravel.ie</u> for more details.

# SVP Thank You

I would like to thank you for your cooperation with our Annual Church Gate Clothing Appeal. This year once again the generosity of the people has proved outstanding. I thank you for your continued support.

# Mark O'Brien

East Region Retail Development Manager, Society of St Vincent de Paul

### Easter Ceremonies

A schedule of ceremonies for Easter is available at the Church doors. Please take one home with you.

#### 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 (13 Mar)	=	€1	,255.56
Share (13 Mar)	=	€	373.87
Church (17 Mar)	=	€	605.57
Share (17 Mar)	=	€	216.00
Thank you very much for	yo	ur s	support.

# Church Gate Collections

The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is holding its annual collection outside all Dublin Churches this weekend. Each year they provide muchneeded sea-side holidays for approx. 1,000 of Dublin's less fortunate children in Sunshine House, Balbriggan. This is the only way they can finance these holidays. Please be as generous as you can.