

# 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

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

*St Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year*

## Monday

*The Chair of St Peter, Apostle*

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

## Tuesday

*St Polycarp, bishop & martyr*

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

## Wednesday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

## Thursday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

## Friday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

## Saturday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

## Sunday

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

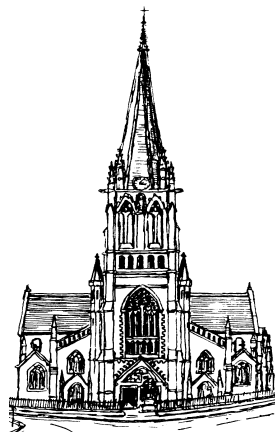
#### Readings

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15.

Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11, R/ v 8.

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12.

Lk 13:1-9.



## 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

## CALLED TO TRANSFORMATION

Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top in today's Gospel. In that space, they have a profound experience and are invited to see Jesus for who He really is. One can empathize with the disciples in this story as they do not want to leave that space. We all have had experiences that we want to last forever and are hugely disappointed when they are over. However, commitment to any cause very often involves a long and painful journey. Like the disciples in the Gospel today, there is a 'hook' moment, when Jesus or any leader shows us something different, a vision, a dream, something that is so wonderful and hope-filled that we commit there and then to making it happen. Then we realise that there is much work to be done and the path will not be so easy. Obstacles will arise, people will fall away, enthusiasm will waver, there will be setbacks and disappointments. We are being called to commitment today, to the more difficult path. We are being called to open our ears and eyes to the Gospel message of transfiguration, of transformation.

Per capita, Ireland is one of the highest polluters in Europe. This is not a statistic to be proud of. We know we can do better. Coming down from the mountain, like the disciples, means making changes in our lifestyles that lower each of our carbon footprints. We start with ourselves.

*'We require a new and universal solidarity...*

*All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own cultures, experience, involvements and talents.'*

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 14**

**Jane Mellett**

(taken from 'Intercom')

*"Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give only my daily bread."*

**Proverbs 30:8**

## 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.

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.

## Benefit Concert

### In aid of the St Peter's National School Violin Project

'The Offbeat Ensemble' featuring special guests the St Peter's National School Orchestra will hold a Benefit Concert on Sunday, 28 February at 3.30pm. This will be the first time our 40-piece pupils' orchestra perform in St Peter's Church so it promises to be a wonderful occasion. Join us to hear our orchestra perform favourites from Harry Potter, Frozen, Pirates of the Caribbean, Jurassic Park, Looney Tunes and more. Tickets, €5 available at the door (children under 12 - €3). Go to: [www.offbeat-ensemble.com](http://www.offbeat-ensemble.com) for details about the Offbeat Ensemble.

## Second Sunday of Lent

### The Transfiguration of Jesus

As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' (Luke 9:33-36)

As part of My revelation to the world. I have spoken to many hearts... chosen by Me to make known My purposes. The spirit-breathed word has been expressed through many channels, and no generation has been left without clear knowledge of Myself and of My ways.

**I am the bright and morning Star**  
(Revelation 22:16)

### 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.

## R.C.I.A.

St Peter's RCIA team are delighted to welcome Freddy Oniangue and Harvard Mbam as our "Elect" following the Rite of Election in the Pro Cathedral on Sunday, 14 February.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a gradual process where adults have the opportunity to explore faith questions and learn the basic traditions, beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. The RCIA process includes several rites and progresses in 4 stages, culminating in full initiation with the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Our Elect have now entered the Period of Purification and Enlightenment which coincides with Lent. It is a time of reconciliation, prayer and spiritual renewal for the whole church and a period of continued instruction with more intensive prayer and preparation for the Elect. As part of this process we will celebrate the Scrutinies on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent, which are prayers for strength to be faithful to the Gospel. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

### 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.

## Important Notice

Due to Health & Safety Regulations the main door of the Church will be closed to the public from Monday, 22 February to Sunday, 6 March. This is due to repairs on the Bell Tower. As a result the Church will close at 12.00pm after Eucharistic Adoration. It will re-open on Saturday, Sunday and Monday in time for evening Mass. We apologise for any inconvenience that this will cause. 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 Monday, 7 March.

### SVP Clothing Appeal

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is seeking your help for its Annual Appeal for second-hand clothing. Distribution of bags will take place outside the Church on Saturday, 27 & Sunday, 28 February & collection of bags on Saturday, 5 (vigil) & Sunday 6 March at morning Masses only. Thanking you in advance.

### Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:  
Church (14 Feb) = €1,075.31  
Accord (14 Feb) = € 922.74  
Thank you very much for your support.

### Church Gate Collections

Next week's will be in aid of the Ladies of Charity. Founded in 1617 by St Vincent de Paul they help those in need in the area. This is their only source of funding, every cent of which is much appreciated.