

Parish Liturgical Events

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Margaret Murray and Emeka Osisiuri, Joachim Ehirmeiyoma, Emmanuel Agbo, Emmanuel Adah, Michael Nwafor & Emmanuel Okoli (6 Vincentian student priests killed in a car crash in Nigeria on Tuesday). 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

3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)
Evening Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm
A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St David, bishop
(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Wednesday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Thursday

(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Friday

St Casimir, Patron Saint of Poland
(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Saturday

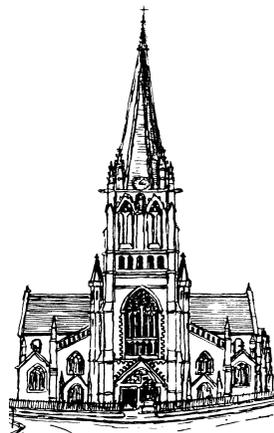
St Kieran, bishop
(Church closes at 12.00pm)

Sunday

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Readings

Jos 5:9-12.
Ps 33:2-7, R/ v 9.
2 Cor 5:17-21.
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.



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

BEAR FRUIT

The people in the Gospel today are wondering if the Galileans who were killed by Pilate had died because they deserved to. We can empathise with them as we know too well of accidents and tragedies of all kinds where we might ask the same question. Jesus insists that they have not done anything wrong. Their sudden death challenges those still alive to live to the full and to bear much fruit because life can end suddenly, life is fragile, no one is indestructible.

Climate Change affects us all. Climate injustice occurs when people who have done little or nothing to cause climate change are suffering the most from its effects. It is the greatest injustice of our time as it is the world's poorest countries who suffer the most from the changes in our weather systems. In Ireland we recall the devastating storms of 2013 which caused so much destruction along our West Coast. We have the resources to cope, for now. In countries like Kenya and Malawi, these resources are simply not there and the effects of storms and droughts are catastrophic. Let us pray today that we hear the call of the Gospel to bear fruit, not to be inactive, not to be complacent when it comes to reducing our carbon footprint. The Galileans died because of Pilate, but the greater 'sin' here becomes inactivity.

'Common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning... Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace.'
Pope Francis, (Laudato Si', 207)

Jane Mellett
(taken from 'Intercom')

"Do not believe that things will always be as they are now."

St Louise de Marillac

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 for details about the Offbeat Ensemble.

Third Sunday of Lent

The Fig Tree

'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"
(Luke 13:7-9)

When you are terribly disappointed with yourself, and know that you have hurt Me, just turn to Me and know that you are not cast away. Know that I still need you. Know that because of your trust in Me, we are companions in this dark world.

**I will forgive their wrong-doing
and forget it completely**
(Jeremiah 31: 34)

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.

Flourish Programme

Console is running a Flourish training day for clergy, church youth workers, church lay leaders, lay pastoral workers and other relevant personnel, on Wednesday, 2 March, in Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9 from 9.00am-4.00pm (free of charge). We will cover Faith and Mental Health, Suicide in Scripture and Early Church History, Understanding Suicide and Suicide Bereavement, Compassion for the Bereaved Family, Emotional Health and Self Compassion, Planning for Self-Care. Places are limited (to a max of 25) so please book early to avoid disappointment. For more information email: ciaran.austin@console.ie, tel: 610 2638. Check out: www.wewillflourish.com.

Opening the Door of Mercy

Join us for a special one-day conference on Saturday, 5 March in the Moran's Red Cow Hotel from 10.00am - 5.00pm. Guest speakers are His Excellency, Archbishop Charles J. Brown (Papal Nuncio), Prof. Michael Conway (Dept 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 more information contact Julieann Moran (Council for Pastoral Renewal & Adult Faith Development, Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference) PP €40 advance booking is essential - the closing date for bookings is 28 February. Tel: 01 505 3025 or email: pastoralrenewal@iecon.ie. All welcome.

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.

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 this weekend and collection of bags on Saturday, 5 (vigil) and Sunday 6 March at morning Masses only. Thank you.

Year of Mercy, Year of Grace Rome and Assisi 1 - 8 May 2016

There are a number of places available on this special pilgrimage. Contact Map Travel at 878 3111 or Ann in Aughrim St (01) 838 6232 (9.30am - 12.30pm) or email: aughrimst@eircom.net.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:
Church (21 Feb) = €1,227.66
Share (21 Feb) = € 459.79
Thank you very much for your support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is 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.