

Parish Liturgical Events

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Mary Murphy (Shandon Park) & Brian Hyland (Navan Road). 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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John Bosco, priest is not celebrated this year

Monday

*St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland
Bl. Mary Ann Vaillot & Odile Baumgarten, virgins & martyrs (Vincentian)*

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

Tuesday

The Presentation of the Lord

Wednesday

St Blaise, bishop & martyr, St Ansgar, bishop, & Bl. Josephine Nicoli, virgin (Vincentian)

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Agatha, virgin & martyr

Saturday

Ss Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

Sunday

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Mel, bishop & Bl. Rosalie Rendu, virgin (Vincentian) are not celebrated this year

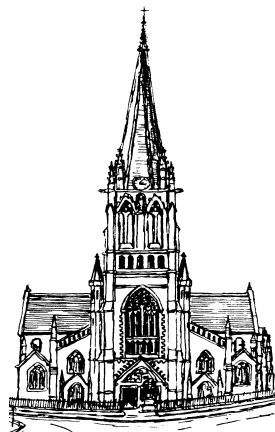
Readings

Is 6:1-8.

Ps 137:1-5, 7-8, R/ v 1.

1 Cor 15:1-11.

Lk 5:1-11.



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

FACING THE TRUTH

In today's Gospel Jesus invites the people of his home town to come to the truth of themselves and to stop hiding. This could have been a real moment of grace for them, if they were open to it, but it is often hard to hear. This passage, read together with last Sunday's, is the entire Gospel in miniature.

The references to Elijah and Elisha may confuse us; they are reminders that the prophets of the past did not focus only on their own people. Elijah for example, did not provide miraculous food for the Israelites but for a pagan widow and her son in a foreign town. This talk of divine favours to foreigners is that last straw for the Nazarene community. The final verses foreshadow the fate of Jesus, but the time is not yet. It seems that Jesus has committed the ultimate political blunder of finding fault with his own people. The message is one of a call to a radical reversal of perspective; something with which the Gospel of Luke is very concerned. Jesus will proclaim a new kind of freedom and his openness of heart is too much for those who hear him. Where do we see this in our communities today?

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen.

They heard only what they wanted to hear.

The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world'.

Christian Aid, Tony Singleton

Jane Mellett

(taken from 'Intercom')

*"The works of God are not accomplished when we wish them,
but whenever it pleases Him."*

St Vincent de Paul

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

Held on Monday's at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club, 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.

St Peter's National School

Junior Infants enrolment for the academic years 2016/17 and 2017/18 will take place in St Peter's National School from Monday 1 - Friday 5 February between 9.30am and 1.30pm. Those who have already applied need not re-apply.

Flowers in Lent

During Lent it is forbidden for the Church to be decorated with flowers either on the Sanctuary or at the Shrines. Exceptions, however, are Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities and Feasts including St Patrick's Day etc. We ask you please do not leave flowers in the Church during the Lenten Season. We would still be grateful to receive donations towards the cost of flowers for Easter.

VLM Fundraising Events

Table Quiz

The VLM's (Vincentian Lay Missionaries) annual Table Quiz has been gathering momentum! Why not challenge your colleagues or friends to a trivia night? There will be questions to suit everyone, spot prizes for lucky teams and cash prizes for the winners. Join us in The Church Cafe Bar, Jervis Street on Thursday, 4 February at 7.00pm. Teams - €10 per person.

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: fundraising@vlm.ie.

Free Computer Courses

Yes, its that time of year again when DCU ILP are offering free computer courses to the over 55's. Duration - 4 weeks. Start dates, February 22, March 21 & April 18. Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday from 10.00am - 12.00pm or 2.00pm - 4.00pm. This module will enable students to become familiar with the basic uses of a computer including emailing, browsing the Internet and conducting an online transaction. Each student will receive one session per week (2 hours) for four weeks with support from DCU volunteer students. To register contact Carmel on 01 700 7423 or email: ilp.info@dcu.ie.

Exposition & Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

For some years now it has been the practice in St Peter's to expose the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass each day in order to facilitate parishioners and visitors to pray before Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition has continued until 4.00pm on weekdays when the church closes or until just before evening Mass on Saturdays and Sundays.

It has become apparent recently, however, that there are long periods when the Blessed Sacrament is being left unattended. In order to avoid this as it is not permitted for the Blessed Sacrament to remain unattended we propose that from February 2nd we make some changes to our schedule for adoration.

We suggest that we expose the Blessed Sacrament as we have been doing, directly after 10.30am Mass but that we conclude the period of exposition at 12.00pm (Tuesday - Saturday). Exposition on Sundays would continue as at present (4.00pm - 6.20pm).

St Peter's will remain open as normal until 4.00pm on weekdays and until after evening Mass on Saturday and Sunday. The church closes after morning Mass on Mondays for cleaning and reopens for Mass and the Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Monday evenings.

Consecrated Life

A service to conclude the Year for Consecrated Life will take place in the Church of St Therese, Mount Merrion on Tuesday, 2 February at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Beechwood Avenue

Join us for a talk on 'Thomas Merton - Saint & Contradiction' given by Fr Bernard Kennedy in Beechwood Avenue Church, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 on Monday 8 February at 8.00pm. For information go to: www.beechwoodparish.com.

Icon Course...

... given by Mihai Cucu for one week from Monday 22 - Friday 27 February at the Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co Wicklow. Beginners welcome. Email: mihaicucu78@gmail.com.

Christmas Dues

To those of you that supplied us with your details, acknowledgement letters will be sent out during February.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:
Church (24 Jan) = €1,221.40
Share (24 Jan) = € 444.23
Thank you very much for your support.

Church Gate Collections

Next week's collection (6/7 Feb) will be in aid of essential Church repairs.