## St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 September 2016

# ARE WE WILLING TO ASSIST OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED?

#### The Rich Man and Lazarus

Last Sunday's Gospel reminded us of what economics according to God looks like – it spoke of a redistribution of wealth by a manager who realised that material wealth is only temporary; what we do with that wealth and how we distribute it is more important. Today's parable is on a similar theme. The rich man is sorry, but it is too late for him. He had not come to his senses as the manager last week had done. The rich man is unwilling to change; even in the afterlife he wants Lazarus sent, ordered, to go to his brothers to warn them. It is not proof or special signs that they need. Their vision has been blinded by wealth. They need to 'see' the poor who are at their gates.

God's economics means striving for a world where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table as the rich man. It is not simply enough to comfort the poor and say to them that they will be rewarded in heaven. This misses the point. Luke is pointing us to a great reversal that is so central to this Gospel, a call to turn the world as we know it upside down.

> 'It is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing'. **Oscar Romero**

> > Jane Mellett (taken from 'Intercom')

#### Mass Times

Sunday Saturday vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am, 2.15pm (African Mass, 1st Sunday of each month), 4.00pm (Indian Mass, 2nd Sunday of each month) & 6.30pm

Monday - Friday 10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

Holy Days of Obligation 10.30am & 6.30pm

**Confessions** Saturday immediately following the 10.30am Mass and at the Parish Office by request



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#### Monday 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. All are encouraged to attend.

#### 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 the readings for the following Sunday. It resumes 12 September.

#### Join us as we Pray for Vocations

On Thursday's after Mass the Vincentian Community here in St Peter's invite you to join with them in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the Vincentian Community in Ireland.

#### Legion of Mary

Meetings take place on Monday's and Wednesday's from 7.00pm in the **Frank Duff Room** (entrance via Parish Office)

Monday - Our Lady of All Nations Wednesday - Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

#### 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). Cuidiu is a voluntary support group where you can meet other mothers, socialise, get advice, learn and make new friends.

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented." Lk 16:25

### In Loving Memory

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Denis O'Keeffe (Castle Terrace) and Joan Clements (formerly Norfolk Road). Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. **Amen.** 



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#### **Bereavement Counselling**

One-to-one sessions take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in St Peter's. For appointments and information contact:

The Bereavement Counselling Service, Baldoyle, Dublin 13. Telephone: 839 1766, Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm. For further information please email: <u>bereavement@eircom.net</u>.

#### Signed Mass Cards Online

It is now possible to obtain a Signed Mass Card from St Peter's, online. 100% of all offerings received go directly to us here at St Peter's Church. All cards are signed by one of our priests. You can select from a range of Irish made cards which we will organise and send to you or the recipient of your choice. All you have to do is go to our **NEW WEBSITE** at: <u>www.stpetersphibsboro.ie</u> and click on the relevant image on our Home Page.



#### St Vincent de Paul...

... was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulose where he studied theology.

He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulose for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

This was at a time when there were not many priests in France and what priests there were, were neither well-formed nor faithful to their way of life. Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern day seminaries. At one point his community was directing 53 upper level seminaries. His retreats, open to priests and laymen, were so well attended that it is said he infused a "Christian spirit among more than 20,000 persons in his last 23 years."

The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to his order of Vincentian priests, St Vincent cofounded the Daughters of Charity along with St Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as 'The Apostle of Charity' and 'The Father of the Poor'.

His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France.

Two miracles have been attributed to St Vincent - a nun cured of ulcers and a laywoman cured of paralysis. As a result of the first, Pope Benedict XIII beatified him on August 13, 1729. Less than 8 years later (on June 16, 1737) he was canonized by Pope Leo XIII. The Bull of Canonization recognized Vincent for his charity and reform of the clergy, as well as for his early role in opposing Jansenism.

It has been reported that St Vincent wrote more than 30,000 letters in his lifetime and that nearly 7,000 had been collected in the 18th century. There are at least five collections of his letters in existence today. The feast day for St Vincent, the patron of all charitable societies, is September 27.

#### VLM's Gala Ball...

... is back by popular demand! It will be hosted at The Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1 on Saturday, October 22nd



next. The event begins with a drinks reception from 7.30pm followed by a fourcourse dinner, music by The Jazz Freaks, spot prizes and dancing until late. All are welcome to join us for what promises to be a great night out and the social event of the year for us here at VLM. Tickets are €75 and can be purchased in advance from the VLM office at St Peter's Parish Office. Contact Mary Anne for more info: info@vlm.ie / 810 2570 / 087 139 7069.

#### Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time St Finbarr, bishop, is not celebrated this year

#### Monday

Ss Cosmas & Damian, martyrs Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm Legion of Mary 7.00pm A Word on the Word 7.00pm

#### Tuesday

Feast of St Vincent de Paul, priest Founder of the Congregation of the Mission and of the Daughters of Charity

#### Wednesday

St Wenceslaus, martyr Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, martyrs Legion of Mary 7.00pm

#### Thursday

Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

#### Friday

St Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church

#### Saturday

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church

#### Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Holy Guardian Angels are not celebrated this year Readings Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4. Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 9. Tm 1:6-8, 13-14. Lk 17:5-10.

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#### **Weekly Collections**

Recent collections amounted to: Church (18 Sept) =  $\notin$ 1,109.43 Crosscare (18 Sept) =  $\notin$ 1,209.18 Thank you very much for your continued support.

#### **Church Gate Collections**

This week's is in aid of the Ladies of Charity. Founded in1617 by St Vincent de Paul they seek to help those in need in the local area. Their only source of funding is the monthly Church Gate collection, every cent of which is greatly appreciated. Next week's will be in aid of essential Church repairs.

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