



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Advent
27 November 2016



LIVING TRANSPARENTLY

How many of us can truly say that our lives are an open book? 'Transparency' is a bit of a buzz word in the media these days. With every scandal that hits the headlines uncovering the corrupt practices of some public figure or another, our trust is shaken. When it is a person from whom we would have expected better, or whose actions have hurt countless others, we are left to ponder the whys and hows of it all – How could they live a double life for so long? Why did they feel the need? And how on earth did they think they would get away with it?

But when we think about it, how many of us are living truly transparent lives? Do our outside selves always match our inner selves? We may be harbouring grudges or nasty thoughts about family members, friends, colleagues or acquaintances. Maybe we are cheating or being dishonest in some small way, or cutting corners in our work. It is likely that we have built up some habits or practices that we would rather no one knew about.

In our second reading today, Paul talks about the 'things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark', and urges us to 'arm ourselves and appear in the light'. As we enter into Advent, it is the ideal time to examine our own lives – to come out into the light.

Triona Doherty
(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

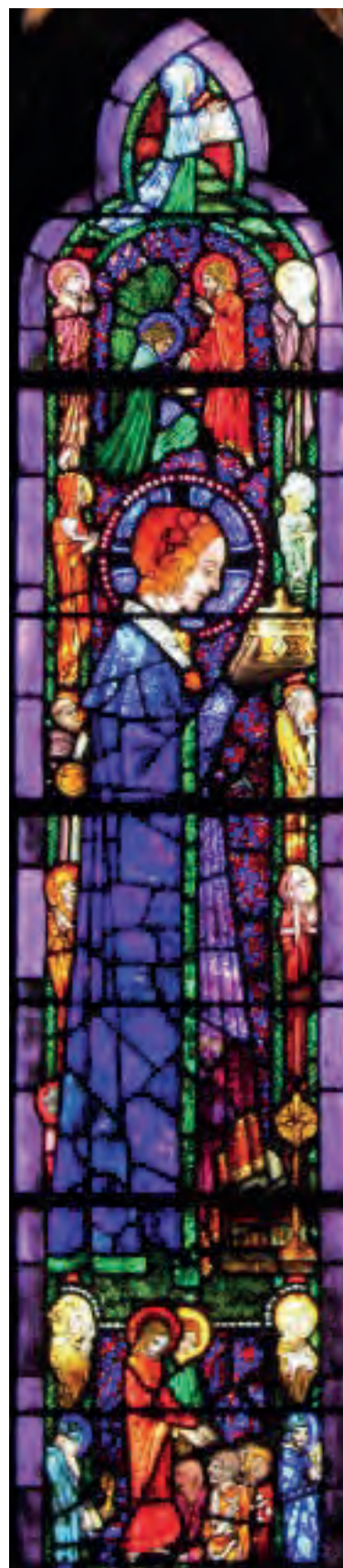
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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.

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.

Sacred Heart Confraternity


The Arch-Confraternity of the Most Sacred Heart will gather for the celebration of Mass and devotions the First Friday of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on 2 December.

Children of Mary Sodality

The Children of Mary Sodality will gather for the celebration of Mass the Saturday after the First Friday of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on 3 December.

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group

Cuidiu welcomes all mothers and babies on Wednesday's from 10.00am - 11.30am in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Road). Cuidiu is a voluntary support group where you can meet other mothers, socialise, get advice, learn and make new friends. Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: www.cuidiu.ie for more details.



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into." —Mt 24:43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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.



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, Baldoye, Dublin 13. Telephone: 839 1766, Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm. For further information please email: bereavement@eircom.net.



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*

Christmas Cards & Calendars

Mass Bouquets €7.00, Novena Cards €4.00, Society of St Vincent de Paul Cards (2 sizes) €5.00 and €6.00 and Church Art Calendars €2.00 are available from the Parish Office and the Repository.

Weekly Boxes

The weekly boxes of envelopes are available from the Parish Office. They commence from today, the First Sunday in Advent, 27 November 2016.

Christmas Dues

Christmas Dues Envelopes will be available at the Church doors from Thursday, 1 December. Please return them to the Parish Office.

Concerts

Humanitarian Symphony Orchestra & Chamber Choir in Concert with special guests St Columba's School Children's Choir on Friday, 2 December at 8.00pm in St Peter's Church. Tickets available at the door priced Seniors & Students €10/€12, 16's or under, Free Admission. Supported by Drumcondra Music Society and Cabra & Drumcondra Village Counselling Service.

Songs for a Winter's Evening

A Christmas Celebration on Sunday, 4 December at 7.30pm in St Mochta's Church, Porterstown. Tickets €15 are available from St Mochta's parish office, tel: 821 3218 or contact Mary at 087 258 5398. Proceeds in aid of Focus Ireland.

Service of Remembrance

A Little Lifetime Foundation's Christmas Service of Remembrance will take place in St Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis Street on Sunday, 4 December at 7.00pm. Most Rev. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin along with Rev. Bruce Pierce (Church of Ireland) and the Garda Male Voice Choir will gather in a celebration of our children's short lives at Christmas time. We look forward to seeing parents and families who continue to support ALLF Services and events each year. We also welcome newly bereaved parents - please come along and feel the unique presence of companionship, support and love

Vincentian Lay Missionaries Thank You

We are very grateful to the parishioners who supported our work last weekend. We received €1,332.65 which was very generous. This will be used in 2017 to help us support our partners and send volunteers to Ethiopia. Our partner organisations working with poor communities in Ethiopia are the Vincentian Fathers and the Daughters of Charity. On their behalf we thank you.



Dublin's Oldest Charity

Founded in 1790 for the relief of the poor, **The Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers Society** is Dublin's oldest charity. Now in its 226 year, it continues to respond to the needs of the poor without distinction of religion, race or creed. The problems addressed include severe poverty, drug abuse, inability to meet basic utility costs, lack of heating, lighting, furnishings and very often, lack of food. The people most affected by this are the most vulnerable in our society - children, the elderly and those who are physically or mentally incapacitated. Despite reduced income in recent years the Society provides some financial assistance to all qualifying applications received. Apart from one part-time employee, all Trustees work on a voluntary basis, which ensures that your money goes to where it is needed most. Their annual collection will be held at all Masses this weekend. It replaces the usual Share collection.

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

St Fergal, bishop & missionary, is not celebrated this year

Monday

St Catherine Labouré DC, virgin

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Word on the Word 7.30pm

Wednesday

St Andrew, Apostle

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Saturday

St Francis Xavier, priest

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

St John Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 11:1-10.

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R/ cf v 7.

Rm 15:4-9.

Mt 3:1-12.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (20 Nov) = €1,486.44

Share (20 Nov) = € 338.68

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of the Ladies of Charity Christmas collection. This is their last collection for 2016. We ask you to be as generous as you can for this worthy cause which looks after some of the more vulnerable members of our parish. We also thank you for your continued generosity throughout the year.

Next week's collection will be in aid of essential Church repairs.



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