



# *St Peter's Church, Phibsborough*

## *Parish Newsletter*

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**4 December 2016**



John the Baptist: wild man, big hairy biker of the gospels, living his alternative lifestyle in the wilderness, wearing his homespun garb, surviving on his eco-friendly diet of bugs and locusts. With a drop of honey to sweeten his fare. Unkempt and un-groomed. On the face of it, not exactly the kind of guy we might want our daughters to bring home. The challenging persona of John the Baptist reminds us not to fall into the trap of judging each other on external appearance.

No half measures for John. No gruel, no watering down. Repent for him means metanoia: doing somersaults, turning our lives completely around. In some areas of our lives are we spinning off headlong in the wrong direction? Are some of our attitudes and behaviours holding us back from living peaceably and contentedly in the world, blocking our path to God, holding us captive within our own circle of selfishness?

What is it that we need to change in our attitudes and behaviour? Which area of our lives need to be healed? What steps towards healing and wholeness might we take? Is there anyone within our circle of acquaintances who can help?

*Cardinal J.H. Newman: 'to live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often'.*

**Fr Michael Maginn**  
(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**

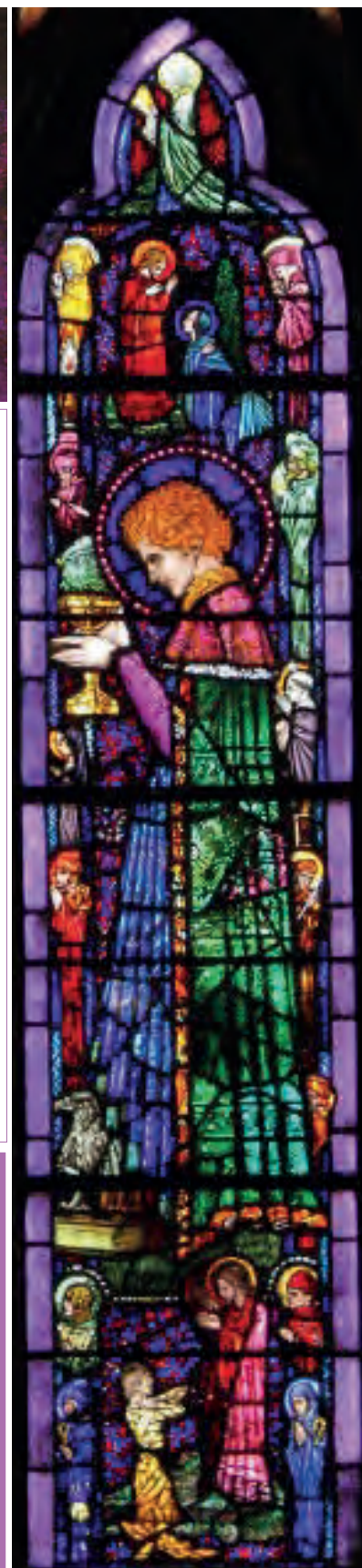
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

#### **Holy Days of Obligation**

10.30am & 6.30pm

#### **Confessions**

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



## Parish Clergy

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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.

## Holy Day of Obligation

On Thursday, 8 December we celebrate the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Mass times are: 10.00am & 6.30pm.**

## 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 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 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](http://www.cuidiu.ie) for more details.

## Loving Memory

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially John O'Sullivan (St Peter's Court). Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*



## 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 commenced from the First Sunday in Advent, 27 November 2016.

## Christmas Dues

Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the Church doors. Please return them to the Parish Office.

## SVP Christmas Collection

The annual Diocesan collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be held at all Masses next weekend (11 December). It replaces the usual Share collection.

## SVP Food Appeal

This year we repeat our annual Food Appeal. SVP staff are trying to keep up with the demand from food banks as Christmas approaches – particularly for families in need. Types of food urgently needed include pasta/ rice, fruit juice, tea/coffee, soup, sugar, powdered milk, tinned meat/fish, tinned veg/fruit, packaged dessert, biscuits. Please bring your non-perishable food items to Masses next weekend.

## Sing for Simon

You are invited to join in an evening of Christmas Carol singing through Phibsborough on Monday, 12 December.

**6.30pm** - Optional run through of tunes in All Saint's Church

**7.00pm** - Depart for Carolling calling at:

**Phibsborough Fire Station** - a way to say 'thank you' to them for their service to the community

**Phibsborough Library** - the Library is open late that night, so this is an opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer to patrons as they come and go.

**Phibsborough Shopping Centre** - carolling in aid of Dublin Simon Community.

We'll finish up around 8.30pm with light refreshments provided after the singing. For more information please contact [abigail@christchurch.ie](mailto:abigail@christchurch.ie). RSVP by Wednesday, 7 December to allow for printing of song sheets. Organised in partnership with **Phibsboro' Village Tidy Town**.

## Christmas Carol Concert

Please join us here on Sunday, 18 December at 7.30pm for a Christmas Carol Concert (with mince pies and mulled wine!) with our own choirs of St Peter's including the Children's Choir. Donations will be most gratefully received in aid of St Peter's Organ Fund.



# CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2016



## Thank You

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success in every way and the total raised was €2,104.38. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this year's event. To all the volunteers who gave so freely of their time, to all of our sponsors who donated financial aid or items for raffle or for the stalls, and especially to you, our parishioners who supported us on the day. Without you, none of this would have been possible. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thank you.

## Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

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

## Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Word on the Word 7.30pm

## Tuesday

*St Nicholas, bishop*

## Wednesday

*St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church*

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## Thursday

***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass Times: 10.30am & 6.30pm

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## Friday

*St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

## Saturday

*Blessed Mark Anthony Durando CM, priest*

## Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

*St Damasus I, pope is not celebrated this year*

Readings

Is 35:1-6, 10.

Ps 145:6-10, R/ cf Is 35:4.

Jas 5:7-10.

Mt 11:2-11.

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## Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (27 Nov) = €1,138.85

Sick & Indigent Roomkeepers = €1,003.86

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of essential Church repairs.





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