



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Advent
11 December 2016



Jesus asks the crowd in today's Gospel why they ran to see John the Baptist. Sometimes when we go to hear a famous speaker or go to someone we admire we are looking for answers. Our expectations are often not grounded in reality. Jesus asks the people what did they expect when they went to see John. Were they looking for someone nicely dressed? No, they were looking for a prophet and John was the greatest of these. Jesus's words are almost like a eulogy for John.

John announces and makes way for Jesus, marking the end of one era and the beginning of another. John announces a new time. John names the question we so often ask when a new exciting leader comes on the scene: Is this the one? Is this the person we've been waiting for? And if it is, how will we know? Our expectations can often be so great because we are constantly in need of renewal. Where in your life today do you need to experience fresh hope and newness?

The Gospel ends with a paradox: John is the greatest that has ever been born; yet the people who are considered the 'lowest' or the 'least' in this world are considered even greater than John by God. A statement that no doubt would have left a few people scratching their heads.

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, come forth from deep within me with Christmas luminous beauty. For my heart has become the sacred crib, the birthing place of God among us.'

Edward Hays (Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim)

Jane Mellet
(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

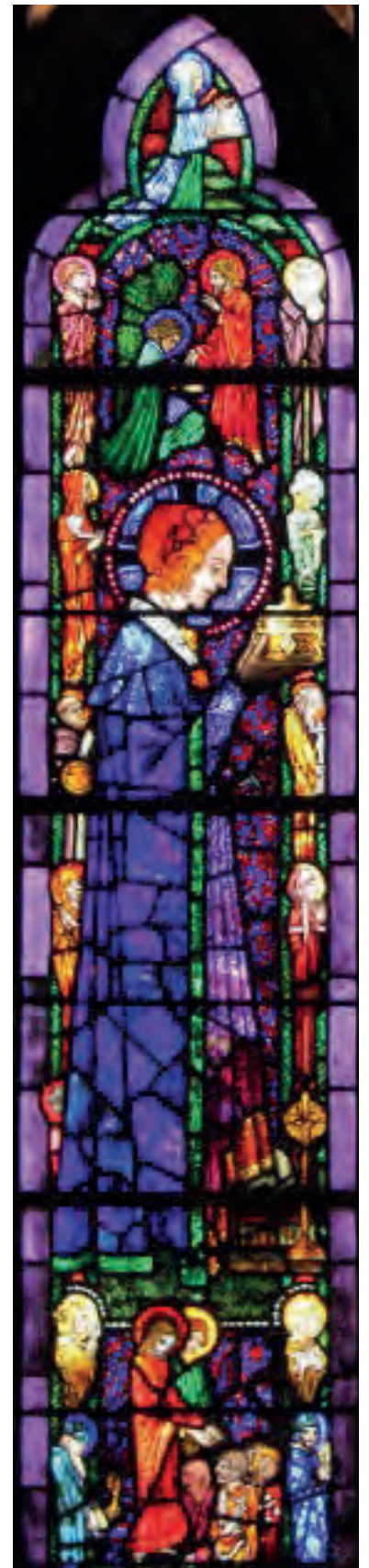
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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.

AMM Meeting

The Association of the Miraculous Medal will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, 19 December in the Church directly after the Novena Mass. There will be a short talk, followed by discussion, and finally Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are most welcome.

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. This is the last one before Christmas. It will resume on 9 January 2017.

Patrician Meeting

All Hearts Come Home for Christmas

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 13 December in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'Welcome Home for Christmas?' All are welcome.

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.

Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially George Domican (Dowth Avenue). 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, Baldoyle, Dublin 13.

Telephone: 839 1766, Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

For further information please email: bereavement@eircom.net.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday, 21 December from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in B.A.S.E Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

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. 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!)

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including the Children's Choir.

Donations will be most gratefully received in aid of St Peter's Organ Fund.

Legion of Mary

Meetings take place Monday's and Wednesday's from

7.00pm in the **Frank Duff Room**

(entrance via the Parish Office)

Monday - Our Lady of All Nations

Wednesday - Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament



1916 Exhibition in the Pro Cathedral

Ministry, Advocacy and Compassion 1916 exhibition which examines the role of the Catholic Church in 1916 continues from 1.30pm - 5.30pm daily at St Kevin's Chapel, Pro-Cathedral. Admission is free. To arrange a group booking, contact the Pro-Cathedral parish office at 01 874 5441 or email: procath@dublindiocese.ie. See more at: <http://www.dublindiocese.ie/1916-exhibition-in-the-pro-cath...>

St Francis Hospice

Festival of Carols takes place in St Agatha's Church, North William Street, Dublin 1 on **Monday, 12 December** at 7.30pm. All proceeds collected will be in aid of St Francis Hospice, Raheny.

'Voices from the Pro-Cathedral'

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral is hosting a charity concert on **Tuesday, 13 December** at 7.30pm in aid of *Brother Kevin's Capuchin Day Centre for the Homeless* and *Dogs Aid Animal Rescue*. Listen to Celine Byrne, Johnny Logan, Linda Martin, Secret Garden, the Boys of the Palestrina Choir & St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir. Enjoy Readings from Anne Doyle, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Ni Bheolain, Derek Mooney and Maureen O'Sullivan. Contact Orla Kearney, 087 9949010 or email: procathedral@eircom.net. Tickets, €15, on sale at the door or in advance through Pro-Cathedral parish office 9.30am to 5.00pm - Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 2.00pm on Saturday. Join us for a magical star filled night of songs and readings.

Celtic Tenors

Will play in Rathmines Parish on **Wednesday, 21 December**. Tickets €25 - unreserved seating arrangement. Doors close at 7.45pm Sharp - Concert commences at 8.00pm. Ticket sales on www.eventbrite.ie also available from 64 Lower Rathmines Road. Tel: 01 497 2035 - Further information is available from: www.celtic-tenors.com and www.wmi.ie

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

Airport Transport & 7 nights B&B = €279. Go to: www.med-irishcentre.com for more details. Tel: 443 4510 or: reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

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

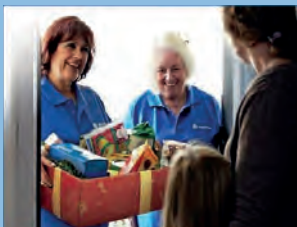
The weekly boxes of envelopes are available from the Parish Office. They commenced from the First Sunday in Advent, 27 November 2016.

Christmas Dues

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

SVP 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 this weekend.



Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*)
St Damasus I, pope is not celebrated this year

Monday

Our Lady of Guadalupe
St Finnian, bishop

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm
Legion of Mary 7.00pm
Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St Lucy, virgin & martyr

Wednesday

St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent
St Flannan, bishop is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 7:10-14.

Ps 23:1-6, R/ cf vv 7, 10.

Rm 1:1-7.

Mt 1:18-24.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Organ Fund (2 Dec) = € 131.98

Collection from Humanitarian Concert

Church (4 Dec) = €1,537.62

Share (4 Dec) = € 486.08

Repairs (4 Dec) = € 934.77

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This is the annual Diocesan collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul. It replaces the usual Share collection.

The next Church Gate Collection will take place on Saturday, 31 December 2016 / Sunday, 1 January 2017 in aid of essential Church repairs.



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