



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Advent
18 December 2016



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While Luke focuses on the birth of Jesus from Mary's point of view, Matthew's Gospel tells the story from Joseph's. Joseph must have been extremely confused when he learned of Mary's pregnancy. He plans to quietly 'dismiss' her so as not to put her in danger. Mary's options were bleak without Joseph; her fate is very much in his hands. He is immediately obedient and says yes to his call. Joseph welcomes Mary and gives this child the name he is instructed: Jesus.

We hear very little about Joseph in the Gospels and he is sometimes a forgotten figure in the Jesus story, yet his decision to follow God's call is hugely important as he fulfils his promise to protect Mary from danger. Joseph's 'yes' to God sets him on a dangerous path. He must protect his family and this will mean later leaving their homeland, becoming refugees fleeing the terror of Herod.

Each time God speaks to Joseph, it is through his dreams. The Word of God which comes to Joseph gives him a new meaning and a new mission in life. Today, can you reflect on how God speaks to you? In what ways do you hear God's word? And when you hear God's word, what is your response? When you have said 'yes', where has that led you?

Today we can pray for those who are faced with tough decisions and who must choose the more difficult path. It requires strength and bravery.

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

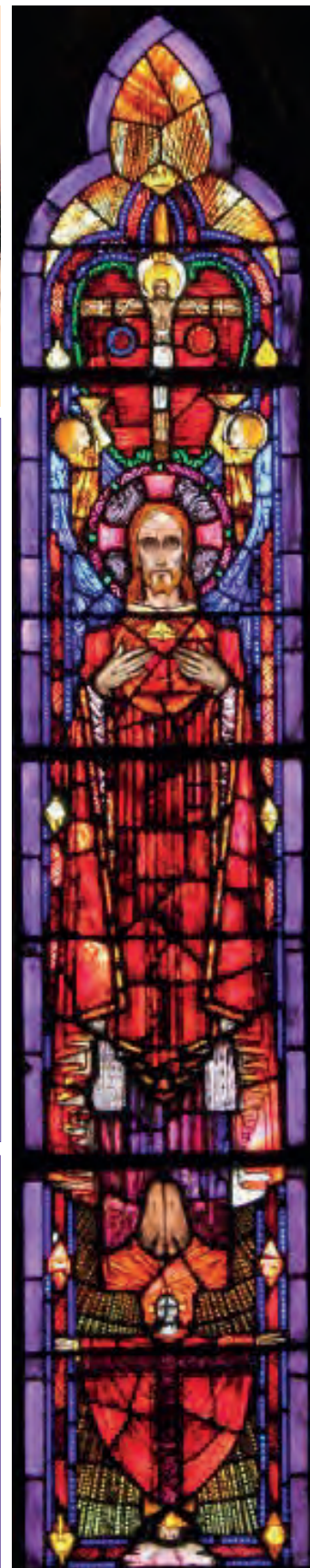
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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.

Legion of Mary

Meetings take place Monday (Our Lady of All Nations) and Wednesday (Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament) from 7.00pm in the **Frank Duff Room** (entrance via the Parish Office).

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 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.

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 Nancy Chamberlain (Shandon Park). 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.

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.



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 Liturgy

Confessions

Tuesday 20th - Saturday 24th December
11.00am - 12.30pm

Mass Schedule

Monday 19th December
10.30am & 7.00pm (Novena)

Tuesday 20th - Friday 23rd December
10.30am

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve

10.30am

Carol Service 8.15pm followed by **Christmas Vigil 9.00pm**

Sunday 25th December

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am / 2.00pm (Syro Malabar)

No Evening Mass



Christmas Flowers

Donations would be most appreciated to offset the cost of flowers for the Church this Christmas. These can be left into the Parish Office or Repository. Please don't donate flowers as these don't always complement arrangements or colour schemes. The team wish to thank all those who continue to support them.



Nativity Play

St Peter's National School will present a short Nativity Play along with some Christmas Carols in St Peter's Church on Tuesday, 20 December at 6.30pm. All family members and friends welcome.

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.

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Flannan, bishop is not celebrated this year

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Tuesday

St Fachanan, bishop

Wednesday

St Peter Canisius, priest & doctor of the Church

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St John of Kanty, priest

Saturday

Christmas Eve - Vigil 9.00pm

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Readings

Is 62:1-5.

Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29, R/ cf v 2.

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25.

Mt 1:1-25 (shorter form 1:18-25)

Sunday

Christmas Day

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Readings

Is 52:7-10.

Ps 97:1-6, R/ v 3.

Heb 1:1-6.

Jn 1:1-18.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (8 Dec) = € 287.23

Share (8 Dec, no collection)

Church (11 Dec) = €1,095.35

SVP (11 Dec) = €5,467.65

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

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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