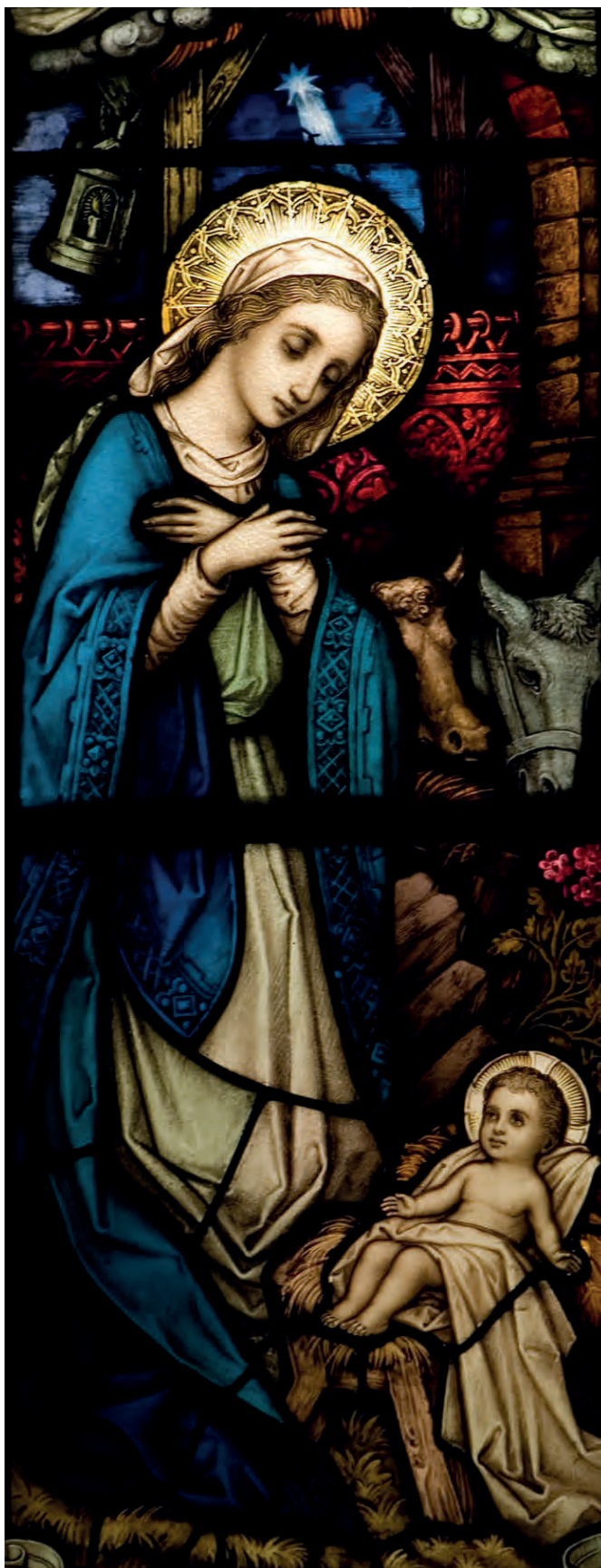




# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
25 DECEMBER 2016



### Christmas Day

If you were to put together a guest list for the birth of the Messiah 2000 years ago one might expect political leaders like Caesar Augustus and religious leaders such as the chief priests and the Pharisees to be included. Yet for Luke, the shepherds are some of the first to welcome Jesus into this world and are the first 'preachers' of the Good News. Many would find it completely shocking that Shepherds would be included. It was a disreputable trade and shepherds were considered 'unclean' because of their profession. At first they were terrified, but the angels reassured them: 'do not be afraid'. The response of the shepherds was immediate: 'let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which has taken place'.

The poor, the marginalised, the outcast will be the first to experience the abundance of God's hospitality through Jesus and the shepherds come in their name. We are told that people were amazed by the shepherds and their words. Their journey didn't end in Bethlehem, for them it was perhaps only the beginning as they returned 'glorifying and praising God'. We are invited to Bethlehem today, to open up our hearts to the one who has come to bring hope and joy. And we return, like the shepherds, 'glorifying and praising God for all they have seen and heard'. We must allow that love to penetrate our hearts and celebrate with our family and friends the joy that lives amongst us. And when we have finished celebrating we remember that the real work of Christmas begins once again:

*'When the song of the angels is stilled.  
When the star in the sky is gone.  
When the kings and princes are home.  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks.  
The work of Christmas begins;  
to find the lost;  
to heal the broken;  
to feed the hungry;  
to release the prisoner;  
to rebuild the nations;  
to bring peace among people;  
to make music in the heart.'*

**Howard Thurman**

**Jane Mellet**  
(taken from '*Intercom*')

## Parish Clergy

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## Saturday, 24 December

**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, 25 December

**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.

## Monday, 26 December

*St Stephen, first martyr*

Bank Holiday

## Tuesday, 27 December

*St John, apostle & evangelist*

## Wednesday, 28 December

*The Holy Innocents, martyrs*

## Thursday, 29 December

*St Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr*

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## Friday, 30 December

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

## Saturday, 31 December

*St Sylvester, pope*



## Loving Memory

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently and throughout 2016. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*



## A Night To Watch & Glorify God

The African Chaplaincy, Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin invite you to celebrate **A Night To Watch & Glorify God** on New Year's Eve in St Peter's Church.

Commencing at 9.30pm it will feature the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession, Rosary, Eucharistic Celebration, Adoration, Benediction & Songs of Praise. For more details contact Fr Cornelius CM - 086 109 1226, Paul - 086 312 7392, Martin - 085 161 1640 or Francis - 087 418 2334. All are welcome.

## Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group

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. Cost: €4 per session (members €2). Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: [www.cuidiu.ie](http://www.cuidiu.ie) for more details. The group will resume on Wednesday, 11 January.

## New Parent & Toddler Group

'Little Angels' Parent & Toddler Group will commence on Wednesday, 11 January 2017 from 10.30am to 12.00pm at Presentata House, 263 North Circular Road (entrance on Charleville Road). The cost is €3.00 per parent, tea and biscuits provided. Under the auspicious of the Legion of Mary.







### Thank You All

On behalf of the Vincentian Community at St Peter's, I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who give so much of their time to help us in so many ways. We wish you and yours God's blessing this Christmastide and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

**Fr Aidan Galvin CM**

### Evening of Prayer & Music

Join Our Lady of Dolours Church, Glasnevin, on Saturday, 31 December from 11.30am-12.15pm for a Service of Music, Reflections and Silence as we ask God's blessing and wisdom as we begin a New Year.

### Senior Help Line

Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10.00am to 10.00pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.

### Training for Carers

Looking for a career in the care sector? Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in 2017 in or around your area based on demand. One-day topic specific workshops also available. For more info contact the training unit on 057 932 2920.

### Experience the Christmas Story...

... in the land where it actually happened. Take the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land, 12 - 22 June 2017. Group Leader, Micheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr John Newman (Bible Scholar). Email: [culturaltoursireland@gmail.com](mailto:culturaltoursireland@gmail.com) or telephone Micheál at 086 833 7681.



**Sunday, 1 January**  
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**Monday, 2 January**

*Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church*  
Bank Holiday

**Tuesday, 3 January**

*The Holy Name of Jesus*  
*St Munchin (Mainchin), bishop*

**Wednesday, 4 January**

*St Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, religious (Vincentian)*  
Legion of Mary 7.00pm

**Thursday, 5 January**

*St Charles of St Andrew, priest*  
Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

**First Friday, 6 January**

**The Epiphany of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation. Masses 10.30am & 6.30pm**  
There will be no Sacred Heart Confraternity due to the Holy Day

**Saturday, 7 January**

*Bl. Lindalva Justo de Oliveira, virgin & martyr (Vincentian)*  
*St Raymond of Penyafort, priest*  
Children of Mary Sodality 10.30am

**Sunday, 8 January**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

Readings

Is 42:1-4, 6-7.

Ps 28:1-4, 9-10, R/ v 11.

Acts 10:34-38.

Mt 3:13-17.

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### Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (18 Dec) = €1,369.89

Share (18 Dec) = € 591.64

Organ Fund (Carol Service) = € 626.35

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.

Parish of St Peter's, Phibsborough  
**CHRISTMAS LITURGY 2016**

**Confessions**

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



**Mass Schedule**

**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. No Evening Mass



**Monday 26th December**

*St Stephen, First Martyr*  
10.30am. No Novena, the Church will close directly after Mass

**Tuesday 27th December**

*St John, Apostle & Evangelist*  
10.30am. Church closes at 12.00pm

**Wednesday 28th December**

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*  
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**Thursday 29th December**

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**Friday 30th December**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*  
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**Saturday 31st December**

*New Year's Eve*  
10.30am. Confessions directly after Mass

Normal opening/closing times resume  
on Tuesday 3rd January





**Parish of St Peter's, Phibsborough**  
**NEW YEAR LITURGY 2017**

**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday 1st January 2017**

*New Year's Day - World Day of Peace*

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Vigil 6.30pm / 8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am / 6.30pm

**Monday 2nd January**

10.30am. No Novena, the Church will close directly after Mass

**Tuesday 3rd January**

*The Holy Name of Jesus*

10.30am

**Wednesday 4th January**

10.30am

**Thursday 5th January**

10.30am

**Friday 6th January**

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*Holy Day of Obligation*

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**Sunday 8th January**

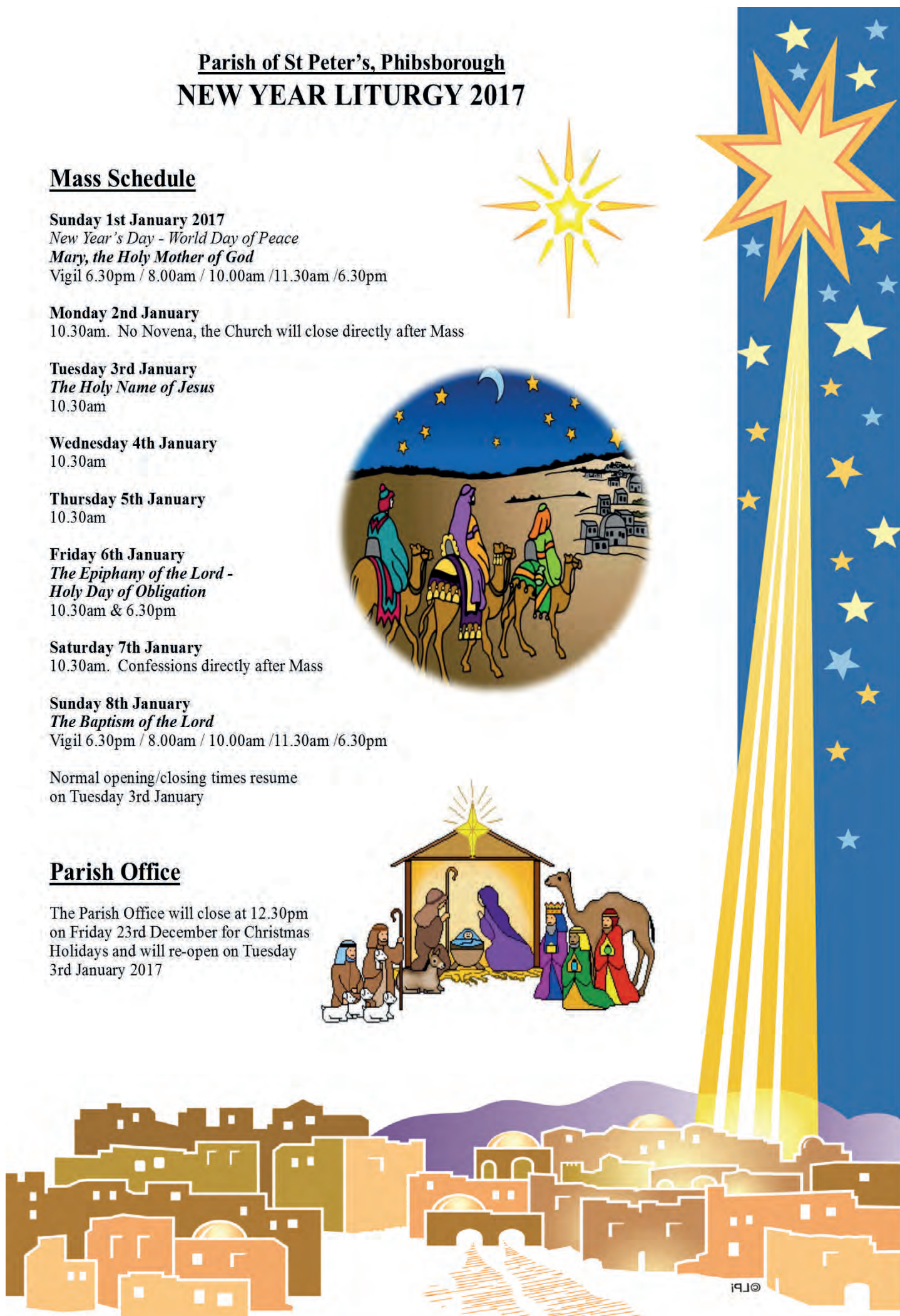
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**Parish Office**

The Parish Office will close at 12.30pm  
on Friday 23rd December for Christmas  
Holidays and will re-open on Tuesday  
3rd January 2017



 Read the Gospel and Color

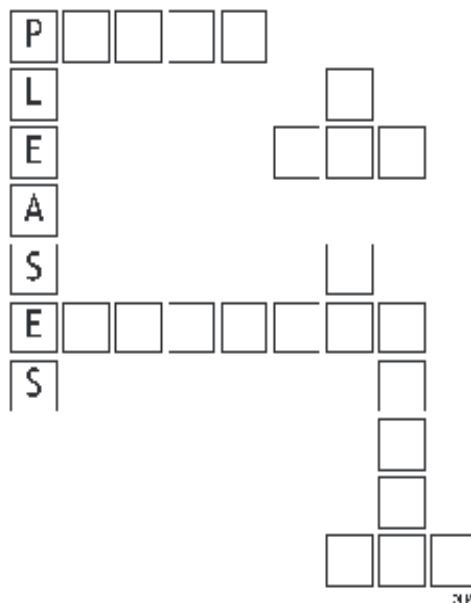


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 Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:


Peace on earth to everyone who  
pleases God.



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