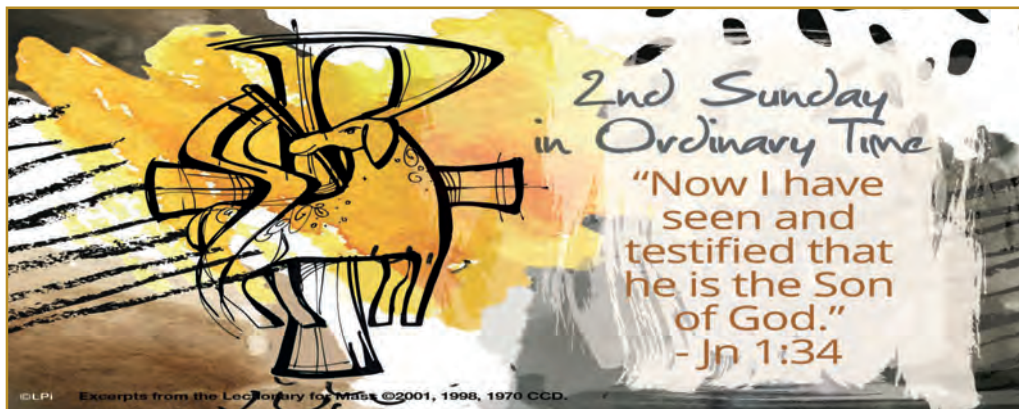




St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 January 2017



Credible Witness

It's hard to know what, or who, to believe any more. During the recent US presidential race, 'fact checking' became something of a buzzword. After each of the major debates, newspapers and news sites churned out articles investigating the validity of the candidates' claims. Research was rapidly carried out, sources were checked, statements from the past were dragged up to prove or disprove many a point. With the internet making it possible to 'fact-check' in mere minutes, it is so easy to be caught out. Those in public life have to be more careful than ever that they are speaking the truth, that they are not contradicting what they have said previously, and that they can back up their statements with authoritative evidence.

John the Baptist may not have been subject to such rigorous 'fact checking', but he was at pains to explain the source of his authority: 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven ... I have seen and I am the witness'. John knew that people might not immediately take him seriously, so twice he emphasised that he did not know Jesus himself. He was not out to trick or mislead people. We can believe what this first witness says about who Jesus is, because his words come directly from God.

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

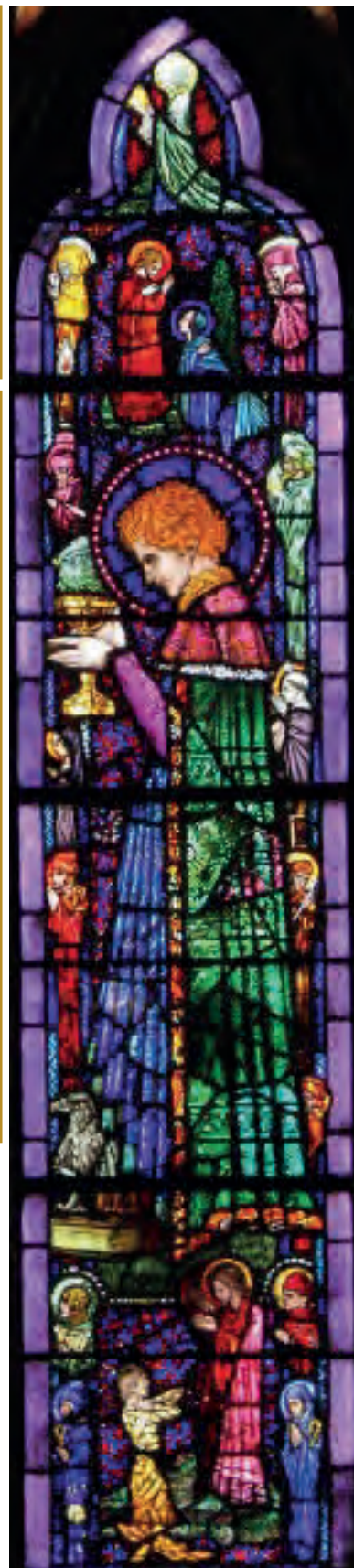
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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.

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 17 January in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'The Centenary of Fatima'. 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.

Sacrament of the Sick

Our next monthly Sacrament of the Sick will take place on Saturday, 21 January at the 10.30am Mass. We especially encourage those of you who are ill to join with us if you can.

Do This In Memory

A special Mass will take place at 11.30am on Sunday, 22 January for all the children from St Peter's National School who are due to make their First Holy Communion this coming year.

Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Elizabeth (Lily) O'Toole (Connaught Street). 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.

St Peter's National School

Junior Infants enrolment for the academic years 2017/18 will take place in St Peter's National School from Monday 16 - Friday 20 January between 9.30am and 2.00pm. Those who have already applied need not re-apply.

First Confessions

Please remember in your prayers the pupils of St Peter's National School as they make their First Confessions on Thursday, 2 February at 6.30pm.

Cuidiu

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). Contact Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or: www.cuidiu.ie for more details.

Life to the Full Book Club

Join other young adults each week to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose & how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. Every Thursday from 7.00pm - 8.30pm in St Paul's Church Arran Quay (Smithfield).

michelle.manley@dublindiocese.ie or www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub

The Encounter Dublin City

Are you looking for more in life? Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for a night of live acoustic music with Cormac Buckley, reflective prayer & adoration, with guest speaker Keith Kelly on life, faith & purpose. Followed by pizza & refreshments. This is a free event on Friday, 20 Jan at 8.00pm in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay (Smithfield). st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie or

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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



Migraine Self Help Group

The Migraine Association is delighted to announce that a Migraine Self Help Group will take place in North Dublin in January this year. It will consist of three evening sessions and will take place on Tuesday, 17, 24 and 31 January 2017 from 7.00pm - 9.00pm each evening. The sessions will take place in the North Star Hotel on Amiens Street, Dublin 1.

Each session will dwell on a different topic/feature of migraine, which includes:

- An Introduction to Migraine and the MAI
- Migraine Symptoms
- Other Headache Disorders
- Migraine Medications
- Lifestyle Issues
- Complementary Therapies
- Migraine at Work
- Migraine in Children

The event is free to attend and light refreshments will be served. **Places are limited to 15 so registration is essential.** To register for a place, please call 01 894 1280 or email: info@migraine.ie.

Log On Learn

Free Computer classes for Senior Citizens every Thursday from 1.40pm - 3.00pm. Beginners welcome. To book your place call St Dominic's College, Navan Road, Dublin 7. Tel: (01) 838 5282.

open eir Silver Surfer Awards 2017

Age Action together with new sponsor **open eir** are making waves to find Ireland's top Silver Surfers. The awards celebrate and showcase older peoples' use of the internet and technology as well as the volunteers who teach these skills. The awards will be presented by broadcaster Baz Ashmawy and his mother Nancy on Tuesday 28 March at The **eir** Building, 1 Heuston South Quarter, St John's Road, Dublin 8. This year we are looking for enthusiastic people over the age of 50 who have an interesting story to share about how they use their computer and the internet and who will become a role model to inspire more older people to embrace technology. We are calling on people across Ireland to nominate a friend, neighbour or relative who uses technology for pleasure or as a way to enhance the quality of their life.

This is the 8th year of the awards and there are 5 award categories as follows:

New to IT Award

An older person who is new to technology and has overcome challenges to become an IT user

Hobbies on the Net Award

An older person who uses the Internet to pursue their passion or hobby or who uses IT for communication and social networking

IT Tutor(s) of the Year

An individual volunteer or group of volunteers of any age who tutor older learners

Silver Surfer Award

An older person who embraces the Internet or technology with a sense of fun and adventure

Golden IT Award

An individual over the age of 80 who uses technology to enhance their life

The public can nominate someone for an award by filling in a form online at www.ageaction.ie/silversurfer or by phoning Anne-Marie in Age Action on 01 475 6989. **Don't Delay, Nominate Today! Closing Date: Friday, 17 February**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants & Refugees
St Ita, virgin is not celebrated this year

Monday

St Fursa, abbot & missionary

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

Tuesday

St Anthony, abbot

Patrician Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Fabian, pope & martyr & St Sebastian, martyr

Saturday

St Agnes, virgin & martyr

Sacrament of the Sick 10.30am

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Vincent, deacon & martyr is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 8:23-9:3.

Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14, R/ v 1.

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17.

Mt 4:12-23 (shorter form 4:12-17).

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (Epiphany, 6 Jan) = € 286.88

Church (8 Jan) = €1,295.90

Share (8 Jan) = € 364.66

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

Next week's Church Gate Collection will be in aid of the Ladies of Charity. Founded in 1617 by St Vincent de Paul at Chatillon sur Chararonne (France) the Ladies of Charity seek to help those in need in the local area. Their only source of funding is the monthly Church Gate collection, every cent of which is greatly appreciated.



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