



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
22 January 2017



The Choice is Ours

You may have heard this story before: 'An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A battle is going on inside all of us," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good – joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed".'

In a way, it is as simple as that. Each one of us faces hundreds of choices every day. Mostly, they are minor decisions that may not seem important at the time. But they all add up to something. They make us the person we are. Do our choices make us the kind of person who follows Jesus, or the kind of person who goes in the opposite direction?

We can stay stuck where we are, repeating the same old patterns, or we can leave it all behind and choose a new path, like Peter, Andrew, James and John did. They were called, and they took decisive action. This initial choice to follow Jesus was reinforced and remade, day in and day out, during their discipleship journey, just as it is on ours.

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

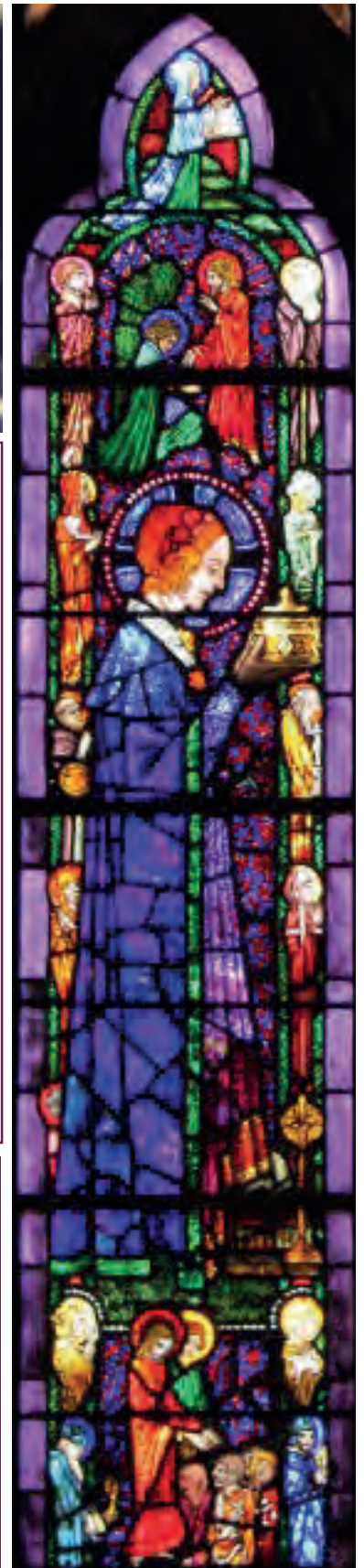
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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.

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.

Thank You

St Peter's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul wish to thank all those who donated non-perishable food to the Society in the run up to Christmas following on from the Crosscare Appeal. I can assure you your donations made a huge difference to those in the parish who exist on the very margins. Once again, many thanks.

Christmas Flowers

The team wish to thank all those who contributed to the cost of flowers over the Christmas season and also to those of you who continue to support them throughout the year. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently. 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: (01) 839 1766, Monday - Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm.
For further information please email: bereavement@eircom.net.

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



Do This In Memory

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

Holocaust Memorial Service

Thursday, 26 January from 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Join us to remember the millions of people who died or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust and in subsequent genocides. On this evening we will honour the survivors of these regimes and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today. Friday, 27 January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. Our gathering will be led by Judith Charry. Cost: Donation.

Venue: Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue,
Holy Faith Sisters, Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin.

Tel: (01) 797 9364 / 087 664 9862

Email: mcfglasnevin@gmail.com

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National Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, 29 January - Saturday, 4 February

Theme: 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.'

Through Catholic education, children benefit from the religious guidance, prayer and the support the parishes provide to build a strong faith-based community. By focusing on faith, knowledge, and service, the children learn the importance of family, community, and serving others.

Laudate Festival 2017

Come to the Laudate Festival and join in an evening of music and reflection in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road - Tuesday, 31 January at 7.00pm or in the Church of St Laurence O'Toole, Kilmacud - Wednesday, 1 February at 7.00pm. This is a pilot project of the Education Secretariat and the Liturgy

Resource Centre, which brings together children from 21 Primary Schools of the Archdiocese to sing a shared repertoire of liturgical music and to mark Catholic Schools Week 2017. The Massed Choirs will be directed by Caroline Cutcliffe in OLV, and Orla Barry in Kilmacud. All are invited to join in the singing and the prayer with these young people – entry is free.

Defend the 8th Amendment

Interactive Pro-Life talk and training with Sarah Ekada, Paddy Manning and Michael Dwyer of **Family & Life** on Wednesday, 1 February at Le Cheile Donnellycarney Community and Youth Centre, Collins Avenue East, Donnellycarney at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

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.

Day for Consecrated Life 2017

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a special Day of Prayer for women and men in consecrated life on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2 February). Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will lead a service of prayer to mark this 20th Anniversary in St Anthony's Church, Clontarf on Thursday, 2 February at 7.30pm. The theme is 'The salt of the earth... the light of the world' (Matthew 5:13.15). Music will be lead by members of the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

Creation - A Celebration

8 week course - 7.30pm - 9.00pm starting Thursday, 2 February

On these eight Thursdays in February and March, we will contemplate creation in its origins, its mighty unfolding, its exquisite expression on earth. Using the four paths of creation spirituality, we will celebrate creation's highest expression – the human family – and learn anew our place in the grand scheme of things. With Paddy Greens SJ. Cost: €80 (8 evenings). Book by 26 January. **And...**

Oasis Day

9.30am - 6.00pm, Saturday, 11 February

An Oasis Day presents an opportunity to take some time apart - a little time to catch up with yourself, to meet with God. You can decide which of the elements on offer are most helpful to you, choosing from reflections, guided prayer, silence and an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. Mass is celebrated before supper. Cost €50

Venue: Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality
426 Clontarf Road, Dublin 3

Tel: (01) 833 1352

Email: reception@manresa.ie

Web: manresa.ie

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).

'Love One Another As I Have Loved You'...

... a new book of prayers, meditations and reflections by Fr Gareth Byrne, available from Veritas (€4.99) is a response to the publication by Pope Francis of **Amoris Laetitia**, his apostolic exhortation on 'Love in the Family' (2016). With the World Meeting of Families to be hosted by the Archbishop of Dublin in August 2018, this is an opportunity to begin to think and pray in new ways about what family and relationships mean to us.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week begins today

St Vincent, deacon & martyr is not celebrated this year

Monday

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

Tuesday

St Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor of the Church
Patrician Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday

The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
Anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation of the Mission
Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Ss Timothy & Titus, bishops
Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Angela Merici, virgin

Saturday

St Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings
Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13.
Ps 145:7-10, R/ Mt 5:3.
1 Cor 1:26-31.
Mt 5:1-12.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:
Church (15 Jan) = €1,396.18
Share (15 Jan) = € 368.49
Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's Church Gate Collection is 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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