



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 February 2017

THE *light*
OF CHRIST
brightens
THE WORLD

Salt and Light

In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios where salt is concerned: one is that we are called to be 'salt of the earth'. What salt does for food, Christians are called to do for the world – to give life 'taste'. You might recall someone who brought 'taste' to your own life, encouraging you on your journey, offering hope, a new insight or project, someone you followed and learned from. What gifts did they bring?

The other scenario in the Gospel today is where salt has lost its taste – how can it be restored? You might recall someone you placed great hope in, whether it be a family member, a public figure, a Church leader or politician; someone who had vision and inspired others. Yet the 'salt' or the 'taste' was lost. We see this all around us in our world, when someone's potential is lost.

There are many situations in our world today where people's light is not allowed to shine. It is controlled, hidden, prevented from being used for the benefit of all because of jealousy or perhaps others are afraid of the consequences. Jesus tells us that these lights must shine, for all, and then we can give glory to God in heaven for the fruits it may produce. To help lights shine and to give flavour to the world is our task today. Another way of putting it might be: how are the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ evident in our lives?

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

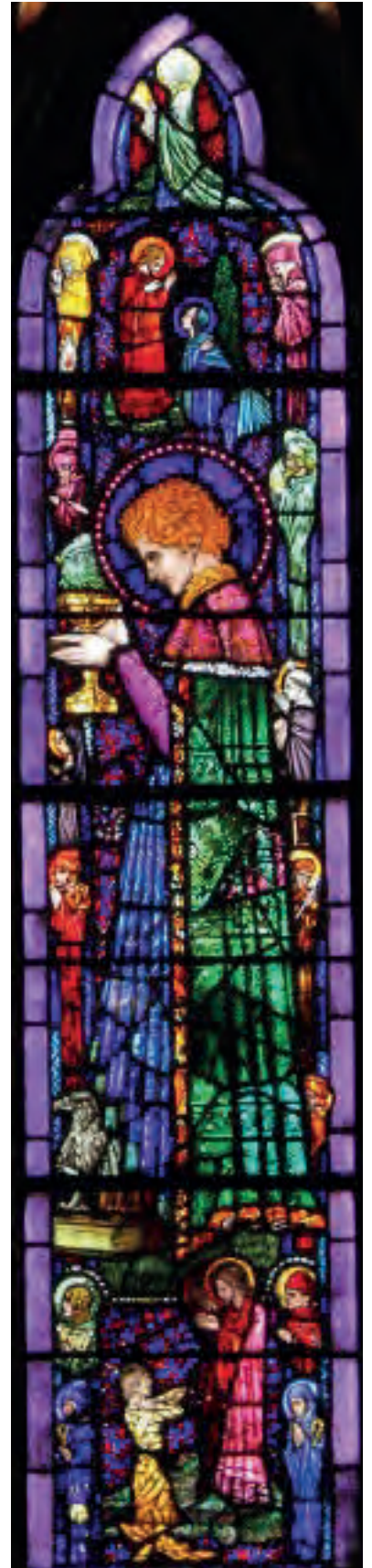
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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.

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.

Mass of Remembrance

Donabate parish will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, 5 February at 5.00pm in St Patrick's Church for all children who died before or after birth, recently or in the past. Our speaker this year will be Deirdre Ní Chinnéide, well-known singer, writer, bereavement counsellor and spiritual director. A special Book of Remembrance will be available in front of the altar and we invite and encourage you to enter the name of your child in the book.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Teresa Feaheny (Cabra Road), Austin Moore (Monck Place), Paddy Kelly (St Peter's Road), Mossie McElhinney (formerly of McElhinney's Shop, Monck Place) and Tom Davis (formerly of Cabra 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, Baldoy, Dublin 13.
Telephone: (01) 839 1766, Monday - Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm.
For further information please email: bereavement@eircom.net.

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: €4.00 per session (members €2.00). Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: www.cuidiu.ie for details.

Parent & Toddler Group

'Little Angels' Parent & Toddler Group takes place every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.00pm at Presentata House, 263 North Circular Road (entrance on Charleville Road, green door). Faith based, all welcome. Chat for mothers, sing songs, playtime, prayers. Cost €2.00, tea and biscuits provided. Under the auspices of the Legion of Mary. For more details contact 087 611 5082.

Homecare Services for the Elderly

Affordable Live-in Homecare provide live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Mary or Tom on 087 991 6791 or go to our website at: www.alhomecare.ie.

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Vacancy - Our Lady's Gospel Choir

Parish of Our Lady's Nativity, Leixlip have a vacancy for a Choir Director for their Gospel Choir. Suitable experienced candidates invited for application. For further information please contact Mr John Boland at: 086 827 7240.

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



Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality

Movies that Matter

7.30pm to 10.00pm - Wednesday 8 February (Donation)

The popular Movies that Matter series brings a new selection of films this spring. Each film will be preceded by a brief introduction and followed by a discussion. The movie for February is 'The Intouchables'.

Lenten Prayer Evenings

7.30pm to 9.00pm, starting Tuesday 28 February (Donation)

These evenings create a 'sacred space' for you to open your heart to the Word of God, helping you to prepare to celebrate God's great love for us. You can come for any one evening, or all seven as you wish. No need to book - just come along.

The Creative Spirit Within

7.30pm to 9.00pm starting on Tuesday 28 February (6 week course)

Do you want to connect with what's going on in your life in a refreshing way? The Creative Spirit Within is a course which will help you to look at images and to make images that can connect to your own experiences in your ordinary life. It is not about artistic techniques or having skills as an artist but is about your relationship to the visual. Although we communicate verbally, most of our inner life - like sacred mysteries - cannot be put into words. Cost: €90 (6 evenings), includes materials. To book, tel: (01) 833 1352 or email: reception@manresa.ie by 20 February. Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, 426 Clontarf Road, Dublin 3

Exhibition of Liturgical Art

The National Centre for Liturgy is holding a seminar on Thursday, 9 February for artists, architects, clergy and members of parish/diocesan committees with guest speaker from the USA - Richard Vosko. The day begins at 10.00am with registration and ends at 4.00pm in the North Cloister, College Chapel, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. The exhibition will continue until Friday, 24 February. It will open each day from 12.00pm - 2.00pm and weekends from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. For more information, please email: Sr Moira Bergin at: Moira.Bergin@spcm.ie.

Anam Cara Parental & Sibling Bereavement Support

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next onthly Parent Evening on Wednesday, 15 February 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.

The Aware Resilience Series 2017

This year's Fundraising Talk takes place on Thursday, 16 February in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin 8. The speaker will Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Reception at 7.00pm followed by Resilience Lecture at 7.30pm and Q&A. Tickets cost (€25) and all funds raised go to Aware Nationwide Support. For more information contact Mr Drew Flood, Aware Fundraising Department at: 086 606 9736, (01) 237 4919 or www.aware.ie. Thank you for your continued support.

Monastic Vocations Weekend

"If you still haven't found what you're looking for", let the Red Nuns journey with you so you can find a deeper purpose in your life. You are under no pressure whatsoever. Take your time and God will show you the way. Starts: Friday, 17 February at 2.30pm and ends Sunday, 19 February at 1.00pm. Email Sr Lucy at: lucy.conway@redemptorists.ie.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Agatha, virgin & martyr is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 58:7-10.

Ps 111:4-9, R/ v 4.

1 Cor 2:1-5.

Mt 5:13-16.

Monday

Ss Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St Mel, bishop

Bl. Rosalie Rendu DC, virgin (Vincentian)

Wednesday

St Jerome Emiliani, patron saint of orphans

St Josephine Bakhita, virgin

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Scholastica, virgin

Saturday

Our Lady of Lourdes

St Gobnait, virgin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Eccles (Sir) 15:15-20.

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, R/ v 1.

1 Cor 2:6-10.

Mt 5:17-37.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (29 Jan) = €1,821.29

Share (29 Jan) = € 454.89

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's Church Gate Collection is in aid of essential Church repairs.

Next week's will be in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.



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