



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 February 2017



Turn the Other Cheek

Today we hear and read one of the most famous passages in the Gospels: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. It is a radical text and not so easy. How can we be expected to love those who have hurt us or done harm to us? Anthony de Mello, an Indian Jesuit who wrote many books on spirituality, spoke often about the concept of 'loving enemies'. When someone hurts us, when someone triggers emotional pain in us, de Mello suggests that we try to come to the realisation that we are 'standing before our benefactor'. The situation is a reminder that we are still to grow and we are hurt because someone has not met our expectations. It is these expectations that we must let go of. We can learn from the other who has wronged us: how has this affected me? What do I need to let go of?

The teachings in this passage are radical and go against what we hear around us in our world like calls for retribution and revenge. However Jesus has high expectations of his followers, to go against the grain. Jesus is not encouraging passiveness. He is inviting people to a 'third way': to make a non-violent stand when faced with persecution. By 'offering the other cheek' we allow for the potential of conversion of the other to a realisation of what they have done. The easy option is to retaliate, to not see our brother or sister standing before us. We can offer them an opportunity to see our own sacred humanity. 'Loving our enemies' is a call to constantly move towards restoring relationships, offering mercy and peace.

'An eye for an eye will leave the whole world blind'. Gandhi

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

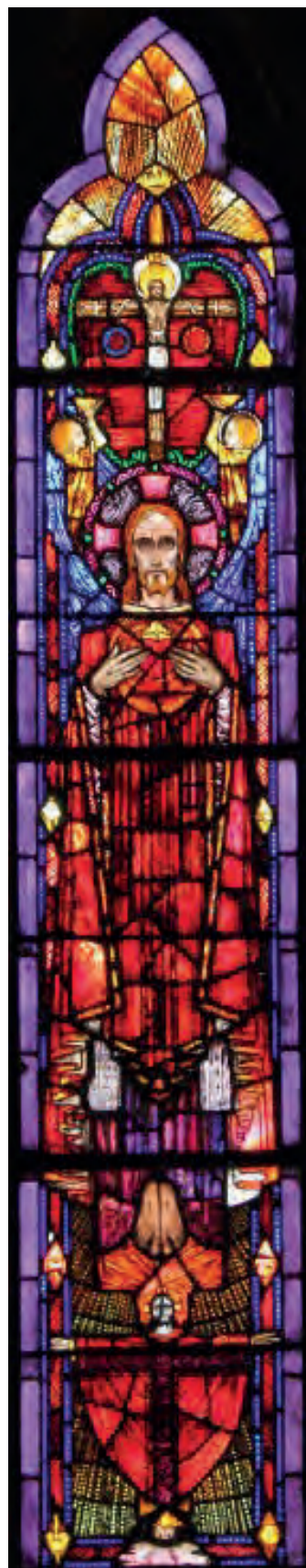
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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.

AMM Meeting

The Association of the Miraculous Medal will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, 20 February in the Church directly after the Novena. There will be a short talk and discussion followed by Adoration of the Most 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.

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.

In 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, Baldoyle, Dublin 13.

Telephone: (01) 839 1766, Monday - Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

For further information please email: bereavement@eircom.net.



Concert in St Peter's

St Peter's School are proud to present a concert in St Peter's Church on Sunday, 26 March at 4.00pm. There will be performances from our School Orchestra, Secondary School Chamber Orchestra, Offbeat Ensemble Adult Orchestra and the Royal Irish Academy of Music's Junior Orchestra. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The concert is in aid of St Peter's School's **Strings' Project**.

New Book Club

The Church of the Most Precious Blood is holding a Book Club which will commence at the beginning of Lent. Our first book will be 'The Shack' by William P. Young. If you are interested in joining, email: Natasha Geoghegan at: natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie or 087 949 4444 who will inform you of the necessary details. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Vacancy

An opportunity for a Permanent Accountant appointment in the Dublin Diocesan Offices (Finance Secretariat).

The Archdiocese of Dublin is currently recruiting for a qualified Accountant with no less than five years post qualification experience in Financial Management and Reporting. This role is offered on a full-time permanent basis. The successful candidate will have responsibility to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements under the Charities Act 2009. Applications with Covering Letter and CV should be emailed to: Ashling.keane@dublindiocese.ie no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 24 February 2017.

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



Shrine Restoration

Next week we will begin the restoration of our shrines. In order to facilitate this, there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, 21 to Friday, 24 February. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and we thank you for your support.

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.

House Visits

Do you know of any parishioners who are ill or housebound at the moment? Would they like one of our priests to visit them? If so, please contact the parish office with details.

Christmas Dues

Letters of acknowledgement will be sent out at the end of February. Thank you for your continued generosity.

'Awake My Soul' Retreat

Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for some time out to reflect, pray and grow deeper in your faith on our weekend retreat on Friday, 24 to Sunday, 26 February at Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard, Co. Laois (1hr from Dublin, carpooling available). Cost - €120 all inclusive. Subsidised as an initiative of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Contact for more information and to secure a place: michelle.manley@dublindiocese.ie/ or siobhan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, 3 March at 7.00pm. This year it will be hosted by Christ the King Church. The Service is written by the women of the Philippines. If you wish to be part of the liturgy on the night please contact Natasha on 087 94 94 444 or email: natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie. Looking forward to hearing from you. All are welcome.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18.

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R/ v 8.

1 Cor 3:16-23.

Mt 5:38-48.

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

AMM Meeting directly after evening Mass

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church

Wednesday

The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

St Polycarp, bishop & martyr

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Is 49:14-15.

Ps 61:2-3, 6-9, R/ v 6.

1 Cor 4:1-5.

Mt 6:24-34.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (12 Feb) = €1,195.59

Share (12 Feb) = € 340.92

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.

ACCORD Dublin

The Annual Collection of ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend. It replaces the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

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