



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
26 February 2017



Don't Worry. Be Happy.

We all have moments of worry and anxiety. Many people are anxious about the future, planning their lives and stretching forward months and sometimes years. We can worry about finance, about relationships, about the world, our communities. In today's Gospel, Jesus urges us not to worry about material things. We should not be enslaved by possessions. We are asked 'what really rules our lives?' If it is money and objects then that leads nowhere; they do not lead to fulfilment. Worry is unproductive. We all know this but that's not very helpful when we are actually anxious about something. Jesus is urging us in today's Gospel to free ourselves of worry. Worry is a symptom of a lack of faith. Jesus is not calling us to apathy or a life of carelessness but to realise that nothing was ever achieved by worrying.

How do we respond to worry or anxiety? Do we pray? Do we talk to God and hand these things over to God? Our thoughts can bring us to imagining endless outcomes of a situation, but none of those thoughts are real. Jesus is calling us today to a deeper awareness, to a letting go, to being more present to this moment, to 'today'.

'Consider the lilies in the field, how they grow...' These words of Jesus about the providence of God are powerful and encourage us to put trust in God at the centre of our lives. God knows our deep desires and needs. The challenge of the Christian life is to place our trust in God, not material things, to stay focused on what God is doing in our lives right at this moment.

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.

Lectio Divina during Lent

During Lent, Christ the King Church will lead a weekly Lectio Divina Group, starting on Thursday, 2 March at 11.00am. Lectio Divina is a traditional Benedictine practice of Scripture reading, meditation and prayer, a gentle way of reading and reflecting on Scripture in a group setting. If you are interested call Natasha on 087 949 4444 or email: natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie.

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.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Albert Muldoon

(Orchard Terrace, Grangegorman) and Cardinal Desmond Connell. 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**.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will take place 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 contact Natasha on 087 94 94 444 or email: natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie. All are welcome.

Flowers in Lent

As is the usual custom, there will be no flowers on display in the Church during the Lenten season (ex. St Patrick's Day), either on the Sanctuary or at the Shrines. Donations would be greatly appreciated towards flowers for Easter.

Christmas Dues

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

Pro-Cathedral Change Sunday Mass Times

Mass Schedule from 5 March: 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.45pm and 6.30pm.

Legion of Mary

Meetings take place Monday's and Wednesday's from 7.00pm in the **Frank Duff Room** (entrance via the Parish Office)

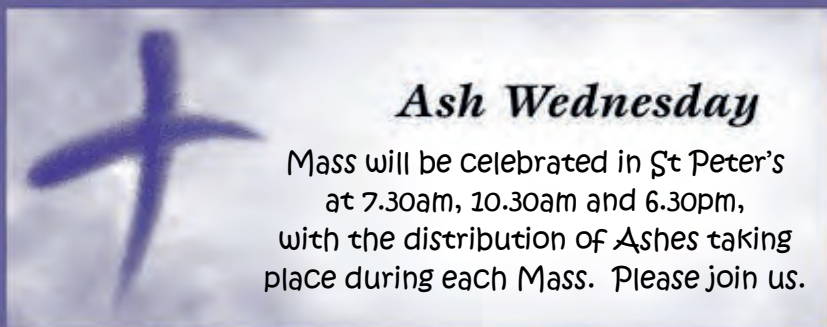
Monday - Our Lady of All Nations

Wednesday - Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament



Shrine Restoration Continues

This coming week we continue with the restoration of our shrines. In order to facilitate this, there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, 28 February to Friday, 3 March. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and we thank you for your continued support.



Vincentian Lay Missionaries

VLM are now recruiting for short term placements in Ethiopia for this year. Examples are below; contact the VLM office, to discuss your skill or profession.



1 month summer programme for primary or secondary teachers: current, retired or on career break. Location: Atse, Addis Ababa

Teachers and teacher trainers for a minimum of one month: Montessori Kindergarten Teacher Training (Oct-Dec). Location: Wolaita Soddo

Special Needs teaching with teacher training/mentoring (May-June, or Oct-Dec). Location: Addis Ababa

TEFL for adult learners of English. Location: Addis Ababa

1 to 6 month placements for volunteers with skills in capacity building and community work; and also development programming and proposal writing.

Location: Addis Ababa and including rural project locations

For details on costs, programmes and how to apply, email Michael Hanly at: info@vlm.ie, check our website at: www.vlm.ie or call in to discuss in person at the VLM office located via St Peter Parish Office. tel: 087 139 7069.

Novena of Grace

The Carmelite Community invite you to Novena of Grace with Fr Bernard McGuckian, S.J. (Clongowes Wood Community) from 4 - 12 March at 3.00pm (Monday – Saturday) and (4.00pm on Sundays) in St Francis Xavier Church, Whitefriar Street. All welcome.

Novena of Grace

Please join in the Novena of Grace on 4 - 12 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Harold's Cross. Monday - Friday: 10.00am, Saturday: 11.30am, Sunday: 12.00pm. All welcome.

Navan Road Parish

Join Sr Céline Mangan O.P. and Monsignor Alex Stenson journeying with the Lenten Sunday Readings - help see how we can make our own journey through Lent every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre, 199 Navan Road for the following dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4. Please leave your name and phone number into the Parish Office on 838 0265 or email: navanroadparish@eircom.net.

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.

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Ash Wednesday

St David, bishop is not celebrated this year

Day of Fast & Abstinence

Mass Times: 7.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Saturday

St Casimir, patron saint of Poland

1st Sunday of Lent

St Kieran, bishop is not celebrated this year

Readings

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7.

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17, R/ cf v 3.

Rm 5:12-19.

Mt 4:1-11.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (19 Feb) = €1,051.12

Accord (19 Feb) = €1,036.44

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.

Next week's collection will be in aid of essential Church repairs.

