



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Lent
2 April 2017



In Ireland we do funerals well. Whereas many societies hide away and sanitize death, here, traditionally, everyone rallies around to offer comfort and assistance. The funeral rites encourage us to gather in the presence of the deceased and to express our grief. The journey from the wake, to the church, to the graveside is a series of natural steps in the process of letting go.

Jesus' first reaction on hearing of Lazarus' illness was to delay going to his assistance. The reason given by the Gospel is that Jesus wanted this miracle to be a sign of his divine power, not just over sickness, but also over death itself. There is another, more human explanation for his delayed reaction. Whenever we get bad news, part of us goes into denial. We pretend that nothing has happened. It is only when Jesus sees the stricken face of Mary that the grim reality comes home to him. The Gospel sums up his reaction in two words, the shortest verse in our translation of the Bible: 'Jesus wept.' Then, in a scene that anticipates Jesus' own resurrection, Lazarus is called by name and comes out of the tomb. He is unbound from the fetters of death and set free.

It is a powerful image for the new life to which God is calling us, not just following the hour of our death, but also in this world and especially during Lent. The current fascination with zombies in TV drama, somehow expresses our awareness that life itself can be a living death. We can feel entombed by an addiction, or a loss that we cannot overcome, or a personal failure from which our soul yearns to break free. Firstly we have to face that grim reality, and not shy away from the tomb. We too are being called by name and with God's grace can be unbound and set free. Will we have the courage to step out of the tomb, lose the fetters, and let God's glory be seen?

Fr Gerard Condon
(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

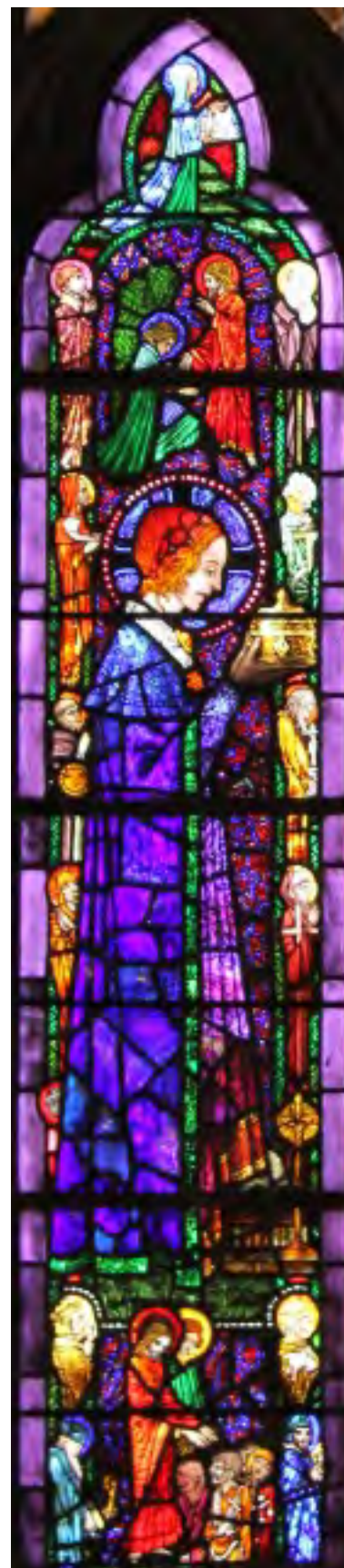
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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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Above: Fr Stephen Monaghan CM with some of the pupils from the Ambo Lazarist Deaf School, Ethiopia.

Last Chance

A Draw will be held on Monday, 17 April in aid of the **Ethiopia Deaf Project**, '**Giving Hands A Voice**'. Tickets are on sale until Friday, 7 April from the Parish Office priced €2.00 each or a book of 6 for €10.00. Fantastic Prizes.

Legion of Mary

Meetings take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm in the

Frank Duff Room

(entrance via Parish Office)
Monday - Our Lady of All Nations
Wednesday - Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament



Our Lenten Journey

Fifth Sunday of Lent The Rising of Lazarus

Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away', Martha said to him 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day'. Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. (*John 11:38-41*)

When events seem to point away from Me and lead you into doubt, that is the very moment to summon all your strength and to tell Me that, in spite of all, I am with you and can never fail you.

Whoever believes in me will live!
(*John 11:25*)

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 and takes on extra significance during this Lenten Season. All are encouraged to attend.

A Word on the Word

Join Frs Pat Collins CM and Colm McAdam CM as they accompany us through the Sunday Readings in Lent each Monday evening at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Road).

Lectio Divina - Cabra Parish

During Lent, Christ the King Church will lead a weekly Lectio Divina Group on Thursday's 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.

Lectio Divina - Navan Road Parish

Join Sr Céline Mangan OP 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.

The Holy Rosary Sisters

The Holy Rosary Sisters have graced and blessed our parish with their quiet gentle presence for the last 30 years. Their house in Dalymount established as a House of Studies over time grew to become an integral part of our parish life.

The presence of a Missionary Community in our parish has been a great grace and a reminder of wider horizons. The rich past experience of the Sisters in Asia, Africa and South America helped bring the world wide church to our doorstep. The location of The Holy Rosary Guild taught us that there are many ways of being involved in the missionary efforts of their Community.

Their kindness, the quiet service and friendships they have shared with us have been a source of goodness and encouragement for so many.

We shall miss them all and I invite the entire parish to join with me in praying God's blessing on them in their new communities and future pastoral service.

Fr Aidan Galvin CM

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Mary McGrath (Cabra Park). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. *Amen.*



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.

House Visits

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

Easter Cards

Easter Mass Bouquets €7.00 and Novena Cards €4.00 are now available from the Parish Office and the Repository.

Flowers in Lent

As is the usual custom, there are no flowers on display in the Church during the Lenten season, either on the Sanctuary or at the Shrines. Donations would be greatly appreciated however towards flowers for Easter.

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 3 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.

World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families (21 - 26 August 2018). Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held this weekend and will replace Share. Your support for this would be greatly appreciated.



5th Sunday of Lent

St Francis of Paola, hermit is not celebrated this year

Readings

Ez 37:12-14.

Ps 129, R/ v 7.

Rm 8:8-11.

Jn 11:1-45.

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St Isidore, bishop & doctor of the Church

Wednesday

St Vincent Ferrer, priest

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Lenten Talk 7.30pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St John Baptist de la Salle, priest

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Readings

Procession: Mt 21:1-11.

Mass: Is 50:4-7.

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R/ v 2.

Phil 2:6-11.

Mt 26:14-27:66.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (26 Mar) = €1,287.26

Share (26 Mar) = € 355.25

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

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

The SVP Sunshine Fund is holding its annual collection outside Dublin Churches next weekend (8/9 April). Each year they provide much-needed seaside holidays for approx. 1,000 of Dublin's less fortunate children in Sunshine House, Balbriggan. This is the only way they can finance these holidays. It will replace the usual Share collection. As a result of this our local conference of the SVP will not hold their monthly Church Gate collection.



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