



# *St Peter's Church, Phibsborough*

## *Parish Newsletter*

First Sunday of Lent  
5 March 2017



### **He is the Bread**

Lent is a time of renewal and new beginnings. It is a time for us to enter into the suffering and death of Jesus, before celebrating the joy and hope of Easter. It is a time to reflect in a special way on God's word. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel the God's words are nourishing - man does not live on bread alone.

Our focus should not only be on earthly things. Lent reminds us that there is more to life than the physical world. We are all guilty of getting caught up in the practicalities of life; it is only natural to work and rush and plan and worry. Lent offers us an opportunity to reflect on what is really important. The sacrifices we make or the extra effort we put in to become better people this Lent are all part of that spiritual journey.

*'We have everything in Christ ... He is everything for us.  
If you wish to heal a wound, He is the doctor.  
If you burn with fever, He is the rising spring of refreshing water.  
If you have need of support, He is your strength.  
If you long for heaven, He is the way.  
If you seek nourishment, He is the bread.'*

**St Ambrose**

**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**

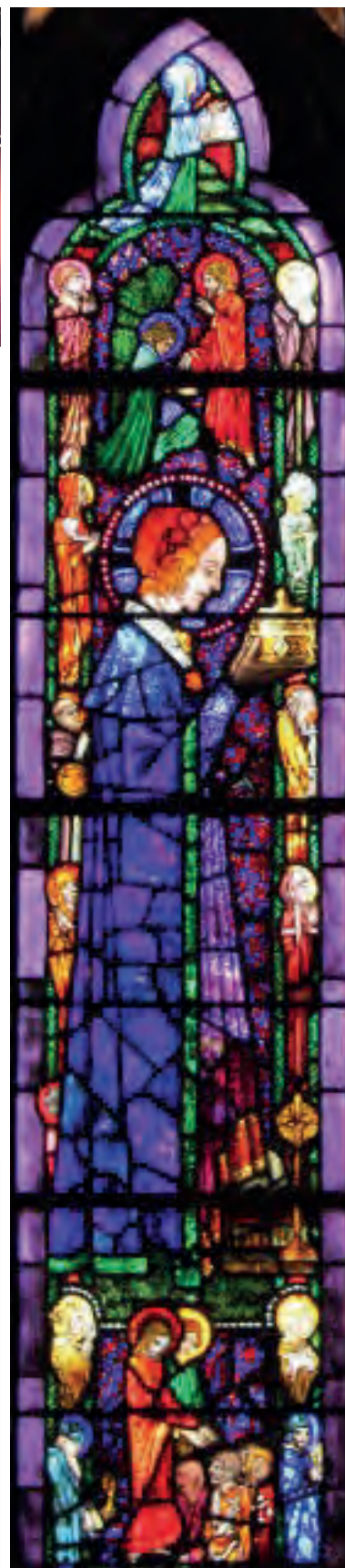
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

#### **Holy Days of Obligation**

10.30am & 6.30pm

#### **Confessions**

Saturday immediately following the 10.30am Mass and at the Parish Office by request



## Parish Clergy

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## 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 or housebound at the moment? Would they like one of our priests to visit them? If so, please contact the parish office with details.

## SVP Clothing Appeal

The Society of St Vincent de Paul seeks your help for its Annual Appeal for second-hand clothing. The appeal is for clean, good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. Distribution of bags will take place outside the Church on Saturday, 4 & Sunday, 5 March & collection of bags on Saturday, 11 (vigil) & Sunday 12 March at morning Masses only. The Society would like to thank you all most sincerely.

## 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

## First Sunday of Lent The Temptations of Jesus

*'I will give you all these', he said, 'If you fall at my feet and worship me'. Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone'. Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.*

There will be times when everything in our circumstances will tell us that God has forgotten us, that he doesn't care, and that he can't or won't help us anymore. Anyone who wants to walk with God needs to be prepared for moments such as these. This is the time when we need to press forward, not relying on what we can see but recognizing the truth. God's love never fails. God's presence never leaves us. God's strength never falters.

Fight and win...for My love's sake

**'Go away, Satan'**  
(Matthew 4:10)

## 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).

## A Series of Talks...

... will be given over the Lenten Season. Possible topics include:

'Finding God in Confusing Times'

'The women who meet God in the Wilderness'

'How do I make sense of Scripture?'

'Keeping up with the Kardashians; Marriage in a changing world'

'Surviving Parenthood'

Dates, times and venue to be announced. Watch this space!

## Lectio Divina - Cabra Parish

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](mailto:natasha.curran@dublindiocese.ie).

## 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. Please leave your name and phone number into the Parish Office on 838 0265 or email: [navanroadparish@eircom.net](mailto:navanroadparish@eircom.net).



## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Colette Bergin (St Peter's Road) and Stephen O'Brien (Avondale Avenue). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. *Amen.*



## 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](mailto:info@vlm.ie), check our website at: [www.vlm.ie](http://www.vlm.ie) or call in to discuss in person at the VLM office located via St Peter's Parish Office. tel: 087 139 7069.

## The Ethiopia Deaf Project (EDP)...

... is a small group of people who work on a voluntary basis to raise funds to help support and sustain the Ambo Deaf School in Ethiopia. They're a sub-committee of the Vincentian Lay Missionaries and are passionate about working to ensure that the Deaf children in Ambo and surrounding villages can access education through sign language. They were instrumental in establishing the Ambo Deaf School and are responsible for its ongoing development. The Ambo Lazarist Deaf School was built in 2012 and employs three qualified teachers for the Deaf. The school offers the Deaf children in the area an opportunity for the first time ever to achieve their full potential in education. The establishment of the ALDS will help to break the stigma associated with deafness and disability, introduce Deaf Awareness training for parents and local society and offer Sign Language classes to parents allowing them to participate more fully in the life of their child and enhance the relationship between child and parent. More details available from: [www.ethiopiadeafproject.com](http://www.ethiopiadeafproject.com).

Fr Stephen Monaghan CM (based in Ethiopia, formerly of St Peter's) has asked if we could help. A Draw will be held on Monday, 17 April in aid of the Ethiopia Deaf Project, *Giving Hands A Voice*. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office priced €2 each or a book of 6 for €10. Prizes are as follows:

1st	43' Smart TV	6th	Sat Nav
2nd	iPad Mini	7th	Tablet
3rd	32' Smart TV	8th	Kindle
4th	Notebook	9th	Polaroid Camera
5th	32' TV	10th	Blender

## 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.

## Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

## Tuesday

*Ss Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs*

## Wednesday

*St John of God, religious & St Senan, bishop*

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## Thursday

*St Frances of Rome, religious*

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## Saturday

*St Aengus, bishop & abbot*

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

Readings

Gn 12:1-4.

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22, R/ v 22.

2 Tm 1:8-10.

Mt 17:1-9.

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## Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (26 Feb) = €1,429.87

Share (26 Feb) = € 318.15

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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