



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent
12 March 2017

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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A Light in the Darkness: 'Stand up. Do not be afraid.'

The disciples will need to remember this advice from Jesus. There are much darker days to come for them, and they will need every bit of courage they can muster. As Jesus moves ever closer to death, they will be scared and will desert Jesus, Peter even denying him. We will make this journey alongside the disciples on Good Friday.

But they will remember the brightness of this day. When Jesus is transfigured before them on the mountain, his face shines 'like the sun' and his clothes are 'as white as the light'. White is the colour of heavenly garments – it is a sign that it is God who is speaking. It is this light that will carry them onwards, during their time with Jesus and through the dark hours leading up to his death.

The Transfiguration is recalled later in Matthew's Gospel, after Jesus rises from the dead. When the women go to the tomb, they are greeted by an angel whose appearance is 'like lightening' and his clothing 'white as snow'. The disciples are once again directed to a mountain location, where Jesus appears to them to pass on their mission and assure them of his presence with them always.

So we have two mountain tops, and two reassuring messages from Jesus. 'Do not be afraid.' 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

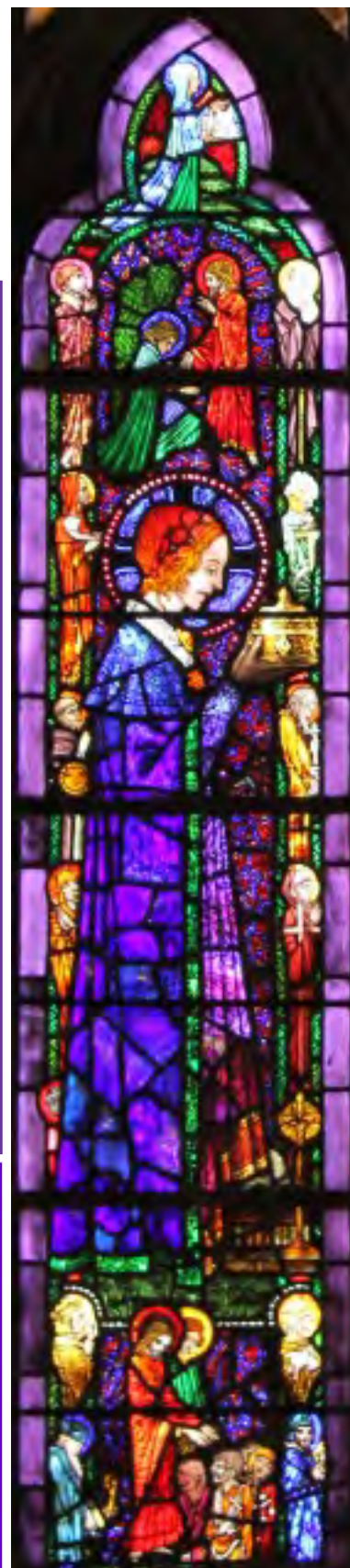
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

Holy Days of Obligation

10.30am & 6.30pm

Confessions

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



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AMM Meeting

The AMM will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, 20 March in the Church directly after the Novena. All are welcome.

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 21 March in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'The Life of Saint Patrick'. All are welcome.

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.

Vacancy

The Vincentian Fathers are currently recruiting for a part-time health care co-ordinator in the Dublin area. To obtain an application form phone 01 851 0842 or email: cmdublin@vincentians.ie.

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

Second Sunday of Lent

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Jesus took with Him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. (Matthew 17:1-2)

My child, every moment which you set aside for Me has more than the obvious benefits for you. Not only are you receiving healing of the spirit, and light for your way, but such occasions will affect the atmosphere of your busier moments, when, perhaps, you are unable to focus, fully, upon Me.

'If you follow Me, you will not walk in darkness.'

(John 8.12)

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.

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.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Paddy Kelly (Kelly's Newsagents, 340 NCR) and Vera Ledwidge (Royal Canal Bank). 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**.

Ambo Lazarist Deaf School (ALDS) Fundraising Events

Paddy's Day Plunge at the 40 Foot, Dublin

For the warm blooded among us. This is our 4th annual Plunge. Looking forward to snapping some more photos of tortured faces! But remember the smiles we captured on the faces of the kids in Ambo proves that 'Your pain is their gain!' Please take the Plunge! Contact us at: ambodeaf@vlm.ie.

Parachute Jump

A brave group of people will be jumping out of a plane to raise funds for the Project. Registration is now open for those of you wishing to complete the tandem parachute jump on Saturday, 25 March. We're looking to raise a minimum of €450 (includes a cover of the cost of the skydive and a donation to the project), Numbers are limited so get registering now!!! You know you want to:

<https://skydive4charity.ie/ethiopia-deaf-project>.

Bumper Raffle

A Draw will be held on Monday, 17 April in aid of the **Ethiopia Deaf Project, Giving Hands A Voice**. Tickets on sale in the Parish Office priced €2 each or a book of 6 for €10. Prizes are as follows: 43' Smart TV, 32' Smart TV, 32' TV, iPad Mini, Notebook, Sat Nav, Tablet, Kindle, Polaroid Camera & Blender.

Ambo Ramble Cycle

Why not join in in our Ambo Ramble Cycle (130km or 60km), held every year at the end of June. For further information, please click on the Ambo Ramble cycle page. Saturday, 24 June, Marion Hall Ballinhassig, Co. Cork. A wonderful days cycle, terrific fun, lovely people, great atmosphere, amazing food and plenty of it! You've seen where every cent raised goes, you know the good you are achieving by completing this cycle. Remember: ***YOU ARE HELPING TO CHANGE LIVES*** Even if you don't want to cycle, we are always looking for people to help on the day with marshalling and other roles.

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.

Monday

Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis in 2013

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Wednesday

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times: 10.30am & 6.30pm

Saturday

St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop

3rd Sunday of Lent

Anniversary of the Inauguration of Pope Francis in 2013

Readings

Ex 17:3-7.

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 8.

Rm 5:1-2, 5-8.

Jn 4:5-42.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (5 Mar) = €1,505.21

Share (5 Mar) = € 394.32

Repairs (5 Mar) = € 553.29

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's Church Gate Collection is in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

SVP Clothing Appeal

Collection of bags will take place outside the Church this weekend at **morning Masses only**.



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