



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Lent
26 March 2017



We are not blind, surely?

What a convoluted Gospel we have today. The healing of the blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded, the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with one another and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man's parents as witnesses.

The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, are called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinners. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, 'Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?'

But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus' healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. 'If this man were not from God,' he says, 'he couldn't do a thing.' He understands that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.

Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees who Jesus is: 'Lord, I believe.' The Pharisees who think they see things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. 'We are not blind, surely?' is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus?

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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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.

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.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Jesus Heals A Man Born Blind

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

(John 9:35-40)

When thanking Me that I cannot fail you, you have entered the dimension where plans are constantly made for your greatest good....the dimension where present darkness is seen as scattered.

"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).

Lenten Talks...

Dr Eugene Curran CM will give the second in a series of talks here in St Peter's during this Lenten Season. It will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 29 March in our Conference Room. The entrance is via the Parish Office. All are most welcome to attend.

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. 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.

Flowers

Donations would be greatly appreciated towards flowers for Easter.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Cora Campbell (Shandon Park), John Dooley (Navan Road) and Michael Scallon (brother of Fr Kevin CM & uncle of Fr Paschal CM). 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 today 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, priced €5 can be purchased at the door. The concert is in aid of St Peter's Schools' **Strings' Project**.

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 next weekend (1 & 2 April). Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.



4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday (Mothering Sunday)

Readings

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13.

Ps 22, R/ v 1.

Eph 5:8-14.

Jn 9:1-41.

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Wednesday

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Lenten Talk 7.30pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Saturday

St Ceallach (Celsus), bishop

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.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (17 Mar) = € 486.48

Church (19 Mar) = €1,059.84

Crosscare (19 Mar) = €1,140.24

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 by St Vincent de Paul they 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.



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