



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Easter  
23 April 2017

# Divine Mercy

## SUNDAY

We can empathise with Thomas, the apostle who demanded proof. Our scientific age knows that skepticism is a healthy way of testing a proposition. I would prefer to be a doubting Thomas than a gullible Thomas.

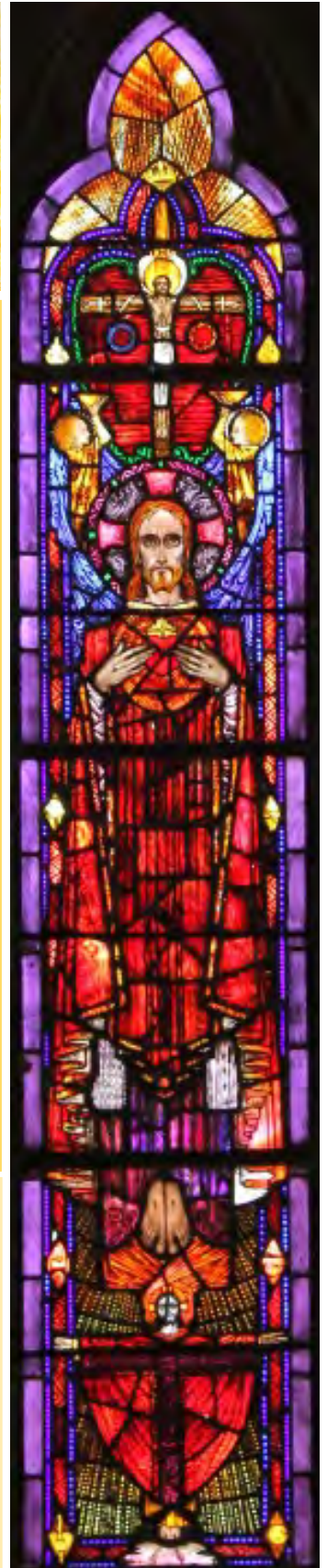
In one way it is easy enough to demonstrate the existence of God. St Thomas Aquinas, living 800 years ago, produced rather satisfying arguments. He noticed that everything is contingent on something else. God is a 'necessary' object, the Unmoved Mover, the first cause from which all life takes momentum. He also described our tendency to compare one object with another. He said this was based on the assumption that something is the best, the truest and the most intelligent design. Any intricate and well functioning object, such as the earth, could not come about by accident.

But reason alone does not determine faith. As Pascal put it, 'The heart has its reasons of which reason little knows.' It was only when Thomas sighted his wounded Lord that his skepticism melted. Witnessing our own wounded-ness and the suffering of others can bring us to our knees and strengthen our love of God.

The recent *ad limina* of the Irish Bishops to Rome concluded with a meeting with Pope Francis. According to his own image, the Pontiff threw in the ball for a 90-minute knock-about on the state of the Church in Ireland today. The Pope observed that a renewal of the Christian faith must involve three 'h's. Belief, he said begins in the **head**, as an intellectual assent. This must be balanced by the **heart**, which adds compassion to the content of faith. Finally, faith lacks all credibility unless it is transferred to the **hands**, and we find real ways to serve others.

For all his wavering, Thomas proved to be a hands-on believer. It is said that he preached the Gospel in India, where the Church honours him as its patron. We, like him, require head, heart and hands if we are to be wholesome Christians.

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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## 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 the car park on Cabra Rd), the sessions focus on the readings for the following Sunday. Resumes on Monday, 24 April after the Easter break.

## Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 25 April in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'Mary and the Holy Spirit'. 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.

## Signed Mass Cards Online

It is now possible to obtain a Signed Mass Card from St Peter's, online. 100% of all offerings received go directly to us here at St Peter's Church. All cards are signed by one of our priests. You can select from a range of Irish made cards which we will organise and send to you or the recipient of your choice. All you have to do is go to our website at: [www.stpetersphibsboro.ie](http://www.stpetersphibsboro.ie) and click on the relevant image on our Home Page.

## The Vincentian Family in Ireland 1617 - 2017

### Celebrate 400 Years of the Vincentian Charism



This year is the 4th Centenary of the beginning of the Vincentian spirit. In 1617 Vincent de Paul experienced and began to respond to the spiritual and material suffering of people he encountered.

All the groups and organisations that make up the Vincentian Family owe their origin and inspiration to Vincent's compassionate response to people who were poor, through organised charity; and to people in spiritual poverty through the call to proclaim the Gospel of Reconciliation and Good News.

To mark this Centenary of the beginning of the Vincentian charism, Fr Guillermo Campuzano CM, a Vincentian priest from Colombia, and one of the Vincentian delegates to the United Nations, will be the main celebrant at a special Eucharistic Celebration which will be held on Tuesday, 9 May at 2.15pm in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

Parking in the grounds of St Catherine's Provincial House, Dunardagh, Blackrock. Also refreshments afterwards at the same location. For more information go to: [www.famvin.org](http://www.famvin.org) or email: [info@daughtersofcharity.ie](mailto:info@daughtersofcharity.ie).

## 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.

## AMM Meeting

The Association of the Miraculous Medal will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, 15 May in the Church directly after the Novena. There will be a short talk and discussion followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

## Run for RESPECT

### Women's Mini Marathon – Monday, 5 June 2017

Since 1892, The Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul have worked to provide care, education and training for people with an intellectual disability. Over this period the Daughters provided a seamless partnership of care for people from their youngest years through to old age. Their work is ultimately about people, their dignity and their quality of life. The Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services have responsibility for caring for 1,900 people, 1,100 of whom are in full time residential care, with 800 attending specialist centres on a daily basis.



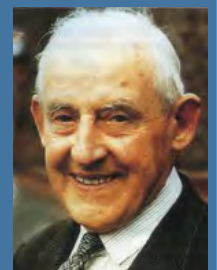
By taking part on June Bank Holiday Monday you are making a difference to the lives of people with intellectual disability and supporting the Daughters of Charity Research Institute. Register at: [www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie](http://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie). Then contact the RESPECT Office on (01) 685 6009 for your Sponsorship Pack. Entries will close on Friday, 28 April. Make this the best year ever for RESPECT!

## 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**



## In Loving Memory

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



## Ambo Deaf School, Ethiopia

The results of the recent raffle will be announced in next week's newsletter.

## Thank You

The Flower Group wish to thank those of you that gave donations towards flowers for Easter. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

## Trocaire

Do you still have Trocaire boxes? If you leave them in to the Parish Office by Friday, 28 April we can pass them on for you.

## Darkness Into Light

Pieta House, founded in Dublin in 2006, offers free counselling to those suffering from suicidal ideation, bereaved by suicide or engaged in self-harming. Staff are fully qualified and provide one-to-one therapeutic services. **Darkness Into Light (DIL)** is their flagship annual fundraising/awareness event. It started with approximately 400 people in the now iconic yellow T-shirts walking the 5km course in Dublin's Phoenix Park in 2009. This year, we will have roughly 150 DIL venues across Ireland and worldwide. Last year we had 130,000 people sharing the light and helping us promote suicide prevention and tackling the stigma that leads people to the doors of Pieta House centres. Please join us on **Saturday, 6th May** this year! Dublin locations at Malahide, Marlay Park, Phoenix Park, Ringsend, Skerries and Tymon Park. In order to receive your T-shirt you must register by Thursday, 27 April at: [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie), otherwise you can register on the day. Dogs are welcome (but must be kept on a short lead!).

## Tax Relief Explained

As a registered charity St Peter's Parish can claim tax relief on monies donated. This means if you donate a minimum of €250 in one year, St Peter's is entitled to receive tax relief from the Revenue Commissioners at whatever rate you pay, either 20% or 41%. It applies to all cheque and cash donations which are made in instalments over the year or as one donation during that time. Standing orders also qualify.

This applies to PAYE ONLY individuals. It applies to donations to ST PETER'S PARISH ONLY (first Sunday collection). It does not apply to Share (second Sunday collection) or any Gate Collection except the one for Church Repairs, which is a St Peter's Parish collection. Examples:

- (a) Individual on the standard rate of tax, i.e. 20%. You donate €250.  
Tax relief to St Peter's = €50.
- (b) Individual on the higher rate of tax, i.e. 41%. You donate €250.  
Tax relief to St Peter's = €102.50.

St Peter's can only claim tax relief on money if we know who it has come from. This is why we ask you to identify all donations to St Peter's by putting your contact details on Weekly Envelopes, Christmas Dues, Easter Dues, November Lists and the monthly Gate Collection for essential Church Repairs. If you have donated **€250 to St Peter's in 2016** please fill in a CHY4 Cert available from the Parish Office or online at: [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie) as soon as possible as our administrator will be registering all donors with the revenue service in early May. Thank you to those who have already filled in the form.

## Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

St George, martyr & St Adalbert of Prague, bishop & martyr are not celebrated this year

### Readings

Acts 2:42-47.

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, R/ v 1.

1 Pt 1:3-9.

Jn 20:19-31.

## Monday

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

## Tuesday

St Mark, Evangelist

## Wednesday

Translation of the Relics of St Vincent de Paul, priest

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## Thursday

St Asicus, bishop

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## Friday

St Peter Chanel, priest & martyr

St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, priest

## Saturday

St Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor of the Church,  
Patron of Europe

## Third Sunday of Easter

St Pius V, pope is not celebrated this year

### Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-33.

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, R/ v 11.

1 Pt 1:17-21.

Lk 24:13-35.

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## Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (9 Apr)	= €1,476.84
Share (9 Apr)	= € 499.82
Church (16 Apr)	= €1,793.92
Share (16 Apr)	= € 435.99

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## Church Gate Collections

This week's 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 collection, every cent of which is greatly appreciated.

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