



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Easter
7 May 2017

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



The Good Shepherd

'The Lord is my Shepherd.' How often have we sung this Psalm or heard it read and repeated the response? Its words are so familiar that sometimes we might not even think about what we are saying or singing. But the image of Jesus as shepherd is worth reflecting on, especially on this Good Shepherd Sunday.

Four years ago on Holy Thursday, Pope Francis caused a bit of a stir when he urged bishops and priests to get to know their flocks, and to be like shepherds who 'smell of their sheep': 'This I ask you: be shepherds, with the "odour of the sheep", make it real, as shepherds among your flock.' The vivid image captured the imagination of many who heard it. But in evoking the metaphor of shepherd, Pope Francis was echoing the language of the Gospel extract we hear today, when Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Jesus tells us that sheep recognise the voice of their shepherd, and that is why they follow him. This kind of trust could only be gained by a shepherd who handles his sheep, feeds them, and protects them – to the extent that he smells like them. That's how well Jesus knows us, and it is because of how intimately he knows us, how much he has sacrificed for us, and how well he cares for us, that we are able to love and follow him in return.

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

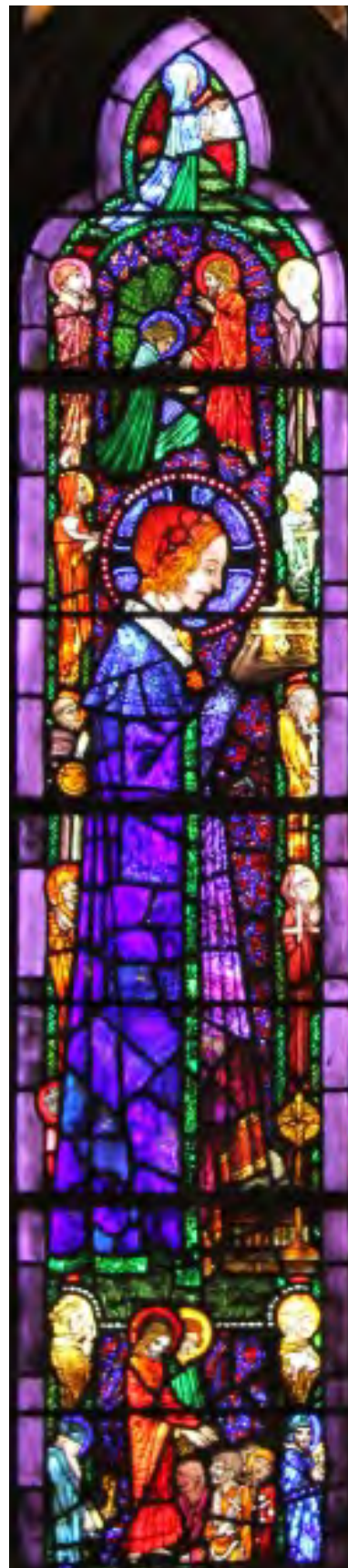
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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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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.

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. The theme this month is 'Does Heaven Matter'. All are welcome to attend.

A Word on the Word has moved

Now held on Tuesday's from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in the Conference Room (entrance via the Parish Office), the sessions focus on the readings for the following Sunday.

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.

First Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers the children from St Peter's National School who make their First Holy Communion here today at the 11.30am Mass. Thank you to their teachers for all their hard work in preparing the children for this special day. We wish them, their parents, families and teachers God's blessing for this very special celebration.

Please note there will be allocated seating for the Communicants and their families. We expect a very large attendance.



Heating

Unfortunately we are having problems with the heating system in the Church at the moment and it is very possible that we may not have any heat over the weekend. We apologise for this and will try to have it fixed as soon as possible. (Correct at time of going to print on Wednesday, 3 May).

Booking a Mass

In order to book a Mass here at St Peter's, call in to the Parish Office, Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. If these times do not suit, you can telephone our parish secretary, Antoinette Dunne or our receptionist Ecaterina Lungu at (01) 838 9708 or email: info@stpetersphibsboro.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.

Organ Recital Series

The Carmelite Church, Whitefriar Street will host a series of Organ Recitals each Sunday at 8.00pm beginning on 7 May and continuing until 28 May. Performing works by Bach, Chaumont and many more will be Gerard Gillen, Peter McBride, Peter Thompson and Simon Harden.

Monastic Choir Concert

The sisters of St Elizabeth's Convent in Belarus are performing in concert in St James Church, Dublin 8 on Saturday, 13 May at 7.30pm. Please support this worthy concert and experience some of the richness of the orthodox singing and the faith of these women's work and pastoral care in orphanages and addiction centres in Belarus is making a difference in so many lives. Please spread the word to family and friends. Bus: 13; 40; 123 - Luas: red line "James' stop" - This concert is free, donations welcome.

100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions

You are invited you to celebrate on Monday, 15 May at 7.30pm in Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road, a presentation on *The Call to Fatima*.

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 Anne Murray (NCR/Phibsborough Ave). 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.

Pilgrim Walk

St Oliver's Pilgrim Walk is organised by the Knights of St Columbanus and involves a pilgrim walk around Drogheda's 7 beautiful churches (3.2Km). It takes place this year on Friday, 26 May and Saturday, 27 May starting at Our Lady of Lourdes Church via, St Peter's Church of Ireland, Augustinian Church, St Mary's, Holy Family Church, St Mary Magdalene's Dominican Church and finishing at St Peter's Church where the Shrine of St Oliver Plunkett and his holy relics are located. Pilgrims can complete the walk on either day between 10.30am and 4.30pm or it can be completed over the two days. Enjoy a walk around the historic town of Drogheda with the Boyne Valley and the many Christian Heritage sites of the Boyne Valley located nearby. For full details see: www.stoliverswalk.com.

Evening of Music & Reflection

St Agnes Church, Crumlin on Sunday, 28 May at 8.00pm for a delightful evening full of music and reflection. Performances on the night given by soloists Susan Dowling, Mary Flynn, Patricia Bourke D'Souza and Paul Cahill. Orchestra led by Mary O'Donnell. Tickets cost €15 (€10 concessions). Contact Tom 087 740 5018 or Susan 087 224 4048. All welcome.

Life to the Full Book Club

Join other young adults (20's & 30's) each week to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose & how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. Thursday's at 7.00pm, St Paul's Church, Arran Quay. michelle.manley@dublindiocese.ie.

Ewe Thina: We Walk God's Way

Want to get fit? Embrace God in nature and build true friendships? Join other young adults for reflective hikes around Dublin area. Monthly event. Contact: siobhan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie.

Lough Derg 2017

The Season opened for One-Day Retreats on Monday, 1 May. Retreats will continue throughout the month of May. Advance booking essential at 071 986 1518 or email: info@loughderg.org. The Three-Day Pilgrimage season begins on Thursday, 1 June, pre-booking not required. You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Day of Prayer for Vocations

Readings

Acts 2:14, 36-41.

Ps 22:1-6, R/ v 1.

1 Pt 2:20-25.

Jn 10:1-10.

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Tuesday

St Louise de Marillac, Religious, Co-foundress of the Society of the Daughters of Charity

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Wednesday

St Comgall, bishop

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

Ss Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs

St Pancras, martyr

Saturday

Our Lady of Fatima

Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Matthias, apostle is not celebrated this year

Readings

Acts 6:1-7.

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, R/ v 22.

1 Pt 2:4-9.

Jn 14:1-12.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (30 Apr) = €1,368.02

Share (30 Apr) = € 468.67

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's 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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