



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of Easter
21 May 2017

The best way to prepare for death is to spend every day of life as though it were the last.
—St. Philip Neri

Love according to the heart God gave us

The focus of this week's readings is our love for God and His love for us. Quite often we can find it difficult to understand God's love for us because we feel that we are not worthy of it. A couple of years ago, the glass house I had lived in for most of my life came crashing down to the ground. I began a new life outside the safety of those walls. At first, it didn't feel safe. But it felt true. I saw myself as a broken lamb limping after the Shepherd, not knowing where He was going but knowing wherever He went, I would go with Him. To this very day, I remain completely convinced of one thing: the Shepherd loves me. The words that I would have sung as a child feel more real to me today than ever: Jesus loves me, this I know.

The remarkable thing about the Gospel is that each week we have the opportunity to rediscover the heart and the meaning of it. During life we find ourselves broken, lost and weak, feeling as though we are unworthy of God's love. However, the Gospel holds the power to remind us that even when we feel this way we can simply just let God love us. We find ourselves with holes in our hearts and we get to let God love us even with those holes. In order to love according to the heart God gave us, this means loving through the wounds He permitted by not ignoring them, not denying them and not allowing ourselves to be consumed by them. Instead choosing to love through them. This means allowing them to be open to receive His healing love. Showing love to all those he places in my path especially those who are hard to love. Pope John Paul II in his final homily stated, "As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers his love that pardons, reconciles and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace."

Our goal in life is not to be no longer weak or little but to love God as much as he can be loved by YOUR heart even if it is broken. In the words of Fr Guillermo Campuzan CM, our goal is to fall in love with God in an absolute way.

Kirsten Mahon

(Pastoral Assistant, St Peter's)

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

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

Change of Date and Topic

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 30 May in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'Reflections on the Holy Trinity'. **This replaces the previously advertised meeting.** 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.

Church Heating System

There have been major problems with the heating system in the church recently, both electrical and plumbing. Unfortunately all attempted repairs were unsuccessful and the church will need to purchase a new boiler. We expect to install one in the near future and hope the impact will be minimal as the Summer weather is upon us. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Eucharistic Ministers Reflection Evening

We would like to welcome all our Eucharistic Ministers from the Cluster of Cabra, Cabra West, Navan Road and Phibsborough to a Reflection Evening in the Church of the Most Precious Blood on Monday, 22 May at 7.00pm. The evening will begin in 'Credo' where we will reflect on and renew our ministry. It is an opportunity to delve deeper into this important role which you carry out with such reverence every week. Looking forward to seeing you there. If you are able to attend contact Natasha Geogheghan on 087 949 4444.

Fruits of the Spirit

Prepare for Pentecost in the beautiful surroundings of the Chapel of the Monastery of St Alphonsus on Monday, 22 May at 8.00pm when a prayer service on the *Fruits of the Spirit* will take place. Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group in this imaginative and reflective experience.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers

A Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers will take place on Thursday, 25 May 25 May at 8.00pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove, Artane. All most welcome.

Old Angels Memory Garden

This special Blessing of Remembrance organised by A Little Lifetime Foundation on 28 May at 3.00pm is for all parents, family members and friends whose baby is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a warm invitation to families whose baby is buried in other cemeteries and hope that they will find some comfort in coming together to remember their baby in a special way. If you need any further information about our service please do not hesitate to contact us on 01 882 9030.

Come and Pray

The Annual Gathering of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will take place in Clonliffe Church at 8.00pm on Monday, 29 May 2017. This will be an opportunity to pray, reflect and sing together as we give thanks for the grace of this important ministry. Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. Contact Grainne at 808 7554 or: litsec@dublindiocese.ie if you intend to be there. For comfort bring a cushion if you wish.

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 and click on the relevant image on our Home Page.



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In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially from the parish. 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.

Ecumenical Bible Week

Takes place from Pentecost (4 June) to Trinity Sunday (11 June). There's a wide variety in the programme this year, including a symposium on the Reformation and *Thinking Allowed*. It is recommended to book for the Symposium, which will be held on Friday, 9 June from 2.00pm, chaired by Archbishop Michael Jackson, consisting of two papers and a discussion. Prof. Tony Lane will open the proceedings with a discussion of the agreed statement on justification, signed by the World Lutheran Federation and the Roman Catholic Church. The second paper, by Prof Salvador Ryan, asks the question 'How should we remember the Reformation?' The Thinking Allowed event, also on Friday, 9th at 7.30pm, offers again reflections, this time from four different traditions. They will all respond to one question: Is the Reformation over? All details are available at: www.bibleweek.ie.

Free Course for Older People in DCU

Third Age is compiling a database now of older people interested in joining a free course in Digital Skills in DCU this autumn. Third Age, a national organisation promoting the well-being of older people, has been delegated by the Department of Communications to provide this, part of the government's Getting Citizens Online programme. The free 10-hour programme takes place over five weeks. It covers introduction to the Internet, Internet security and safety, email, search engines and websites, online government services, conducting everyday transactions, online voice and video calls and use of apps. The course is designed to inspire confidence in its intended audience of non-liners, and to create opportunities for successful self-learning. To register your interest for DCU this autumn, phone 046 955 7766 or log on to: nationaloffice@thirdage.ie for more details.

Bucket Collection

The Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) will hold a collection after all Masses this weekend. They mainly work in education, health care, social work and pastoral care with special emphasis on the poor and the marginalised.

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ss Christopher Magallanes, priests & Companions, martyrs are not celebrated this year

Readings

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17.

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20, R/ v 1.

1 Pt 3:15-18.

Jn 14:15-21.

Monday

St Rita of Cascia, religious

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Tuesday

St Joan Antide Thouret, virgin (Vincentian)

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Wednesday

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

St Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor of the Church

St Gregory VII, pope

St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Philip Neri, priest

Saturday

St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

The Ascension of the Lord

World Communications Day

Readings

Acts 1:1-11.

Ps 4:2-3, 6-9, R/ v 6.

Eph 1:17-23.

Mt 28:16-20.

Weekly Collections - 14 May

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,174.50

Share = € 548.71

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

Next week's 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.

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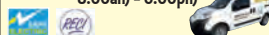
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