



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Easter  
30 April 2017



On a September morning in 1981 my parents and I set off in our VW Beetle (that's when it was a farmer's car) bound for Maynooth College. We joined the N7 at Fermoy and then passed through Cahir, Cashel and all the other towns long since bypassed. We pulled in at a lay-by near Abbeyleix and feasted on sandwiches and flasked tea, prepared for the journey by my Mum. I was daunted by my vocation but also strengthened by the support of my family and the divine stranger that I felt sure was travelling with us. I did not know it at the time, but with that simple food, at that moment in time and in that company, I was dining in God's Kingdom.

The image of life being a journey is central to the writings of St Luke. He called Christianity the religion of the Way. Implied in that concept is the knowledge that we are not perfect, but are pilgrims journeying to a goal. It is wonderful to know that the Risen Jesus walks with us (not ahead of or behind us), making sense of our experiences, especially the defeats and unrealised hopes that cause us to be 'downcast'.

In the Breaking of Bread, the two disciples were able to name the stranger who had walked with them as the Risen Lord. The allusion to the Mass is pretty obvious. When we gather as a group of disciples we too turn to the Scriptures, to make sense of our experience and broaden the horizons of our understanding. We may, like the Emmaus disciples, be 'astounded' by the claims of our faith that, in Jesus, we have God's pledge of eternal life.

In the sacred meal, which we are about to celebrate, may we too know that he is with us. May the fire of divine love also burn in our hearts as we return to the Jerusalem of our daily lives ready to share the Good News.

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

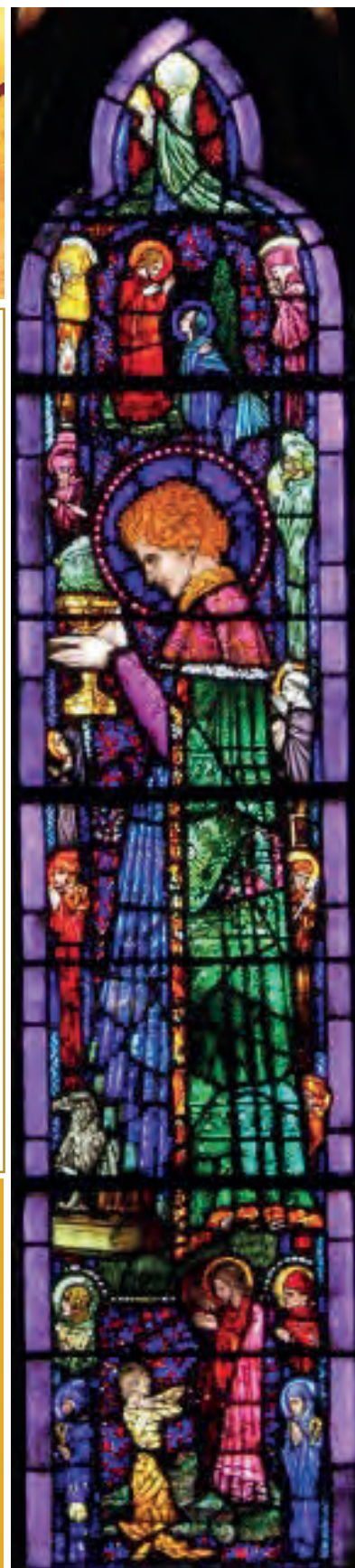
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

#### Holy Days of Obligation

10.30am & 6.30pm

#### Confessions

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



## Parish Clergy

Fr Aidan CM - [pp@stpetersphibsboro.ie](mailto:pp@stpetersphibsboro.ie)

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## A Word on the Word

Usually 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.

**Please note that due to the Bank Holiday it will be held on Tuesday this coming week in the Conference Room (entrance via the Parish Office).**

## 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.

## Sacred Heart Confraternity

The Arch-Confraternity of the Most Sacred Heart will gather for the celebration of Mass and devotions the First Friday of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on Friday, 5 May.

## Children of Mary Sodality

The Children of Mary Sodality will gather for the celebration of Mass the Saturday after the First Friday of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on Saturday, 6 May.

## 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.

## First Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers the children from St Peter's National School who will make their First Holy Communion here next Sunday, 7 May 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.**



## Ambo Deaf School, Ethiopia

On behalf of Fr Stephen Monaghan CM and the Ethiopia Deaf Project, we thank you for your extraordinary generosity towards the Ambo Lazarist Deaf School. Here are the results of the recent raffle in aid of **Giving Hands A Voice**:

1st	43' Smart TV	Lydia O'Mahony
2nd	iPad Mini	A McGovern
3rd	32' Smart TV	Olive Burrows
4th	Notebook	Killian O'Higgins
5th	32' TV	Nicolas O'Keeffe
6th	Sat Nav	Bernadette O'Connor
7th	Tablet	Fr Seamus McEnteer
8th	Kindle	Mary Hayes
9th	Polaroid Camera	Noreen O'Mahony
10th	Blender	Michael Earls

A total of €480 was raised here in St Peter's with a grand total of €10,637 being raised through this one fundraising event alone. This will make a huge impact in helping deaf children gain access to education through sign language. There will be other fundraising events in the future which we will advertise in our weekly newsletter. Once again, thank you so very much. More details about the Ambo Deaf School are available from: [www.ethiopiadeafproject.com](http://www.ethiopiadeafproject.com).

## Cuidiu

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group welcomes all mothers and babies on Wednesday's from 10.00am - 11.30am in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Rd). Cuidiu is a voluntary support group where you can meet other mothers, socialise, get advice, learn and make new friends. Cost: €4.00 per session (members €2.00). Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: [www.cuidiu.ie](http://www.cuidiu.ie) for details.

## Parent & Toddler Group

'Little Angels' Parent & Toddler Group takes place every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.00pm at Presentata House, 263 North Circular Road (entrance on Charleville Road, green door). Faith based, all welcome. Chat for mothers, sing songs, playtime, prayers. Cost €2.00, tea and biscuits provided. Under the auspicious of the Legion of Mary. For more details contact 087 611 5082.

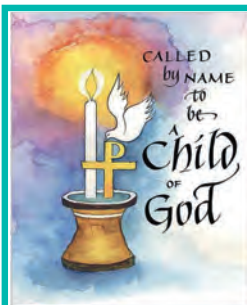
## Legion of Mary

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**





## *Celebrating Baptism*

We welcome into the Catholic Church baby Karina Andreea Balasca and baby Amelia Chloe Cordova who are due to be baptised here in St Peter's this weekend. We wish them every blessing as they take their first steps as new members of the Christian family.

## *In Loving Memory*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Sr Eucharica McLoone (aunt of Fr Michael McCullagh CM) and Frances Flynn (St Peter's Court, formerly Cabra Park). 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](mailto:bereavement@eircom.net).

## **Parish Office**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 1 May due to the Bank Holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday, 2 May as usual.

## **Viatores Christi**

VC, the Irish lay missionary association is holding the second of its series of three talks on the future of Church in Ireland on Wednesday, 3 May in Belvedere College Lecture Hall at 7.00pm. Fr Patrick Mark Hederman OSB, former Abbott of Glenstal Abbey in Limerick will address the theme - '*He has Spoken through the Prophets*'. Donation of €10 towards costs. Please confirm your attendance via e-mail to: [shane@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:shane@viatoreschristi.com).

## **Music Concert**

Join **The Priests** in Concert on Tuesday, 9 May at 8.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Blackrock. Tickets €30 available at parish centre Monday - Friday from 10.30am - 1.30pm at 288 2104 and from 3.00pm - 6.00pm at 278 3550.

## **The Call to Fatima**

A presentation entitled '**The Call to Fatima**' will take place in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Navan Road on Monday, 15 May at 7.30pm. Theme: **What is the relevance of the Fatima message 100 years later, 1916/17 to 2016/17?** We wish to extend an invitation to everyone to this free event. Tea and coffee will be provided in the Pastoral Centre after the presentation.

## **Blessing for Expectant Mothers**

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

## **Thank you**

The SVP Sunshine Fund wish to thank all those who contributed to their recent annual Church Gate collection which amounted to €1,231.20. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

## **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.

## **Monday**

*St Joseph the Worker*

## **Tuesday**

*St Athanasius, bishop & doctor of the Church*

## **Wednesday**

*Ss Philip & James, Apostles*

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## **Thursday**

*St Conleth, bishop*

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## **Friday**

*Bl. Edmund Rice, religious*

## **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.

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## **Weekly Collections**

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (23 Apr) = €1,222.48

Share (23 Apr) = € 339.75

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## **Church Gate Collections**

Next week's collection will be in aid of essential Church repairs.

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