



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday
4 June 2017



Pentecost is commonly described as the birthday of the Christian Church as we know it. For the first time, the followers of Jesus of Nazareth had the courage to go out into the world and proclaim that he was the Messiah, that he had risen, that he would come again and that life would no longer be the same. This event cannot be overstated, either in religious or sociological terms.

Jesus was executed as a common criminal, condemned by both the Sanhedrin and the Roman governor as a blasphemer and a threat to the empire. Following his death, his followers dispersed and went into hiding as was to be expected. That should really have been the end of it. Even the rumours that the body was gone, whether stolen or resurrected, did not give them the courage to come forth. The time Jesus spent with them after his resurrection renewed their faith and gave them peace, but not the ability to profess it. It was only when Jesus made good on his promise to send his spirit to be with them that the disciples were able to face their fear of persecution and death for the sake of the Gospel.

The disciples were given the gift of speaking in other languages. The crowd remark on how they each hear these men from Galilee speaking in their own native language. But perhaps there is more to it than that. Speaking on matters of faith is never easy for any of us. Language always falls short. Emotion always intrudes. Perhaps the real gift of the Spirit was in enabling the disciples to profess their faith in a way that others could truly understand. Their success is astounding. We are later told that three thousand people in Jerusalem were baptised that day into this illegal rebel cult led by uneducated men who had followed a carpenter-turned-prophet for three years. In sociological terms, it defies convention. But for those of faith, it is the Spirit of God at work, the realisation of his perfect plan and a testament to just how much the love of God transcends human limitation.

Rachel Fagan
(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

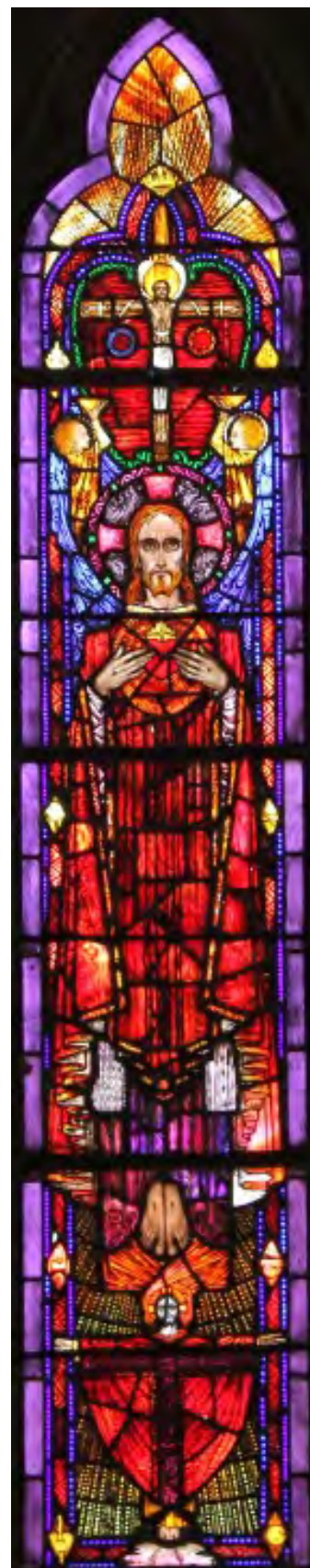
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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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Pentecost Invitation

The African Chaplaincy, Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin invite you to join with them in St Peter's Church today (Sunday) at 2.00pm. Featuring: Rosary, Praise & Worship, Live Gospel Music, Talk, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Celebration. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Rally for Life

Join tens of thousands in Dublin City Centre at 2.00pm on Saturday, 1 July as we march to celebrate **LIFE** and in support of the 8th Amendment - the part of our constitution that protects the **EQUAL** right to **LIFE** of mothers and preborn babies. More details from 873 0465 or go to: www.rallyforlife.net.

He Has Spoken Through the Prophets...

Viatores Christi would like to remind you about our third and final talk in the series on renewal and the future of the Church. This will feature journalist and broadcaster Ms Pat Coyle. Pat was born in Derry City in 1957 and was ten when the troubles' started. The Catholic Church and the war on her front street have been two of the most potent patriarchal forces in her life. Her viewpoint as a lay woman is essential in this larger debate. Takes place on Wednesday, 7 June from 7.00pm to 9.30pm in the Lecture Hall, Belvedere College, Dublin 1. Suggested donation €10. To book your place call (01) 868 9986 or email: shane@viatoreschristi.com.

Garden Party



Sunday, 18 June
2.00pm - 5.00pm

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Parish Office

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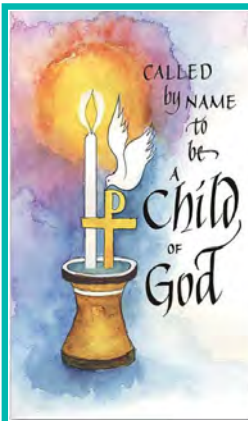
Legion of Mary

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





Welcome

We welcome into the Catholic Church babies Andreeas Vlad Cioaca, Michael John Scarfato, Iseult Áine Quinn, Patryk Colm Szmelter, Janna Marcella Faye Bilag and Zara Rose Kelly who were baptised here in St Peter's in May. We wish them every blessing as they take their first steps as new members of our Christian family.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially John Caffrey (Churchview Nursing Home), Nuala Matthews (Dowth Avenue) and Br Patrick McShane (Christian Brothers, NCR). 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.

Spirituality and Human Development Course

Marino Institute of Education has been offering a programme in Spirituality and Human Development for several years. This Adult Education Certificate is an inspiring and life-changing programme open to people of all ages regardless of formal educational background. It is a two-year part-time course which takes place on Tuesday evenings and on six Saturdays throughout the year. There will be ten modules and six workshops. There are no exams. (see: www.mie.ie under

Study With Us – Undergraduate Programmes for further details). This programme begins on 19 September 2017. For further information contact Mary at: mary.gao@mie.ie or tel: 087 450 8549.

Thank You

The Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) wish to thank all those who contributed to their Church Gate Collection, held here in St Peter's recently, which amounted to €1,863.90. They are very grateful for your generosity and hospitality and wish you every blessing.

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 you have to do is go to our website at: www.stpetersphibsboro.ie and click on the relevant image on our Home Page.



Pentecost Sunday

Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs are not celebrated this year

Readings

Acts 2:1-11.

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34, R/ cf v 30.

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13.

Jn 20:19-23.

Monday

St Boniface, bishop & martyr

Bank Holiday

Tuesday

St Norbert, bishop

St Jarlath, bishop

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Wednesday

St Colman, bishop

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Columba (Colum Cille), Abbot & Missionary, Secondary Patron of Ireland

Saturday

St Ephrem, deacon & doctor of the Church

The Most Holy Trinity

St Barnabas, apostle is not celebrated this year

Readings

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9.

Ps Dn 3:52-56, R/ v 52.

2 Cor 13:11-13.

Jn 3:16-18.

Weekly Collections - 28 May

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,524.30

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