



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 June 2017

Do Not Be Afraid

This Sunday's Gospel calls us to be courageous and proud witnesses to Christ. It calls out to us to be people who are not afraid to be identified as Christians and members of the Catholic Church. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus instructs his followers about the requirement and challenges of continuing his mission in this world. He knows that it is not going to be easy. He realises that we are going to come up against opposition in our encounters with people during our lifetime. At the same time, he wants his disciples and his followers to be free of fear and full of trust in God's faithful care for them. In the midst of the distinct challenge that Jesus places before us, he offers words that are consoling and strengthening. "Even all the hairs on your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

For many of us, we struggle with Jesus' words about not being afraid in the face of opposition. All of us encounter moments and situations when the opinions of others, and the pressures to conform, make it difficult for us to stand up for our faith in Christ. Throughout my time working within the Church, I have realized that faith is not something that all people feel open about discussing. Quite often we are afraid to simply speak about our own faith. I run a youth prayer group in my home parish and after one of our meetings I was chatting to a young man called Tom. Tom is a big fan of sports especially hurling, he does well at school and is very sociable. During our conversation he revealed to me that he felt faith was a very important part of his life, however outside the prayer group he felt he couldn't talk about his faith to any of his friends because he was afraid of how they would treat him, he was afraid in case he would be left out.

During my own time in college, some of my peers spoke very personally about the challenges to their faith that they meet among their friends and sometimes even among their own family members. At the time we were discerning a life of service in the Church we would have to listen to people who, in subtle or more explicit ways, discouraged us from pursuing such a vocation. We are in a society now where sometimes we fear speaking as individuals in case we stand out from the crowd and are left out from our peers. When we listen to the encouraging words that Jesus speaks in Matthew's Gospel this week "There is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than a hundred sparrows"; it gives us the confidence to stand up and be proud to say that we belong to God. No matter what anyone else might say or think about us.

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

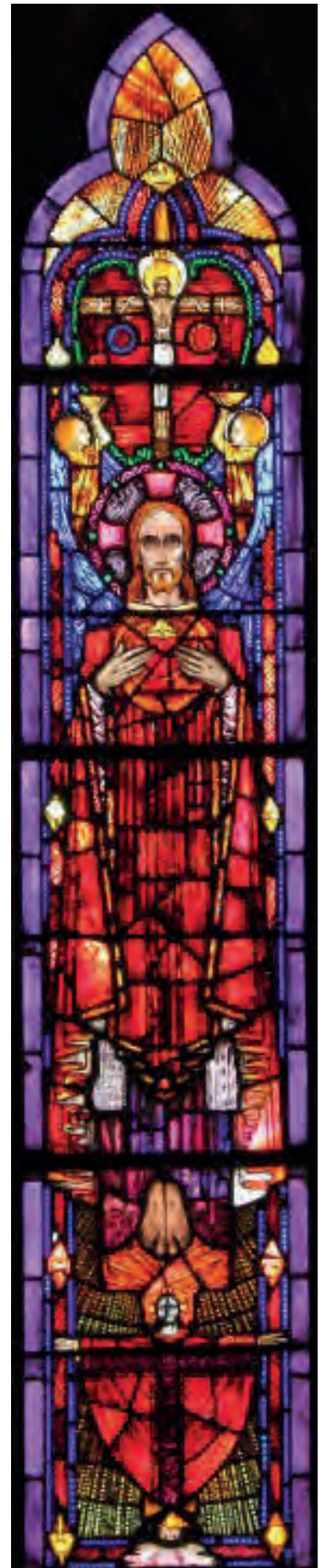
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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. .

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.

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 baby Ava Margaret Edel Murphy who was baptised here in St Peter's in June. We wish her every blessing as she takes her first steps as a new member of our Christian family.

Thank You

Last weekend was a tremendous success

On Saturday, Fr Paddy Hughes CM celebrated his Diamond Jubilee surrounded by family, friends and his Vincentian confrères and staff of St Peter's. As this was an outdoor event everyone was relieved to be bathed in glorious sunshine. Fr Paddy would like to thank everyone who joined in the celebrations and a special thank you to those who sent cards and gifts. It was very much appreciated.

And on Sunday our Annual Garden Party took place. Once again the weather was very much in our favour (the Child of Prague must have been dusted off in many a home over the weekend). Some expenses have still to be subtracted but at the moment the total raised comes to about €3,000. Sincere thanks to all who supported us with a special word of thanks going to all the volunteers who manned the various stalls on the day or took part on the organising committee in the run up to the event.

Garda Vetting

All submitted Vetting Invitation Forms have now been sent off to the Diocese and those of you that supplied email addresses should be hearing back very soon. For those of you that have not returned your forms please do so as soon as possible along with a valid form of photo ID (passport, driving licence etc...).

Easter Dues

Acknowledge letters will be sent out next week. We apologise for the delay.

Irish College Pilgrimage Programme

The Irish College in Rome Summer Pilgrimage Programme offers a course for parishioners scheduled to take place from 18 - 23 September. It will provide participants with an opportunity to experience Rome, deepen their theological awareness of the theme of 'The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World' and enjoy a time of guided reflection and prayer together. Cost €700 (deposit €300 required). To book phone: 00 39 06 772 631, email: ufficio@irishcollege.org or go to: www.irishcollege.org.

Pathways: Exploring Faith & Ministry

An Adult Faith Development Programme

The programme begins this year in Clonliffe College on Thursday, 28 September (7.00pm – 9.30pm). Booking is now open. Places are limited so early application is advisable. *Pathways* is a two-year one night a week course for adults of all ages wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. For details go to: www.evangelisation.ie, contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, *Pathways* Programme, Clonliffe College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin DO3 P2E7, phone 01 837 9253 (ext 294) or email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. **Amen.**



Cemetery Sunday

Sun 25 June

3.00pm	Glasnevin	Mass
3.00pm	Whitestown	Prayers
4.00pm	Westpalstown	Prayers
6.00pm	Kenure	Prayers

Sat 1 July

8.00pm	St Margaret's	Prayers
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Sun 2 July

12.00pm	Balgriffin	Mass
12.00pm	The Ward	Prayers
3.00pm	Dardistown	Mass
3.00pm	Deansgrange	Mass
4.00pm	Lusk	Mass

Sun 9 July

2.30pm	Kilossary	Prayers
3.00pm	Newlands Cross	Mass
3.30pm	Rolestown	Mass

Sun 16 July

3.30pm	Donabate	Mass
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Sun 23 July

4.00pm	Balbriggan	Mass
4.00pm	Palmerstown	Prayers
7.00pm	Clonmethan	Prayers

Sun 30 July

4.00pm	Ballymadun	Prayers
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Sat 5 Aug

8.00pm	Chaplemidway	Prayers
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Sun 6 Aug

12.00pm	Kileek	Prayers
4.00pm	Grallagh	Prayers

Sun 13 Aug

4.00pm	Balscadden	Mass
7.00pm	Naul	Prayers

Tues 15 Aug

7.00pm	Ballyboughal	Prayers
8.00pm	Garristown	Prayers

Stoneybatter Festival

From the success of Stoneybatter Pride of Place (which won the All-Ireland Best Urban Heritage Village title in 2016) the Stoneybatter Festival was born. The aim of the festival is to showcase everything Stoneybatter has to offer.

Saturday, 24 June

There will be a special concert at St Lawrence Church, Grangegorman in the evening which promises to be magical as well as music in the local pubs during the day & night to continue the party atmosphere.

Sunday, 25 June (12.00pm - 6.00pm)

... will be the highlight of this special weekend. A Family Fun Day will see Stoneybatter & Manor St free of traffic for the first time ever. There will be special guests, music, dance, talks, tours, clowns, balloon modelling, stilt walkers, unicyclists, face-painters and street entertainment galore with some of Dublin's finest buskers.

Manor St Festival Stage includes:

MC - Ed Smith (Today FM)

12.30pm IUNVA Pipe Band

1.00pm Woofstock - Best dressed dog and dog/owner combination

2.30pm Armagh Rhymers - Singers, musicians, dancers and storytellers parade from National Museum, Collins Barracks

4.00pm Mrs Doyle's Tea Party - The Great Batter Bake-Off Competition. Pauline McLynn (Father Ted) and Anna Nolan (Great Irish Bake Off) will pour tea and judge competitions for Best Cake, Best Biscuit and Best Plate of Sandwiches. Prizes: Mrs Doyle's famous hand-knitted tea-cosies!

Joe Costello, Chairperson - Stoneybatter Pride of Place, will close the festival at 9.00pm followed by a wrap party till late. Activities are aimed at anyone from 1 - 101yrs. Do come along.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Jer 20:10-13.

Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35, R/ v 14.

Rm 5:12-15.

Mt 10:26-33.

Monday

St Bl. Mary Magdalene Fontaine, Mary F. Lanel, Teresa M. Fantou, Joanne Gerard, Margaret Rutan & Companions, virgins & martyrs (Vincentian)

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Tuesday

St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor of the Church

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Wednesday

St Irenaeus, bishop & martyr

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Saturday

St Oliver Plunkett, bishop & martyr

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16.

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19, R/ v 2.

Rm 6:3-4, 8-11.

Mt 10:37-42.

Weekly Collections - 18 June

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,003.53

Share = € 290.60

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

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