



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 July 2017

Childlike Faith

"I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children". Jesus' statement in this week's Gospel had me reflecting on my experience of faith in children through my pastoral work. Over the last ten years I have been blessed in my work with children whose ages range from 4 to 18 years old through my roles of swimming teacher, youth minister and catechist. Childlike describes all the beautiful things about children – trust, joy, innocence, curiosity, wonder, forgiveness, and so much more. This word, childlike, is the flavour our faith in God ought to have.

The natural openness, curiosity and wonder of children about God, Jesus and their faith has always inspired me in my own faith. During the year we would have workshops once a month for the children receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Their response to God and to Jesus during their workshops has never failed to amaze me. You could always sense their excitement when they would come to the church here on Monday mornings. They would have this unique experience of being in the presence of God while the church was quiet and still. During each workshop they would freely ask us questions about God and we always encouraged them to engage in conversation with us about their faith. On a couple of occasions, they have caught me off guard with their questions. I remember one time a child turning to me and asking "why did the soldiers have to kill Jesus? That was very mean of them! Do you think God gave Him a big hug when He went up to heaven?"

Throughout Jesus' ministry, He often presented children as an example of the type that adults should strive to have. When the disciples were fighting about who would be the greatest in God's kingdom, Jesus brought a child to stand in their midst. He then chided His disciples: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven". According to Jesus, the qualities of children we should imitate are humility and simple acceptance. Jesus wants each of us to possess a childlike faith that is pure, unassuming, and humble. This straightforward type of faith allows us to believe that God is who He says He is. Like children who rely on their parents' for their daily needs, we should humbly depend on Him.

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)

Monday - Saturday

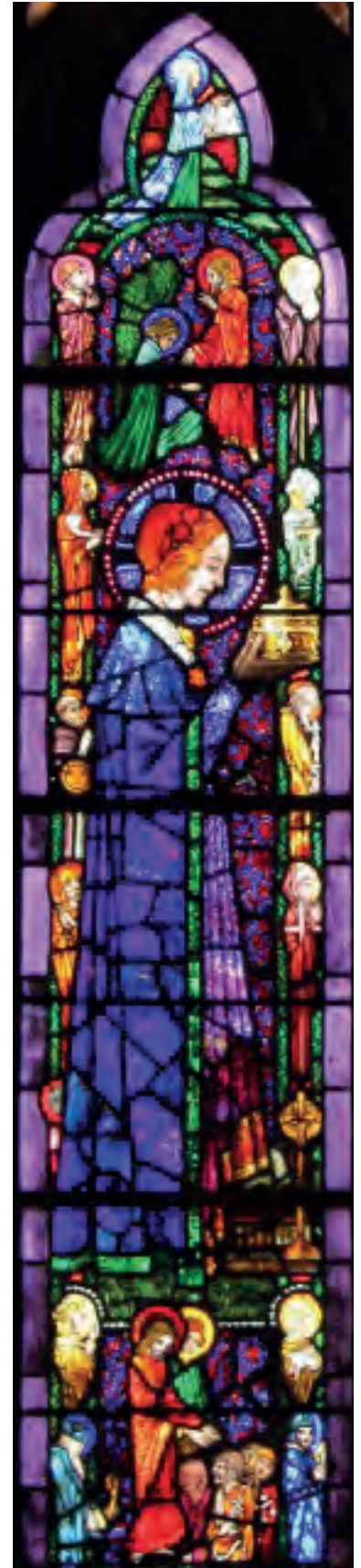
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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

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. **They are now on a break for the summer and will resume in September, date TBA.**

AMM Meeting

The Association of the Miraculous Medal will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, 17 July 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 'The Word of God in Today's World'. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Emergency Contact

If you urgently require Anointing of the Sick for a relative, a neighbour or a friend (outside of Parish Office hours) please call 086 363 6299.

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule

For the months of July and August only there will be no 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass. We will resume the normal Sunday Schedule on 3 September. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and thank you for your continued understanding.

Dear Father,

At the June Bishop's Conference we heard directly from Éamonn Meehan from Trócaire of the appalling situation facing the people of East Africa, which has now reached a critical stage.

There are severe food shortages in South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia brought about by drought and conflict. Over half the population of Somalia (6.2 million people) is experiencing food shortages and malnutrition. There have also been major outbreaks of cholera across the country. South Sudan is on the brink of famine, with drought and conflict affecting millions. Millions of people in south-eastern Ethiopia and northern Kenya are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. On behalf of Irish Catholics, Trócaire is doing all it possibly can - currently helping over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation.

The need is enormous and the Bishops' Conference is responding by launching an emergency Church Appeal throughout Ireland to take place on Saturday, 22 and Sunday, 23 July 2017.

To help convey the message of the dire situation in East Africa and to support this special nationwide Church collection, you will soon receive a Parish Appeal Pack to assist you in the coming weeks. This will be supported by a national and local media campaign.

I have no doubt that the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Dublin will support this appeal with compassion and generosity. Can I ask you to please remember in your prayers the staff and partners of Trócaire on the frontline in East Africa, responding to this humanitarian crisis with dedication, courage and selflessness.

Yours very sincerely,

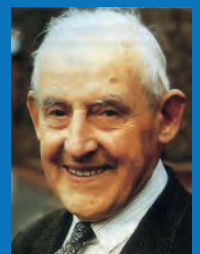
+ Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin

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. 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.

Thank You

The Holy Rosary Sisters (formerly of Dalymount) wish to thank all those who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection which amounted to €1,081. Your generosity is very much appreciated, you will be remembered in their daily prayers.

CHY4 Cert - Tax Relief Scheme for 2017

Parishioners would have received acknowledgement letters recently in relation to the Easter Dues. In those letters there was mention of the CHY4 Tax Relief Forms. We want to inform you that this will not be dealt with until January 2018 when the Christmas Dues letters for 2017 are sent out. We apologise for the confusion and once again take this opportunity to thank you for your continued generosity.

Reek Sunday

The Annual Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick, Reek Sunday takes place this year on Sunday, 30 July. Mass will be celebrated hourly on the summit at 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.00pm, 1.00pm & 2.00pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7.30am - 2.00pm.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17 - Sunday 20 August. For young people aged 16 - 35 years. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1,400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For more information and to book online, see: www.youth2000.ie or tel: (01) 675 3690.

Vacancies

Director of Senior Choir

Mount Merrion Parish is looking for a Choir Director for their Senior Choir. Full details available at: www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/.

Receptionist

World Meeting of Families 2018 is looking to fill the position of Receptionist in their offices in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. Full details available at: www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/.

Administration and Caretaking Roles (CES Scheme)

Fairview Parish is looking to fill three positions, which are available under the Community Employment Scheme in Our Lady's Hall, Fairview from September 2017. Applicants must be over 25 years of age and unemployed for minimum one year. Full details available at: www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Francis Régis Clet, priest & martyr & Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & Companions, martyrs (Vincentian) are not celebrated this year

Readings

Zec 9:9-10.

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, R/ v 1.

Rm 8:9, 11-13.

Mt 11:25-30.

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Tuesday

St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

Wednesday

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

St Henry, reformer of the Church

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Camillus de Lellis, priest

Saturday

St Bonaventure, bishop & doctor of the Church

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 55:10-11.

Ps 64:10-14, R/ Lk 8:8.

Rm 8:18-23.

Mt 13:1-23.

Weekly Collections - 2 July

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,188.06

Share = € 683.43

Repairs = € 666.41

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Church Gate Collections

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