



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
16 July 2017

### What kind of 'soil' does our faith exist in?



#### The Generous Sower

Can you picture it? I love the image of Jesus sitting in a boat, addressing the crowds on the beach. He certainly knew how to hold their attention. And he knew they would understand him more clearly if he used the language of stories. Those listening would have been familiar with the cycle of planting seeds and waiting for them to produce a crop. One of the purposes of parables is to challenge the hearers to reflect and respond with faith. So this parable of the sower requires Jesus' audience to decide what kind of soil they are. There is a message of judgment for those who are hardened like the rocky soil, and a message of hope for those who are receptive like the rich soil.

The figure of the sower is important too. The sower does not confine the seeds to soil that is fertile and ready for growth. Rather, the seeds are scattered everywhere – on the path, patches of rock, and among thorns. Jesus does not discriminate. His love is given out for all. He knows that some of it may be rejected, or accepted only on a superficial level, but he offers it anyway. That offer of love is never withdrawn. It might take a while to bear fruit, but it is always there.

*'Always there are doors that are not closed. Look for the doors that are at least a little bit open, enter and talk about common things and go on. Step by step.'*

**Pope Francis**

**Triona Doherty**  
(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)

##### Monday - Saturday

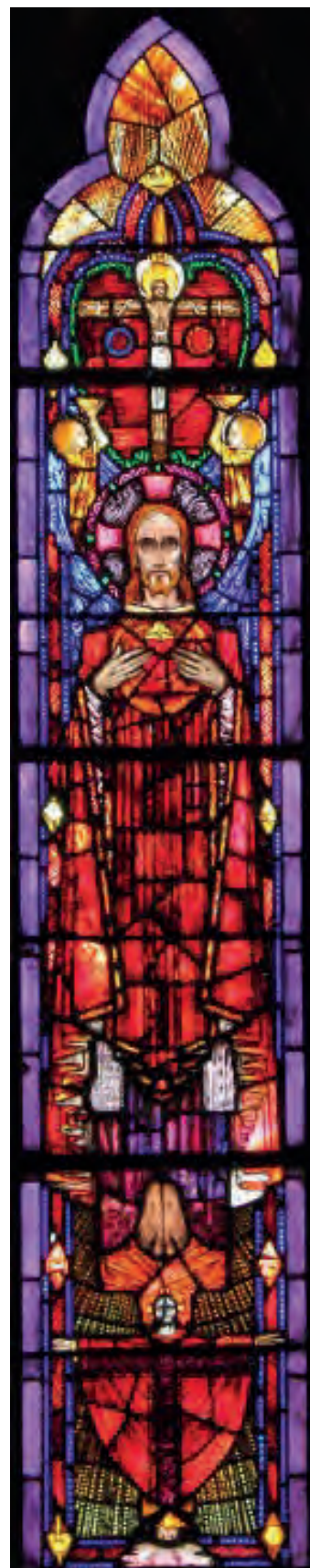
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

##### 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.

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Our monthly Sacrament of the Sick takes place the third Saturday of every month at 10.30am. We encourage those of you who are ill to join with us if you can.

## 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.

## In Loving Memory

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Monsignor Dermot Clarke (former Parish Priest, Aughrim Street). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*



## 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**





## Vincentian Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our annual pilgrimage to Knock this year takes place on  
**Saturday, 9 September 2017**

Join us and encourage others, as we pilgrimage to Knock to honour our Blessed Lady and give thanks for the many blessings we receive.

**Cost: €50.00 per person** (includes coach, morning coffee & evening meal)  
Coach leaves St Peter's at 7.45am sharp and returns at approx. 10.00pm

Commencing on Monday, 17 July, bookings will be taken at the Parish Office, Monday – Friday from 10.00am – 12.00pm



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer  
soil  
root

rocky  
thorns  
path

birds  
choked  
seed

frarme      f a r m e r

sede      \_\_\_\_\_

ptah      \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.

## Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

followed by AMM meeting

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## Wednesday

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## Thursday

*St Apollinaris, bishop & martyr*

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## Friday

*St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor of the Church*

## Saturday

*St Mary Magdalene*

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Bridget of Sweden, religious, patron of Europe is not celebrated this year*

Readings

Wis 12:13, 16-19.

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16, R/ v 5.

Rm 8:26-27.

Mt 13:24-43.

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## Weekly Collections - 2 July

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,171.65

Share = € 202.35

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## Church Gate Collections

Next week's will be 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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