



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

The Transfiguration of the Lord
6 August 2017

Change and the Gospel of Hope

Cardinal John Henry stated, "To be human is to change and to be perfect requires changing often". Everyday change is present in our lives and many of those changes involve endings. This can include the passing of a loved one or the closing of an important chapter in our lives. It can lead us to change the way we define who we are and what we hold dear. It doesn't matter how often we experience change or how big or small the change is, it reminds us that nothing stays the same forever. Change has the power to stop us in our tracks.

Our world can sometimes seem like it is becoming more cruel, scary and violent than it ever has been before. We only have to turn on our TVs and open our newspapers to see images of violence, war and hatred. We feel compassion towards those affected by these horrendous situations and we keep them in our prayers as we continue on with our own lives. However, most times we do not fully understand the reality of the suffering we hear about, because part of us doesn't want to believe that these evil acts can really happen.

I was guilty of doing the same until recently when I received the news that one of my school friends had gone missing. Linda was a kind and quiet girl. We would sit together in classes, sharing our notes, giving each other homework that we had accidentally forgotten to do, and chatting about anything and everything. Tragically, two weeks ago Linda's body was discovered in Coolmine woods. What happened to her in her final moments is still being investigated. It has been a struggle for my friends and I to come to terms with her tragic death. During these difficult times, we have found comfort and strength in each other. It has taught us to appreciate every precious moment that we have in this life.

In the times when we are overcome in our struggles and the presence of God seems to be missing from our lives, the Gospels offer us the opportunity to climb the mountain with the apostles. The Transfiguration of our Lord is a powerful story as it reminds us of the power that the Gospels hold. We hear the Gospel stories countless times throughout our lives even though they were written over 2,000 years ago, they still carry important and comforting messages that we can relate to today. Each time we hear them they give us fresh hope that evil can never win in a world where hope and goodness still exist. The Transfiguration of our Lord gives us the shining mountaintop experience amid the scenes of violence and suffering in our world today. For now, I take comfort in knowing that Linda is standing on that mountaintop wrapped in our Lord's loving arms, free of pain and suffering. Until I meet Linda again, I ask God to grant her eternal rest and let His perpetual light shine upon her. Rest in peace my dear friend.

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

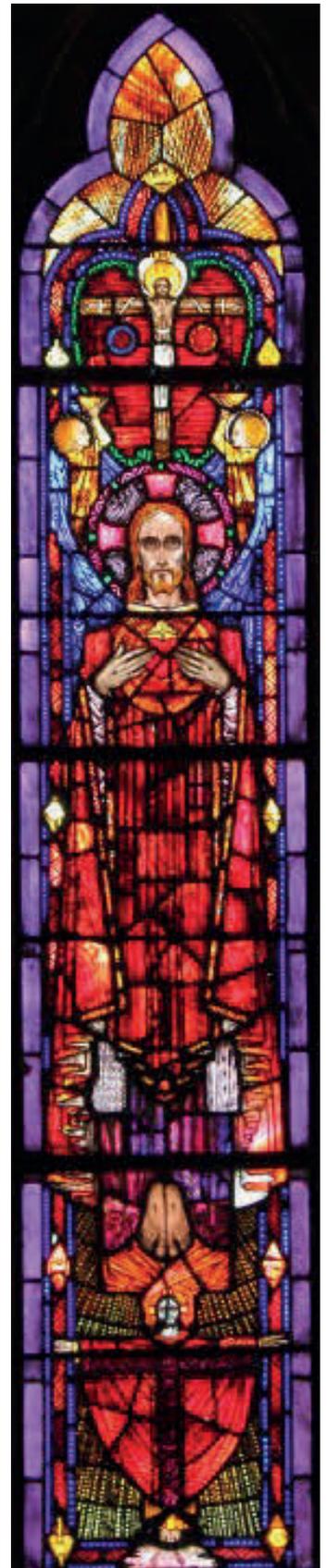
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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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Parish Office

The Parish Office will close on Monday, 7 August due to the Bank Holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday as usual.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Next Tuesday, 15 August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

Monday Vigil: 7.00pm

Tuesday: 10.30am & 6.30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will take place after the Monday evening Vigil Mass.

A Word on the Word

They are 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.

Legion of Mary

Meetings take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings (ex. Bank Holidays) from 7.00pm in the

Frank Duff Room

(entrance via Parish Office)



Monday -

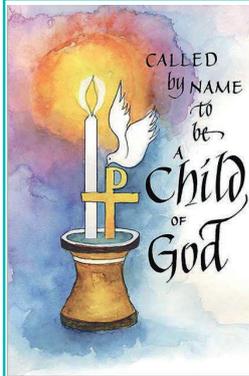
Our Lady of All Nations

Wednesday -

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially David Meehan (son of Anne Meehan, Shandon Park, brother of the late Anthony, recently deceased 13.03.17).
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.
Amen.



Welcome

We welcome into the Catholic Church babies Liam & Alexandre Jacquet, Luisa Bonneville De Marsangy, Isla May Hughes White & Ariane Karoline Mousseau Oswiecinski who were baptised here in St Peter's in July. We wish them every blessing as they take their first steps as new members of our Christian family.

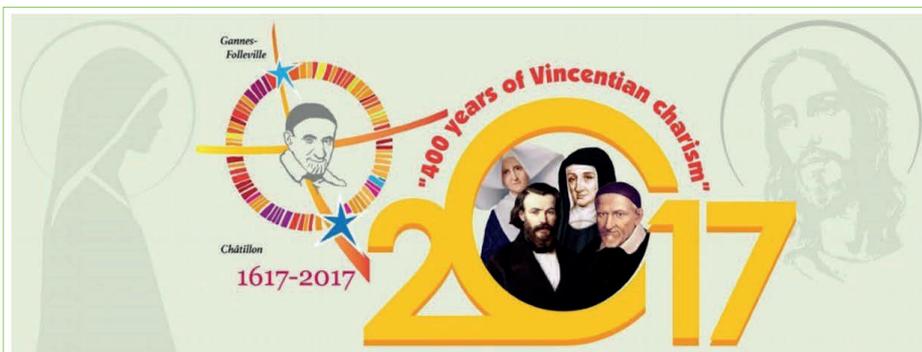
One Year to World Meeting of Families 2018

We invite you and all your family to come along to the launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, which will take place at the Knock Shrine, County Mayo, on Monday, 21 August 2017, the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. This day of celebration will include the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops and faith and fun activities for all the family. The *WMOF2018 Icon* will be presented at Mass in the Basilica at 3.00pm and then begin its journey around the Dioceses of Ireland.

Registration & Tickets for WMOF2018

Registration for the World Meeting of families in 2018 is now open. Visit the Tickets Section on www.worldmeeting2018.ie to access information on the different type of tickets and registration available. Accommodation booking is also available online at time of registration through the same booking form on the website.





St Peter's Parish Vincentian Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, 9 September 2017

Cost: €50 per person

(includes coach, morning coffee & evening meal)



Celebrant: Fr Michael McCullagh CM

**Bookings at the Parish Office Monday to Friday
10.00am - 12.00pm Tel: (01) 838 9708**

(Bookings commence on Monday, 17 July)

**Coach leaves St Peter's at 7.45am sharp and
returns to St Peter's at approx. 10.00pm**



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Readings

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14.

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9, R/ vv 1, 9.

2 Pt 1:16-19.

Mt 17:1-9.

Monday

Ss Sixtus II, pope, & Companions, martyrs

St Cajetan, priest

Tuesday

St Dominic, priest

Wednesday

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin & martyr, Patron of Europe

St Nathy, bishop & St Felim, bishop

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

St Lawrence, deacon & martyr

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Clare, virgin

Saturday

St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious, St Muredach, bishop, St Attracta, virgin, & St Lelia, virgin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ss Pontian, pope, & Hippolytus, priest, martyrs & St Fachtna, bishop are not celebrated this year

Readings

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13.

Ps 84:9-14, R/ v 8.

Rm 9:1-5.

Mt 14:22-33.

Weekly Collections - 30 July

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,160.21

Share = € 221.77

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