



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 August 2017

'Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.' *(from the Feast Day readings)*

Every day I watch the Mass goers stream in through the Cabra Road door without ever giving a thought to the two carved panels either side of the entrance. The space is so dominated by the Shrine to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal that the panels hardly get any attention, though one of them provides a useful plinth on which to write petitions. In fact, the twin carvings, one of Christ risen from the dead, and the second, of Mary rising into Heaven, provide a perfect image for the way I now think of the feast of the Assumption - a celebration of the Resurrection and its implications for each one of us. It was not always so.

As a child, the 15th of August meant only one thing, the "Big Fair Day in Belmullet". My grandmother gave us half a crown, and sent us off to spend it. Oh wonderful liberation, without any restriction! I gambled part of it, at a hucksters roulette table, bought ice-cream with part of it, and one glorious summer, at least, bought stink bombs! I am not sure that my granny entirely approved of the latter purchase, but she said nothing. There were no boundaries on the 15th of August. I have absolutely no memory of Mass, but as it is a Holy Day, I am sure we went. No priest's sermon from those days stays with me, but even St Thomas Aquinas himself could not have competed with the impatient dreams of delights to come in the Market Square once sacred duty had been attended to. 1977 changed all that forever, and the day became the marker of my mother's death. We should have realised that the cancer we thought banished had returned, the photographs make it obvious, but detection was not as good then as now, and her death came as a sudden and quiet devastation. At the time, the words of religion could dull, but not take away the pain of immediate grief, but later, the connection to the Assumption brought real and enduring consolation. In the raising of the Mother of Jesus, body and soul I could see a foretaste of my own mother's future, at peace in her place in Paradise. The, up to then, theoretical faith in the resurrection becomes real, when you imagine someone you love not moldering in a grave for eternity, but waiting only for the trumpet sound to be raised in Glory to where Mary has already gone. It is this idea of the Assumption that shapes my thinking of this feast even to this day.

I have long since lost the need to buy stink bombs on this feast day and the sadness I feel on this day has long ago been replaced by a peaceful remembrance of a good mother. Instead, I think of this day as a joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection, precisely because the raising of Our Lady, body and soul to paradise is proof, if such were needed, that the Resurrection actually works! Christ is alive, his tomb is empty, and the process of drawing all of us to Him in Heaven has already begun!

The Cabra Road door seems to capture the idea perfectly. To the right is Jesus raised from the dead, and to the left is Mary Assumed into Heaven, while between them, streaming in from outside are the rest of us, coming to find the place with them that He has won for us and she assures us actually exists. I will be celebrating the feast in far away Beijing, but in my mind I will be looking at the two panels, and giving thanks that Christ's goodness and Our Lady's fidelity give me hope that death is not the end and greater glories are still to come.

*Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?*

Fr Joseph Loftus CM *(Beijing, China)*

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, 21 August in the Church directly after the Novena. There will be a short talk and discussion followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

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.

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 Jennifer Deysel née Crosbie.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



Feast of the Assumption

On Tuesday, 15 August we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

Monday Vigil: 7.00pm

Tuesday: 10.30am and 6.30pm

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

Certificate in Theology

This is a one-year course is offered by St Patrick's College Maynooth from September which aims to provide a dynamic learning environment for those seeking a comprehensive foundation in Catholic Theology or for those who wish to develop and broaden their Theological knowledge. Participants will gain a more thorough understanding of their lived faith and its application to both parish and public life. Key areas of study: Sacred Scripture, Social Ethics, Sacramental Theology, Liturgical Theology, Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, Church History. Lectures will be on Mondays and Wednesdays 6.30pm - 9.30pm, plus two Saturdays in the second semester. For more info: contact Dr Suzanne Mulligan Tel: 01 474 7665 or email: Suzanne.mulligan@spcm.ie / admissions@spcm.ie.

Spirituality Course

2017-2019 programme is now open for our Adult Education Certificate. This is a two-year, part-time evening programme in Spirituality run in partnership with Lumen in the Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill, Blackrock. There are no exams and no prior learning is required – all in a relaxed and convivial environment. For more information or to book contact Anne Ryan on 086 884 3652, email: anneryanflanagan@gmail.com or see www.lumenop.ie.





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**



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.

Monday

St Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr

Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Tuesday

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 10.30am & 6.30pm

Wednesday

St Stephen of Hungary

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Our Lady of Knock

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Saturday

St John Eudes, priest

Sacrament of the Sick 10.30am

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 56:1, 6-7.

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R/ v 4.

Rm 11:13-15, 29-32.

Mt 15:21-28.

Weekly Collections - 6 August

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,289.95

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