



# *St Peter's Church, Phibsborough*

## *Parish Newsletter*

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
24 September 2017

Sunday 24 September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. I wish to take this opportunity to address you on this vital matter and to thank you for all of the work you have been doing to make the Church in Dublin a safer place for children.

As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August, we should recall the words of Pope Francis: *"Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children. They should also know that they have every right to turn to the Church with full confidence, for it is a safe and secure home"*.

Considerable efforts have been made in the Archdiocese of Dublin to ensure that the Church is a safe and secure home for children. Last year alone, nearly 1,200 people attended one day safeguarding training sessions and a further 1,500 attended information sessions. We now have almost 400 parish safeguarding representatives who are working alongside clerical and lay colleagues to ensure that best safeguarding practice is followed in each of our 199 parishes. I commend this work and I am grateful to those of you who have accepted this responsibility.

There have been significant developments over the past 12 months or so. In 2016, the state vetting legislation came into operation. Up to that point, vetting was a matter of good practice. Now it is become a legal requirement for those working with children and vulnerable persons. The system for applying for vetting changed and this placed an extra burden on parishes and, most particularly, on those parish workers and volunteers who are not familiar or comfortable with computers and with communicating by email. I want to thank you for bearing with the anxiety and trouble this has caused you. It is important that we remain committed to this vital work.

I ask you also to pray for and remember those who were abused as children and who continue to suffer as a consequence.

With prayerful good wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
**+ Diarmuid Martin**  
**Archbishop of Dublin**

### **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 - 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

## Parish Clergy

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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 Monday's from 7.30pm in the Conference Room (via Parish Office), the sessions take on a new format - **'An Introduction to the Bible, Understanding the Old Testament'**.

## Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 26 September at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club. The topic for discussion is 'Understanding the Psalms' and will be given by Lisa McKee. 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.

## 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**



## I Am A Grumbler

Many of Jesus' parables are difficult. We are invited to place ourselves in the story. Which character do we identify with? To which group would we belong? Sometimes we find ourselves sympathising with the character who turns out to be in the wrong. God's ways are not our ways!

The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is one of those tricky ones. We are drawn into the story, and we feel some sympathy for the crowd who end up grumbling at the landowner. These early birds who were hired at daybreak have done the most work. They have toiled all day in the heat, doing far more labour than those who were hired only at the last minute – yet they all receive the same pay. It's hardly fair, is it?

But the landowner makes his point: 'Why be envious because I am generous?' Of course, Jesus anticipates the discomfort of his audience. He uses parables to gently pull the rug from under their feet, to challenge their assumptions, and offer them a new way of thinking that is focused not on themselves, but on the wider community.

Place yourself in the story. If you identify with the grumblers, ask yourself why. Why should we be concerned about what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others deserve? Surely we, too, should want God's love and blessings to be extended to everyone!

**Triona Doherty**

(taken from **'Intercom'**)





## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Bernard Ryan (St Peter's Road) and Thomas Finnegan (aged 21, tragically). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



## Safeguarding/Garda Vetting Update

As of June 2017 the Safeguarding Committee sent 51 Garda Vetting Invitation Forms from staff/volunteers (who provided us with their own email addresses) to the Dublin Diocesan Office for Garda Vetting. Out of the 51 forms, less than 20 were completed by you online, the rest expired the 30-day limit for completion. This week we will be sending out new forms to those who expired the date. We ask you return the vetting invitation form to: *Safeguarding Committee, St Peter's Church* ASAP so we can forward them again to the Diocese. Please check your email in the coming weeks to complete the process online (**30-DAY LIMIT**). Those who have not provided their own email addresses, your forms are still in our possession and we will let you know in due course when these will be processed.

## Ending the Silence

Women impacted by pregnancy from rape explain why abortion is not the answer  
The Gibson Hotel, Point Village, Thursday 28 September at 8.00pm. Call Katy on: 873 0465 to confirm your attendance.

## A "Taste of DCU" For Mature Learners and Older Adults

Dublin City University, the world's first designated Age Friendly University would like to welcome you to a "Taste of DCU" on Friday, 29 September from 9.30am to 4.00pm in the Henry Grattan Building on our Glasnevin Campus. The day will feature a wide range of lectures, workshops and campus tours, and offers a fantastic opportunity for mature learners and older adults to find out about the many opportunities available in DCU to learn something new, and to experience the benefits of active and healthy ageing. This is a FREE event but registration is necessary. For further information and to register, please contact: Christine O'Kelly, Age Friendly Co-ordinator, tel: 700 8933, email: [christine.okelly@dcu.ie](mailto:christine.okelly@dcu.ie) or Daniel Doyle, Age-Friendly Assistant (Mon to Wed) tel: 884 2099 or email: [daniel.doyle@dcu.ie](mailto:daniel.doyle@dcu.ie).



## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Is 55:6-9.

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R/ v 18.

Phil 1:20-24, 27.

Mt 20:1-16.

## Monday

St Finbarr, bishop

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

## Tuesday

Ss Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

## Wednesday

St Vincent de Paul, priest, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission & of the Daughters of Charity

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## Thursday

St Wenceslaus, martyr

Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, martyrs

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## Friday

The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

## Saturday

St Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Readings

Ez 18:25-28.

Ps 24:4-9, R/ v 6.

Phil 2:1-11.

Mt 21:28-32.

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## Weekly Collections - 17 Sept

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = € 954.27

Crosscare = €1,472.40

(Community & Homeless Service)

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## Church Gate Collections

This week's is 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. Next week's will be in aid of essential Church repairs.



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