



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 October 2017



An Invitation...

This Sunday marks the beginning of a very special journey of preparation towards First Holy Communion for the second-class boys and girls of St Peter's national school. The parable of the wedding in today's Gospel was spoken when Jesus saw that his own people were moving to reject him. The story is symbolic. But the invitation to us is a real one. The Holy Communion enrolment Mass is an invitation to the children and their families to prepare to come to know Christ in the most intimate way we know which is through the Eucharist.

The invitation that Matthew speaks about is an invitation to aim at the good life. The invitation to the kingdom of heaven is cast wide, yet we are free to say yes or no. No matter who we are in this life, we are welcome. When we come to Mass we shake off the rags of our injustice and our faults. Instead we dress in the clothes of a new, more loving person. We ask God to help us to respond as best as we can to this real invitation. God invites us to draw close, not because of our worthiness or in thanks for our efforts, but in a generous sharing of life. The time of prayer is part of our response: we will give ourselves wholeheartedly to God. The 'wedding garment' we wear is our awareness of our hand before God. We pray that we may remain humble, be conscious of how blessed we are and grow in trust as we respond to God's Spirit in our lives.

Personally I can recognise myself among the invited guests who stayed away. There may have been times when I've felt not worthy of God's Love, my attention was elsewhere, not living as God wants me too, not listening to God's concern for me. However I am here now, not because of my own doing or arrangement, but because I am responding to God's persistence. God is always seeking me out, but I sometimes focus only on my search. Often in the quiet times of the day I ask God to help me, to respect His word, to notice where He speaks to me, to receive His message in my heart and to respond worthily.

The grace and mercy of God are free for all who will accept them with a grateful heart. The wedding invitation is extended to everyone, and God provides our wedding garments for us. He offers us the garments of baptism, reconciliation, Eucharist. He offers to take us into his keeping, forgive us our wrong doings, feed us with his body and blood. This Sunday I ask you to keep the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion in your prayers, that they will accept His invitation to come to know His love and mercy for them through the Eucharist.

Kirsten Mahon (*Pastoral Assistant*)

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



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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, 16 October in the Church directly after the Novena. There will be a short talk and discussion followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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'*.

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



Sacramental Preparation

This month we begin the journey of Sacramental Preparation towards First Holy Communion and Confirmation with the children from St Peter's National School.

Confirmation



First Holy Communion



They will celebrate the beginning of this journey during the enrolment Masses.

Sunday, 15 October

Communion Enrolment Mass - 11.30am

Sunday, 22 October

Confirmation Enrolment Mass - 11.30am

We ask you to keep them, their families and their teachers in your prayers.

We wish them every blessing during this special time.

Broadcasting Live

Most of you are aware that all of our Liturgical Services are broadcast live through our Radio Link system, which has benefitted many parishioners in the past. If any other parishioners would like a radio please contact the Parish Office with your details, as we will be purchasing new radios in the coming weeks.

Phibsboro' Aid - Annual Collection & Urgent Appeal

Phibsboro' Aid, founded in 1972 provides sheltered accommodation for the senior citizens of Phibsborough and its environs. It is a wholly voluntary organisation. This would not have been possible without the commitment of its volunteers and the backing of the people of Phibsborough. However, after 45 years, time has taken its toll on the early members of the committee and it urgently needs active personnel to ensure the continuance of this great charity into the future. We appeal for committed volunteers to join the committee and to participate in the administration of the houses and the welfare of the residents. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact a committee member via the Parish Office at 838 9708 or info@stpetersphibsboro.ie. To maintain the work of Phibsboro' Aid we appeal for your support for our annual collection this weekend and we thank you for your continued generosity.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Helen Rayner. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



New Mission Month Events

Friday, 20 October

Maynooth, Ireland and the Far East: A one-day conference to mark the centenary of the Columban Fathers and the Maynooth Mission to China. This is a full day conference, which will take place at St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Further information is available from the History Department, Maynooth University.

Sunday, 22 October

RTE televised Mass on behalf of World Missions Ireland, 11.00am. Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly.

The Heat Is On !!

We are very pleased to inform you that our new church boiler has successfully been installed just in time for the winter. Thank you for your patience.

November Altar List

November has traditionally been a time to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for please take one of the lists and envelopes at each of the church doors. Mass will be offered daily during the month of November and December (up to Christmas) for our deceased loved ones. Please drop your envelope back to the Parish Office or Sacristy.

World Mission Sunday Collection

On Sunday, 22nd October 2017, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection, the Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. This special collection will replace the usual Share collection.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Teresa of Avila, virgin & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 25:6-10.

Ps 22:1-6, R/ v 6.

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20.

Mt 22:1-14.

Monday

St Hedwig, religious

St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

St Gall, abbot & missionary

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Followed by AMM Meeting

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

Wednesday

St Luke, Evangelist

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, priests, &

Companions, martyrs & St Paul of the Cross, priest

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John Paul II, pope is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 45:1, 4-6.

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10, R/ v 7.

1 Th 1:1-5.

Mt 22:15-21.

Weekly Collections - 8 Oct

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,308.24

Share = € 326.69

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of Phibsboro' Aid.

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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