



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
22 October 2017



The Third Side of the Coin

Most of us have been raised to believe that there are two sides to every issue. So often we hear the term 'there are two sides to every story' or 'two sides of a coin' but there is, in fact, a third. A story always has your version, their version, and the truth. When it comes to a coin, there is the head side, the tail side, and the edge of the coin! One side of the coin may represent a particular point of view; the other its opposite. However, if we just stand the coin on its edge, we can see both sides more clearly and, more often than not, a third way.

What a loaded question the Pharisees' disciples and the Herodians asked Jesus. If Jesus said the taxes shouldn't be paid, he would have pleased the Pharisees but then they could report him and have him arrested as a rebel. If he said they should be paid, he would have gained the support of the Herodians but almost certainly lost all support from his followers.

But Jesus did not come into the world to discuss Roman taxation, temporal revolutions or political action. Neither did he come to only see two sides of a coin! He neither endorses Caesar as divine sovereign (as the inscription on the coin indicates) nor does he discourage the paying of taxes. He simply reminds his questioners that these are worldly affairs in a worldly kingdom but there is another kingdom yet to come with a much higher authority. 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'

Julieann Moran

*Society of Missionary Children
(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) & 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.

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, 24 October in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. Topic for discussion: 'St Thérèse - Little Flower'. 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



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.



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

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.

World Mission Collection

Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection today for Mission Sunday. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. This replaces the usual Share collection.

Where donations were sent in 2016

The **Society of Missionary Children** funds were distributed to support the physical, spiritual and emotional wellbeing of children in mission territories. In 2016, €24,000 was sent to **1. Cameroon** for three child related projects in two dioceses (Kumbo Diocese & Mamfe Diocese).

The **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** distributed €840,000 in 2016 to build churches, train Church leaders and support faith communities.

2. **Botswana** (2 dioceses) €153,904
3. **Lesotho** (4 dioceses) €153,904
4. **Namibia** (3 dioceses) €186,810
5. **South Africa** (4 dioceses) €226,243
6. **Swaziland** (1 diocese) €68,860

The **Society of St Peter Apostle** distributed 370,000 in 2016 to train priests and religious brothers and sisters in mission dioceses.

7. **DR Congo** (4 dioceses, 5 seminaries) €37,719
8. **India** (3 dioceses, 5 seminaries) €69,209
9. **Liberia** (1 diocese, 1 seminary) €19,246
10. **Madagascar** (1 diocese, 1 seminary) €2,579
11. **Malawi** (1 diocese, 1 seminary) €2,853
12. **Mauritius** (1 diocese, 1 seminary) €921
13. **Nigeria** (2 dioceses, 2 seminaries) €104,530
14. **South Sudan** (5 dioceses, 6 seminaries) €65,579
15. **Sri Lanka** (1 diocese, 1 seminary) €2,013
16. **Tanzania** (3 dioceses, 3 seminaries) €48,246
17. **Zambia** (2 dioceses, 2 seminaries) €17,105



In Loving Memory

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



Prayer for Safety after Violent Weather

God of heaven and earth, source of all, the storm has passed.
Earth, sea and sky are quiet, the tempest moved on.

Thank You for the kinship of neighbours and friends
as we work together to clean up after violent weather.
Bless those who were injured with healing and recovery.
Bless those who lost family or friends with comfort and hope.

Provide food, clothing, warmth and comfort to all in need.
Thank You for providing safety and shelter
to those who made it out of harm's way.
Thank You for the emergency and rescue workers
who kept watch and risked their lives for our community.

As we return to our daily lives,
we pray for the victims of any disaster,
or any violence, suffering or despair.

Blessed are You, our rock and our shelter.

Spring Forward, Fall Back

At 2.00am next Sunday, 29 Oct - don't forget to put your clocks back one hour.

Legion of Mary

You are invited to a day for young people 'Let Light Shine Out of Darkness', a Legion of Mary Project, in Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre from 9.30am to 5.00pm on Saturday, 28 October. The Legion of Mary, Wexford is facilitating this event of inspiring talks, fun, music, prayer and fellowship for all. Donation only – lunch provided. Please email: lom.wexford@gmail.com / 083 885 4345. All welcome.

Day of Recollection

St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork: A Day of Recollection will be held on Saturday, 28 October from 9.00am - 3.30pm. The theme is 'Devotion to Mary in the Spirituality of Mother Marie Adele Garnier'. Lunch provided. To book your place call the Mother Prioress on 4811354 or email cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com.

Dublin City Marathon

Takes place on Sunday, 29 October and it is expected to be one of the most successful events in the marathon's history with another record level of participation. The marathon will begin at 9.00am in Fitzwilliam Square. Some parishes will be affected by rolling closures on the day and the organisers will be in direct contact with those on or near the route. To be adequately informed familiarise yourselves with the route from: www.sseairtricitydublinmarathon.ie.

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.

Monday

St John of Capistrano, priest

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Patrician Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday

Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy, bishop

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Otteran, monk

Saturday

Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Colman, bishop & Anniversary of the Dedication of the Vincentian Community Church are not celebrated this year

Readings

Ex 22:20-26.

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51, R/ v 2.

1 Th 1:5-10.

Mt 22:34-40.

Weekly Collections - 15 Oct

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,343.26

Share = € 313.89

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.



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