



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 October 2017

THE *Faithful* DEPARTED

Charity and Dignity

A number of years ago, I began working for a well-known homeless charity. At the induction week we had the privilege of being addressed by a leading campaigner against homelessness in Dublin city. 'Do not give broken cups to broken people' resonated from the address and has stayed with me ever since.

As acts of charity many people are often inclined to give or donate old items that they no longer have use for. Within this there is a sincere act of generosity and perhaps a desire of not letting anything go to waste. However, there is a challenge here to consider the recipient's feelings on being handed worn out clothes, almost out of date food or damaged toys. How, perhaps, is this impacting on their feeling of worth in society today? Are they not worthy of some new clothes to regain their sense of pride? Some fresh and tasty food to nourish their bodies? Some new, clean toys, the same as other children their age?

These are superficial examples but point towards a challenge to society to provide services of the highest standards to vulnerable people. History and even recent news stories from both home and abroad have presented infuriating examples time and again. Good intentions need to be coupled with thoughtfulness and a determination to give only the best to our neighbour most in need, to show them that they are respected and loved.

Mary Anne Stokes

Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM)
(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

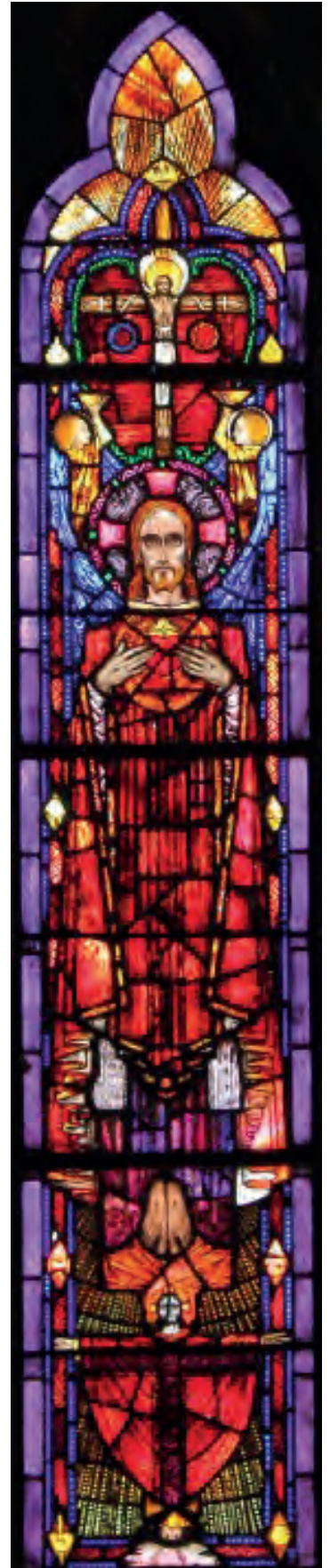
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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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Spring Forward, Fall Back

British Summer Time (BST) ended at 2.00am today (Sunday). Did you remember to put your clocks back 1 hour?

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 30 October due to the Bank Holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday as usual.

Feast of All Saints

Wednesday, 1 November is the Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows: 10.30am & 6.30pm.

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.

Sacred Heart Confraternity

The Arch-Confraternity of the Most Sacred Heart will gather for the celebration of Mass and devotions on the First Friday of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on Friday, 3 November.

Children of Mary Sodality

The Children of Mary Sodality will gather for the celebration of Mass the Saturday after the First Friday of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on Saturday, 4 November.

At Last, Someone Who Feels My Pain

The communion of Saints can seem no more than an after thought, rattled off at the tail end of the Apostle's creed after the main business of who Jesus is has been explained in full. In fact it is a very comforting part of our catholic Faith celebrated annually with its own feast day. It gives us a patron for everything from lost objects - St Anthony, to exams - St Joseph (Cupertino) and in cases of last resort - St Jude. There is a saint for everything and we all have our favourites to inspire, assist and comfort, but the "Communion of Saints" is something I rarely ever think about. Recently at a congress for Vincentians the sharing of a Sister of Charity reached past my casual acceptance of this doctrine to appreciate it in a new way.

Maria, a widow in war torn El Salvador, had a son among the "disappeared". Eventually she received back gruesome proof of his death, his head. She could not be consoled for having lost her son in this terrible way. One evening she and a group of women were preparing for the feast of the Visitation. One thing led to another and they suddenly realized that they were talking casually about the death of John the Baptist, the child born to St Elizabeth, also killed by decapitation. There was an embarrassed silence, as nobody wanted or intended to join up the dots connecting Maria to St Elizabeth and reopening this poor woman's grief. Her reaction was different, as she too had never made the connection; she said simply, "At last, someone who feels my pain".

I was very moved by this story, I have never thought about St Elizabeth and her son's death, there is nothing in scripture to connect the two, and as she was not young at his birth, it's probable that she was already in heaven when his head was delivered on a plate to Herodias' daughter. Yet in St Elizabeth, Maria found a woman like herself, a mother who understood her loss, and that is the point of the Communion of Saints.

This story helps me let go of a very mechanical view of the saints, and instead engage with these women and men as real people. I study their stories and ask their intercession, not because they will magically solve my little problems, but because, often all I need is the spiritual equivalent of a hug, until God's grace helps me get back on my feet. My difficulties may not be as serious as Maria's but I can say with her, in the communion of the Saints, "At last, someone who feels my pain."

Fr Joseph Loftus CM
(Beijing, China)

Bank Holiday Reminder

Due to the Bank Holiday weekend, no meetings will take place on Monday evening including the Novena to the Miraculous Medal, 'A Word on the Word' or the Legion of Mary - 'Our Lady, Queen of All Nations'. These will resume as normal next Monday, 6 November.

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, Queen 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 Donald O’Gorman (Shandon Park, husband of the late Brenda, recently deceased). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



The Vincentian Community and St Peter’s Parish

invite you, your family and friends to join with us for our

Annual Mass of Remembrance

when we call to mind our loved ones
who have died during the past year

Sunday, 12th November at 11.30am





The death of someone you love is always traumatic.

Their passing leaves a void in your life and home.

We turn to family and friends to console us in our grieving.

We also turn to God and his Word for consolation.

We read in the Gospel Jesus’ great promise, “Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house.”

*As a community, we will gather to support each other
and turn to God in prayer for our deceased loved ones
at our Remembrance Mass.*

Remembering our Dead

November has traditionally been a time to remember loved ones who have died, particularly in the past 12 months. 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 all our deceased loved ones. Please drop your envelope back to the Parish Office or Sacristy.

Remembrance Mass

The 19th/36th Scout Group (commonly known as the ‘Panama Unit’) was established in Phibsborough in 1929. They will hold their Annual Remembrance Mass for all deceased members, here in St Peter’s, on Sunday, 5 November at 11.30am. All members, past and present, are invited to join with us on that day to remember our colleagues who have gone before us.

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.

Monday

Bank Holiday (No Novena Mass)

Tuesday

Bl. Dominic Collins, martyr

Wednesday

All Saints’ Day

Holy Day of Obligation - Mass Times 10.30am & 6.30pm
Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls’ Day)

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

First Friday

St Malachy, bishop

Sacred Heart Confraternity 10.30am

Saturday

St Charles Borromeo, bishop

Children of Mary Sodality 10.30am

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Martin de Porres, religious is not celebrated this year

Readings

Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10.

Ps 130.

1 Th 2:7-9, 13.

Mt 23:1-12.

Weekly Collections - 22 Oct

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,190.01

World Missions = €1,143.32

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

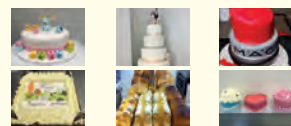
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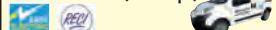
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