



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
19 November 2017



### Dive In!

Ruth Fitzmaurice was 32 years old when her husband Simon was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2008. He was given four years to live; two years later his lung function collapsed and he chose to be mechanically ventilated. He communicates using an 'eye gaze' computer, and their home is a whirlwind of 24-hour nursing care – as well as buckets of joy and love. The family of five has grown to seven since the diagnosis, Simon directed his first feature film, and Ruth has found solace in a daily sea swim with friends near their County Wicklow home while also writing a book, *I Found My Tribe*, about her experiences.

It is more than some individuals or families have to cope with in a lifetime, but the story Ruth tells is not a sad one. She and her family have taken a challenging situation and turned it into a positive story of love, friendship and hope.

Ruth and Simon came to mind when I read the gospel story for today. We are all dealt different cards in life, and some are tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. What's important is not the life we are given, but what we do with it. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. The Fitzmaurice family are doing a lot more than just 'getting on with it'. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, they meet their challenges head on. 'Dive in' is Ruth's message, no matter what life throws your way.

**Triona Doherty**  
(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

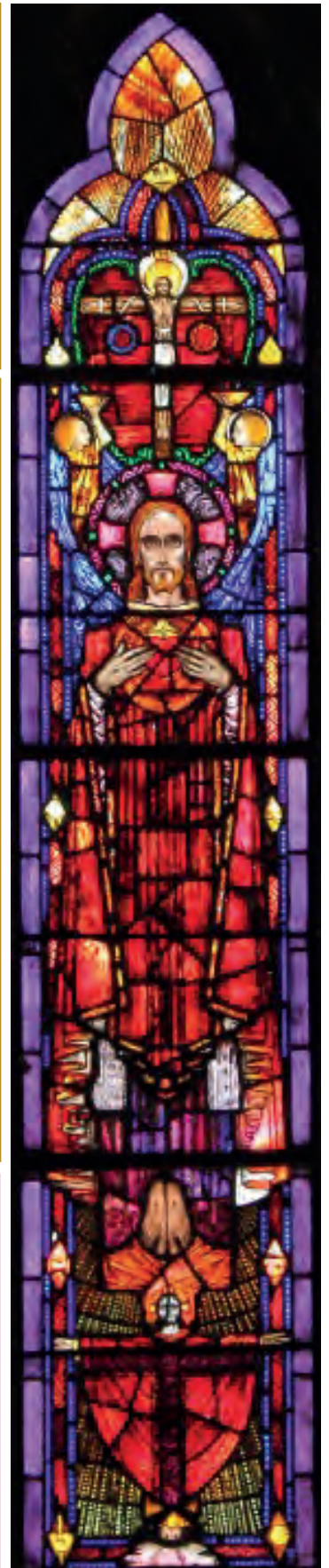
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

#### 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.

## AMM Meeting

The Association of the Miraculous Medal will hold their next meeting on Monday, 20 November 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.

## 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, 21 November in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'Faith and Grief'. 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.

## Sacramental Preparation

### ***Do This In Memory - Sunday, 19 November***

A special Mass will take place at 11.30am today, Sunday, for the children from St Peter's National School due to make their First Holy Communion next year.

### ***You Shall Be My Witnesses - Sunday, 26 November***

A special Mass will take place at 11.30am next Sunday, for the children from St Peter's National School due to make their Confirmation next year.

## TRIDUUM IN HONOUR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL



### ***Mass & Novena***

***Sunday 26th November 11.30am***

### ***Feast of the Miraculous Medal***

***Monday 27th November 10.30am & 7.00pm***

### ***Mass & Novena (Feast of St Catherine Labouré)***

***Tuesday 28th November 10.30am***

***St Peter's Church, Phibsborough. All are welcome***

## The HSO at St Peter's

The Humanitarian Symphony Orchestra will perform in concert. Come join us as the Orchestra perform in music and song. The concert promises to be a wonderful evening of classical music such as William Tell Overture, Beethoven Symphony No. 7 and much more. Tickets available at the door, adults €10 / €8 / children free. **Thursday, 7 December at 8.00pm** (doors open at 7.30pm).

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



## VLM Christmas Raffle

A Raffle to support the work of the Vincentian Lay Missionaries in Africa will be held on Thursday, 14 December at St Vincent's Castleknock College. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office, priced €2 each. Prizes are as follows:

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VLM is a registered charity based at St Peter's, Phibsborough. For more information please visit: [www.vlm.ie](http://www.vlm.ie).

## Christmas Cards & Calendars

Mass Bouquets €7.00, Novena Cards €4.00 and Church Art Calendars €2.20 are now available from the Parish Office and the Repository.

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31.

Ps 127:1-5, R/ v 1.

1 Th 5:1-6.

Mt 25:14-30.

## Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

## Tuesday

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Wednesday

St Cecilia, virgin & martyr

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## Thursday

St Columban, abbot & missionary

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## Friday

Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest, & Companions, martyrs

St Colman, bishop

## Saturday

St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

St Clement I, pope & martyr

## Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe (Christ the King)

Miraculous Medal Triduum 11.30am

Readings

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17.

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R/ v 1.

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28.

Mt 25:31-46.

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## Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (12 Nov) = €1,302.68

Share (12 Nov) = € 370.72

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of the **Vincentian Lay Missionaries** (based at St Peter's) for the continuous works for the poorest of the poor in Africa.

Next week's will be in aid of the **Ladies of Charity Christmas Collection**, their last one of 2017. Founded by St Vincent de Paul they seek to help those in need in the local area. Their only source of funding is the Church Gate collection, every cent of which is greatly appreciated.

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE



**Saturday, 2 December**  
**2.00pm - 5.00pm**

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