



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
26 November 2017

Mary As Our Role Model Of Faith

This weekend we begin our Triduum to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. During our Triduum we will also celebrate the feast of St Catherine Labouré. Both Mary and Catherine are great examples of what it means to live by faith, and how to respond when God's call catches us off guard in the daily course of our lives. When things don't work out as we expect them to, we can struggle to see what God's plan holds for us and furthermore we can struggle to accept His plan. Angels might not appear on our doorsteps, but we do encounter God in each of our daily prayers, and He whispers to us an invitation to come closer to Him.

I recently was talking to a friend, he told me a story about his grandmother. She had a hat stand beside the front door and when the doorbell would ring she would put on a hat before she opened the door. If she liked you, she would say "Oh come in, I've just arrived home myself", if she didn't like you, she would say, "Oh it's lovely to see you, but unfortunately I'm just on my way out." When God's call comes in the midst of our busy lives quite often it can be a struggle to say yes to it, we can find ourselves at the door with our hats on wondering whether to say come in, or sorry, I'm on my way out.

When Mary's plan was revealed to her, despite her fears and uncertainty over how this promise could be fulfilled she still answered yes. Similarly we see the same response from St Catherine Labouré in her visitations from Our Lady in the Chapel in the Rue du Bac. Our Lady tells Catherine that God will charge her with a mission, however in the process she will experience many difficulties. Although Catherine was humiliated on many occasions, taking strength in her faith from Mary's unwavering yes to the angel, she persevered and two years after the apparitions, her spiritual director Fr John Marie Aladel had the medal struck.

Each time we commit ourselves to embracing God's call and accepting His will, we mark a new point on the path of our relationship with Him. For the rest of both Mary and Catherine's lives, they would have often reflected on their extraordinary encounters with God, turning the weight of their messages over and over again in their hearts. From the moment both women said yes, their relationship with God profoundly deepened even in the times when their faith was tested.

God invites you to get to know Our Lady, to meditate on her heart as a window into His own. He calls us to honour her, modelling her humility, her openness and her abandonment. Just as our Blessed Mother reflects Jesus' light more radiantly and more fully than any other human in history, so we are called – as children of our Blessed Mother – as children of the light, to reflect and radiate the love and heart of Christ to all the world. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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.

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.

Sacred Heart Confraternity

The Arch-Confraternity of the Most Sacred Heart will gather for the celebration of Mass and devotions the First Friday of every month at 10.30am.

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.

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



Sacramental Preparation

You Shall Be My Witnesses - Sunday, 26 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 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

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.

Christmas Fayre

Donations of bottles, cakes and plants would be very much appreciated for our upcoming Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 2 December. These can be left into the Parish Office, Monday to Friday between 10.00am and 12.00pm.

The Humanitarian Symphony Orchestra at St Peter's

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 / OAPs, students €8 / children free. **Thursday, 7 December at 8.00pm** (doors open at 7.30pm).

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.



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

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.

Monday

St Fergal, bishop & missionary

Blessed Virgin Mary of the Miraculous Medal

Triduum 10.30am & 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St Catherine Labouré DC, virgin

Triduum 10.30am

Wednesday

Anniversary of Foundation of Daughters of Charity

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

St Andrew, Apostle

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

First Friday

Sacred Heart Confraternity 10.30am

Saturday

Children of Mary Sodality 10.30am

1st Sunday of Advent

St Francis Xavier, priest is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8.

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, R/ v 4.

1 Cor 1:3-9.

Mk 13:33-37.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (19 Nov) = €1,397.28

Share (19 Nov) = € 393.70

VLM (19 Nov) = €1,527.21

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of the **Ladies of Charity Christmas Collection**, their last collection 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. Please give as generously as you can. Next week's collection will be in aid of essential Church repairs.

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:

1st	43" Walker TV	6th	Sony Digital Camera
2nd	32" Walker TV	7th	Tower Hot Air Health Cooker
3rd	Lenovo Laptop	8th	Bosch Tassimo Pod Coffee Machine
4th	Lenovo Tablet	9th	LG Bluetooth Speaker
5th	LG TV Soundbar	10th	Butlers Chocolates

VLM is a registered charity based at St Peter's, Phibsborough. For more information please visit: www.vlm.ie.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Saturday, 2 December
2.00pm - 5.00pm

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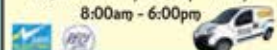
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