



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Advent
10 December 2017

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

Preparing our Hearts and asking for the Grace

We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires. Each morning this week, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent "a bit more hope." Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say, "Lord, I place my trust in you."

Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of "parched land" or desert, some place where we feel "defeated" or "trapped," we hear the words, "Our God will come to save us!"

The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say:

"Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me."

Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that "Our God will come to save us" because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

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

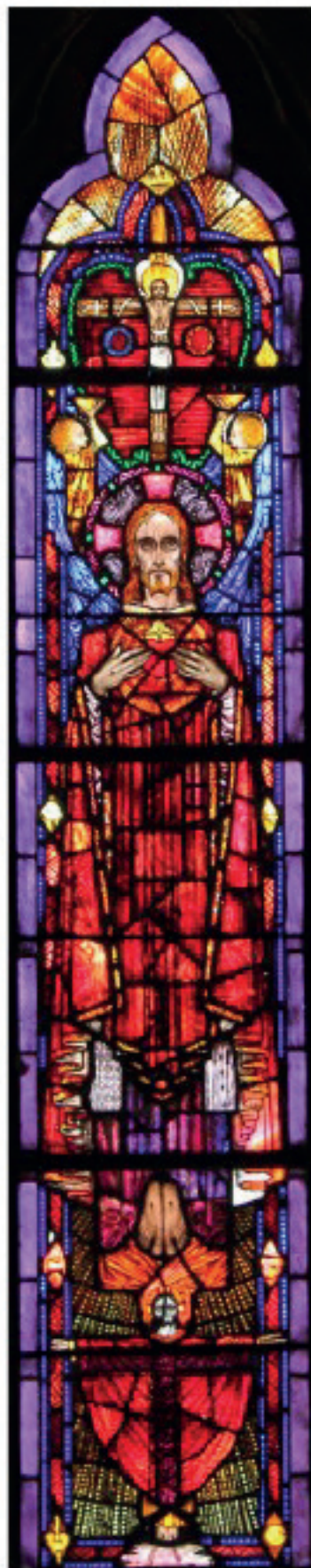
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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 hold their next meeting Monday, 18 December 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 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.

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



St Peter's, Phibsborough

Bambinelli Sunday

11.30am

Sunday, 17 December

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

Here at St Peter's we will celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' at our 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 17 December.

All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass that morning to be blessed. Families can even make their own 'Bambinelli' if they want.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas.

Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

Weekly Boxes

The weekly boxes of envelopes are available from the Parish Office. They commence from today, the First Sunday in Advent, 3 December 2017.

Christmas Dues

Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the Church doors. Please return them to the Parish Office.

SVP Food Appeal This Weekend

This year we repeat our annual Food Appeal. SVP staff are trying to keep up with the demand from food banks as Christmas approaches –



particularly for families in need. Types of food urgently needed include pasta/rice, fruit juice, tea/coffee, soup, sugar, powdered milk, tinned meat/fish, tinned veg/fruit, packaged desserts, biscuits. Please bring your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses this weekend, 9/10 December.

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.



Sacramental Preparation

Do This In Memory - Sunday, 10 December

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

'Church at the Heart of the World'

A new book of poems by Fr Eamon Flanagan CM is on sale in the Repository at a reduced price of €7. Includes references to Phibsborough, Knock, Frank Duff etc... Would make a lovely Christmas gift for the avid reader in your life.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who supported our Annual Christmas Fayre last week. A total of €1,525 was raised and will be shared between the Society of St Vincent de Paul and the recording of 'Breath of God's Desire' by the choirs of St Peter's.

Christmas Cards & Calendars

Mass Bouquets €7.00, Novena Cards €4.00, Society of St Vincent de Paul Cards (2 sizes) €5.00 and €6.00 and Church Art Calendars €2.20 are available from the Parish Office and the Repository.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Bl. Mark Anthony Durando CM, priest is not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 40:1-5, 9-11.

Ps 84:9-14, R/ v 8.

2 Pet 3:8-14.

Mk 1:1-8.

Monday

St Damasus I, pope

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

Our Lady of Guadalupe

St Finnan, bishop

Wednesday

St Lucy, virgin & martyr

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

3rd Sunday of Advent

Readings

Is 61:1-2, 10-11.

Ps Lk 1:46-50, 53-54, R/ Is 61:10.

1 Thess 5:16-24.

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (3 Dec) = €1,559.70

Share (3 Dec) = € 322.42

Repairs (3 Dec) = € 740.46

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is the Annual Christmas collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Next week's will be for the Ambo Deaf School in Ethiopia, where our own Fr Stephen Monaghan is based. A very worthwhile project, the centre allows better access to education, training and employment and also to health services which can be a life-saving development for many deaf people in Ambo. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



Christmas Carol Singing through Phibsborough!

Monday, 11 December 2017


Commences at 7.00pm calling at:

Phibsborough Fire Station - a way to say 'thank you' for their service to the community

Phibsborough Library - the library is open late that night, so this an opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer to patrons as they come and go

Phibsborough Shopping Centre - Carol Singing in aid of Dublin Simon Community

Finishes up between 8:15pm & 8:30pm approx.



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