



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord
7 January 2018



A Searching God

He came in search of John.
He came in search of baptism.
He came in search of blessing.
He came in search of the Spirit.
He came in search of God's favour.
He came in search of God's love.

The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptised. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead.

'You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you.'

St Augustine

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 - Friday

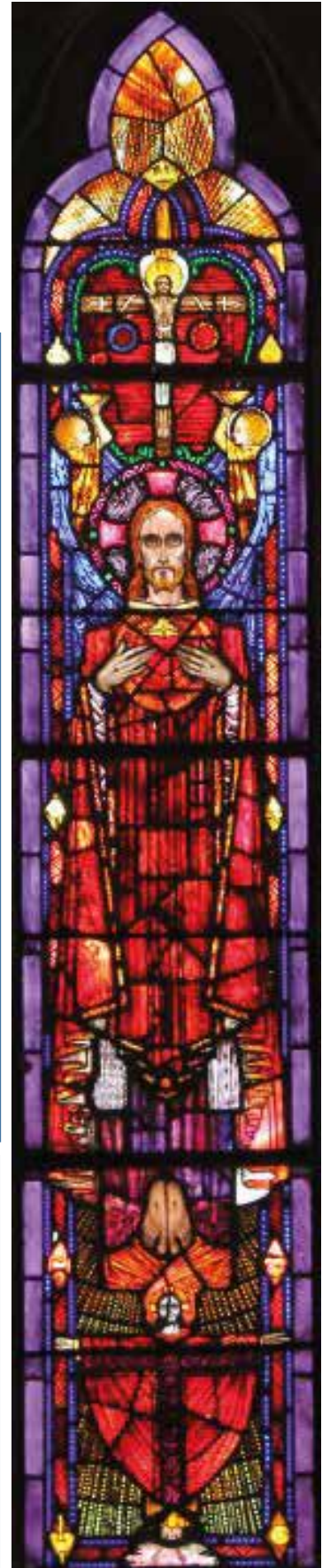
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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 on Monday's from 7.30pm - 8.30pm Conference Room (entrance through the Parish Office) the sessions will focus on the readings for the following Sunday. It will resume this Monday, 15 January 2017.

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.

Sacrament of the Sick

Our next monthly Sacrament of the Sick will take place on Saturday, 20 January at the 10.30am Mass. We especially encourage those of you who are ill to join with us if you can.

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.



Bereavement Counselling

One-to-one sessions take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in St Peter's. For appointments and information contact:

The Bereavement Counselling Service, Baldoyle, Dublin 13.

Telephone: 839 1766, Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

For further information please email: bereavement@eircom.net.

Cuidiu

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group welcomes all mothers and babies on Wednesday's from 10.00am - 11.30am in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Rd). Cuidiu is a voluntary support group where you can meet other mothers, socialise, get advice, learn and make new friends. Cost: €4 per session (members €2). Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: www.cuidiu.ie for more details. The group will resume next Wednesday, 10 January 2018.

Parent & Toddler Group

'Little Angels' Parent & Toddler Group will continue on Wednesday, 10 January 2018 from 10.30am to 12.00pm at Presentata House, 263 North Circular Road (entrance on Charleville Road). The cost is €3.00 per parent, tea and biscuits provided. Under the auspicious of the Legion of Mary.

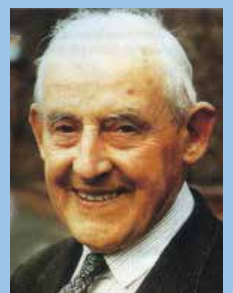
Do This In Memory

A special Mass will take place at 11.30am on Sunday, 21 January for all the children from St Peter's National School who are due to make their First Holy Communion this coming year.

Legion of Mary

Meetings take place Monday's and Wednesday's from 7.00pm in the **Frank Duff Room** (entrance via the Parish Office)

Monday - Our Lady, Queen of All Nations
Wednesday - Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament





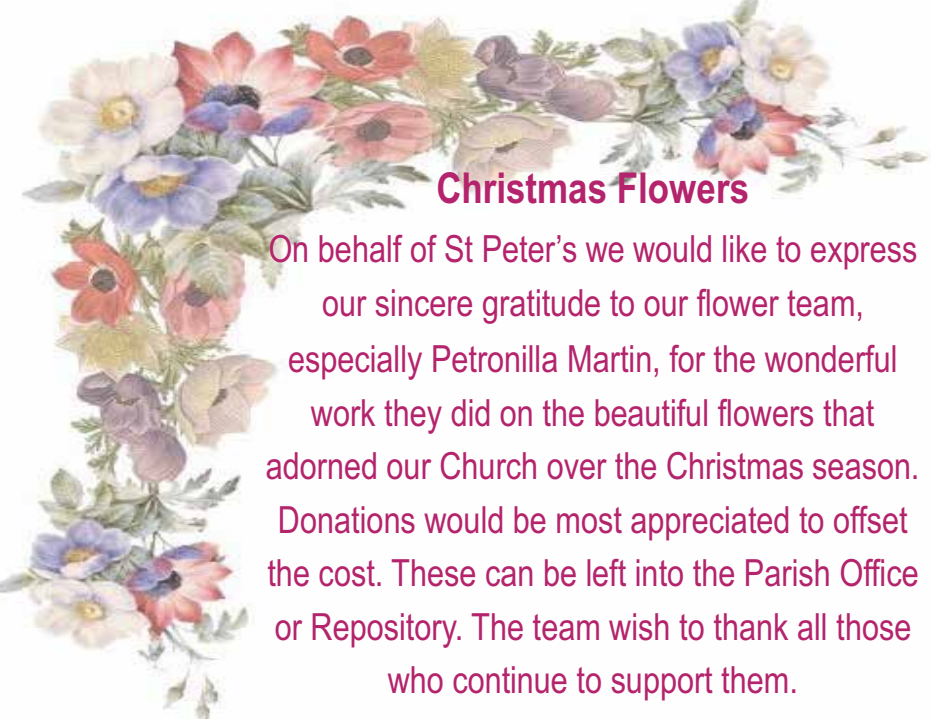
In January and February the garden grows in silence, the growth hidden from the gardener's view. There is hardly any colour, other than the browns and greys of soil and stone; there are no scents or sounds, no signs of life. But the gardener knows that there is plenty of invisible activity in the garden.

Down under the soil, where the earth is warm even when frosts garden down in the ground, the roots are already preparing for spring, life is stirring in the depths. The gardener knows that in spite of the barren aspect of the garden, the bulbs are preparing to make their adventure into the world of light. For the gardener, this is a time of planning and looking forward, for dreaming of possibilities and planning the summer garden.

January and February call us to get in touch with the stillness of our own inner garden, to be patient with ourselves, and to appreciate our inner strength and to embrace the seeds of beauty within us.

In these months, we learn to recognize the busyness of our daily lives, where silence may be a stranger.

Hopefully, you'll find something amongst our new year schedule to add to the wonder of stillness to your life.



Christmas Flowers

On behalf of St Peter's we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our flower team, especially Petronilla Martin, for the wonderful work they did on the beautiful flowers that adorned our Church over the Christmas season. Donations would be most appreciated to offset the cost. These can be left into the Parish Office or Repository. The team wish to thank all those who continue to support them.

The Baptism of the Lord

Bl. Lindalva Justo de Oliveira, virgin & martyr (Vincetian) & St Raymond of Penyafort, priest are not celebrated this year

Readings - Year B

Is 55:1-11.

Ps Is 12:2-6, R/ v 6.

1 Jn 5:1-9.

Mk 1:7-11.

Or

Is 42:1-4, 6-7.

Ps 28:1-4, 9-10, R/ v 11.

Acts 10:34-38.

Mk 1:7-11.

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word resumes 15 Jan

Wednesday

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Saturday

St Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Readings

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19.

Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, R/ vv 8, 9.

1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20.

Jn 1:35-42.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (24 Dec) = €1,111.01

Share (24 Dec) = € 243.61

Church (25 Dec) = €2,779.06

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Church (31 Dec) = €1,075.21

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Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

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