

St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 January 2018

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

Come and see

Today is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and this year's theme is 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a better future.

'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age ... This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.'

Pope Francis has spoken often of our 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

In today's gospel Jesus invites the disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation, and to spend time with others in friendship.

> Tríona 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.

AMM Meeting

The Association of the Miraculous Medal will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, 15 January in the Church directly after the Novena. All are most welcome.

A Word on the Word

Held on Monday's from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in our Conference Room (entrance via the Parish Office), the sessions will focus on the readings for the following Sunday.

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 (not with the flu!) to join with us if you can.

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.

Good Hygiene Practices

Given the increase in the numbers of people affected by influenza in recent weeks, it is opportune to remind ourselves of sensible practices. It is good to remember that those with flu symptoms are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Those who are confined to home when ill can honour the Lord's Day by praying along with the Mass broadcast by Parish Radio, on parish webcams (from the Pro-Cathedral via www.dublindiocese.ie), on Sunday morning by RTE Radio on Long Wave 252 Khz., RTE1 television often broadcast Mass on Sunday mornings too.

In times of previous flu alerts the Health Service Executive stated: "Shaking hands while exchanging the 'Sign of Peace' involves a low risk of spreading the virus." If some parishioners still feel uncomfortable about shaking hands at the Sign of Peace they are very welcome to wish others the Peace of Christ without hand contact (with a smile or a bow).

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 23 January in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'St Paul and St Vincent'. All are welcome.

Christmas Trees

The 'Bring Centre' in Grangegorman will recycle your Christmas Trees **FREE OF CHARGE** up to Sunday, 21 January. After this, a charge will apply.

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: \in 4 per session (members \in 2). Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: <u>www.cuidiu.ie</u> for details.

Parent & Toddler Group

'Little Angels' Parent & Toddler Group continues on Wednesday, 10 January from 10.30am to 12.00pm at Presentata House, 263 NCR (entrance on Charle-ville Road). Cost: \in 2.00 per parent, tea & biscuits provided. All new visitors welcome. Tel: 087 6115082 or 087 2809237 for details. Under the auspicious of the Legion of Mary.

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



Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Maureen McCarthy (Dunard Park). Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. **Amen.**



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.

Monday

st Ita, virgin Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm followed by AMM meeting Legion of Mary 7.00pm A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St Fursa, abbot & missionary

Wednesday

St Anthony, abbot Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Saturday

St Fabian, pope & martyr St Sebastian, martyr

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Agnes, virgin & martyr is not celebrated this year Readings Jon 3:1-5, 10. Ps 24:4-9, R/ v 4. 1 Cor 7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

| Church (6 Jan) | = € | 182.75 |
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| Share (6 Jan) | = € | 35.61 |
| Church (7 Jan) | = €1 | ,378.70 |
| Share (7 Jan) | = € | 394.15 |
| Repairs (7 Jan) | = € | 701.00 |

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

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: <u>bereavement@eircom.net</u>.

open eir Silver Surfer Awards 2018

Age Action together with **open eir** are making waves to find Ireland's top Silver Surfers. The awards celebrate and showcase older peoples' use of the internet and technology as well as the volunteers who teach these skills. TV presenter, broadcaster & fashion designer Brendan Courtney, will present the awards at a ceremony on Tuesday 28 March at The **eir** Building, 1 Heuston South Quarter, St John's Road, Dublin 8.

This year we are looking for enthusiastic older people who have an interesting story to share about how they use their computer and the internet and who will become a role model to inspire more older people to embrace technology. We are calling on people across Ireland to nominate a friend, neighbour or relative who uses technology for pleasure or as a way to enhance the quality of their life.

This is the 9th year of the awards and there are 6 award categories as follows: **Getting Started IT Award**

An older person who is new to technology and has overcome challenges to become an IT user

Hobbies on the Net Award

An older person who uses the Internet to pursue their passion or hobby or who uses IT for communication and social networking

Golden IT Award

An individual over the age of 80 who uses technology to enhance their life **Community Champion IT Award**

An older person who uses the internet to benefit their community locally or nationally

IT Enthusiast Award

The 'Give it a go' older person who embraces the internet or technology with a sense of fun and adventure

IT Tutor(s) of the Year

An individual volunteer or group of volunteers of any age who tutor older learners

The public can nominate someone for an award by filling in a form online at: <u>www.ageaction.ie/about-us/open-eir-silver-surfer-awards</u> or by phoning Anne-

Marie in Age Action on (01) 475 6989.

Don't Delay, Nominate Today! Closing Date: Wednesday, 21 February 2018.

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