



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 January 2018

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

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Congratulations and Farewell!

I would like to congratulate Kirsten our Pastoral Assistant/Sacristan on her recent appointment to the *Office of Evangelisation for Young People in the Archdiocese of Dublin*. We shall miss her gentle presence and the wonderfully rich variety of talents she brought to life here in St Peter's. She has touched the lives of many people during her four years here. She goes with our prayers and best wishes for the challenging task she has embraced and we look forward to her professional guidance to us from her new job!

Fr Aidan Galvin CM

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that this past Christmas I celebrated my fourth work anniversary here in St Peter's. While it feels like the last four years have gone by in the blink of an eye, I have truly enjoyed and cherished every moment here. Later this week, I will be leaving what I now call my second home to take up my new position as Youth Evangelization Worker with the Archdiocese of Dublin. So, I would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am to everyone for all your kindness and support.

I would like to thank the Vincentian Community for your constant encouragement, wisdom and prayers throughout my time here and on the Vincentian Parish Mission team. I would especially like to thank Frs Paschal Scallon, Sean Farrell, Aidan Galvin and Ioan Rus for inspiring me and helping me to grow into my role as Pastoral Assistant. It has been a pleasure to work along side all of you.

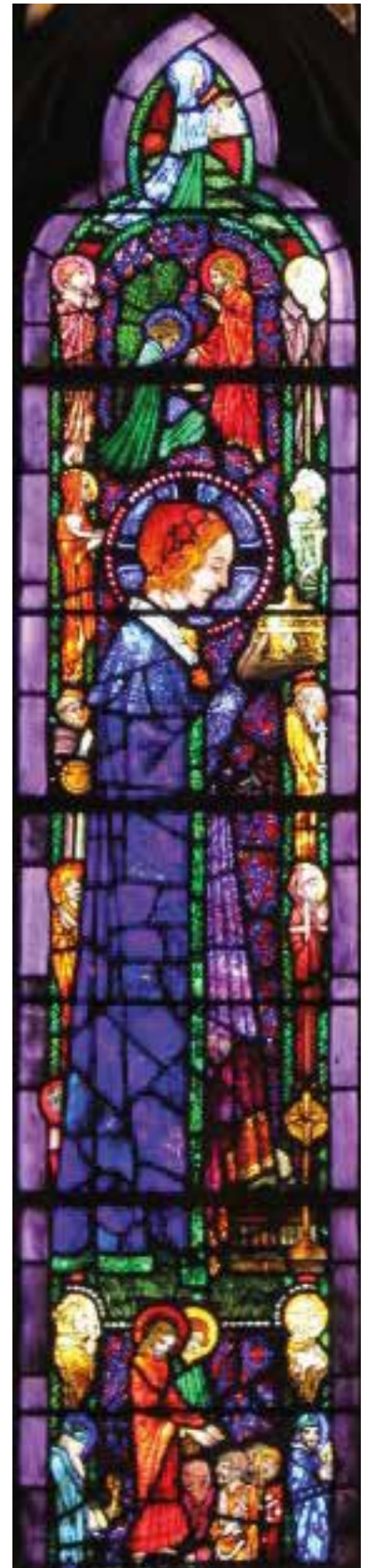
To the staff of St Peter's, I am so grateful to have been part of such an amazing team and family. I will always cherish our memories, moments of laughter and friendship.

To Gerry and Ecaterina, thank you for all your assistance in the sacristy. I wish you both every blessing as you continue to serve the parish and I know that I am leaving St Peter's in safe hands.

To all our volunteers, there are no words to describe how grateful I am for your endless dedication to St Peter's. To put it simply, I couldn't have done my job without you.

To the parishioners, thank you for your support during my time here. Looking back I realize that not only have I gained a lot of experience from working here but I have also gained a second family in each one of you. I wish you all every blessing for the future and please know that I will be keeping you all in my prayers.

Kirsten Mahon



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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

'*Exploring Aspects of the Bible*'. Held on Monday's from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in our Conference Room (via the Parish Office).

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.

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

Monday

Our Lady, Queen of All Nations

Wednesday

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament



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.

Volunteer in Africa: Information Evening

Interested in doing something different this year? You are invited to come along to an Information Evening on volunteering in Africa with Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM). Hosted by previous VLM volunteers, you will hear first-hand experiences of working with communities in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya and Burkina Faso. There will be opportunities to ask questions and learn about the placements available to you. Participants of all ages, skills and backgrounds are welcome to attend. Held on Wednesday, 24 January, the evening will begin with refreshments from 6.15pm at St Vincent de Paul Society HQ, 91/92 Sean MacDermott Street Lower, Dublin 1. RSVP to confirm your attendance. Email: Mary Anne at: info@vlm.ie or call 087 139 7069. For more information about the work of the Vincentian Lay Missionaries go to: www.vlm.ie.

Take The First Step to Overseas Volunteering!

Viatres Christi runs Overseas Volunteer training weekend courses in Dublin - if you are interested in becoming an overseas volunteer or just want to learn more about social justice at home or away, this course is for you. Call us today at 868 9986 or email: apply@viatoreschristi.com for more information.

Life to the Full (Jn 10:10) Book Club

Join other 20 & 30 year olds to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose and how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. From 7.00pm - 8.30pm every Thursday in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7. Contact: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub.

The Encounter

A young adult (20's & 30's) event with live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration and guest speakers on life, faith and purpose. Dates for the diary: 23 February, 23 March, 20 April, 19 May and 9 June 2018. St Paul's Church, Arran Quay at 8.00pm. Email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie or visit: www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity for more details.

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

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.



Ewe Thina - We Walk God's Way

Join other young adults (20's & 30's) once a month for reflective hikes around the Dublin area. The next hike will be on Sunday 28 January on the Bray to Greystones Coastal Trail. We will meet at Bray Dart station at 1.00pm. Email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie or: www.facebook.com/wewalkgodsway.

Cistercian Vocations Weekend

Bring a friend and experience Cistercian life at Glencairn Abbey for a weekend. Cistercian monks and nuns are called to witness to God in a life of prayer, work, community and contemplation. We invite women who are considering God's call to join us for the weekend to get to know more about the monastic way of life. Friday 9 to Sunday 11 February at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Lismore, Co. Waterford. You can also visit our website at: www.glencairnabbey.org.

Awake My Soul Retreat

Ards Friary, Co. Donegal from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 February 2018. Directed by Br Richard Hendrick Ofm Cap. Young adults take time out to reflect, explore faith, experience prayer and build fellowship over the course of a weekend. Email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie or: www.facebook.com/awakemysoulretreats.

Assisi Retreat Easter 2018

You are invited into a world of reflection, where silent walks, meditation, chanting and prayer will provide you with an opportunity to be present and gently inquire into your own existence. Following in the footsteps of St Francis, we will learn of his journey and dreams, while exploring and spending time at sites most sacred to him, such as the beautifully simple 10th Century churches of San Damiano, San Stefano and his mountain refuge on Mount Subasio. Monday 2 to Friday 6 April 2018. Cost €485 per person sharing: includes flights, accommodation, with light breakfast and coach to and from the airport. To find out more about the retreat, email: assisifmretreat@gmail.com or visit: www.facebook.com/events/170036890221511/.

Pilgrimage to Assisi, Rome and Genazzano

This Pilgrimage will be one of the major events to mark the 75th Jubilee Year of Mourne Road Parish. From Sunday 22 - Friday 27 April, led by Spiritual Director Canon John Flaherty. Programme includes a full day excursion to Assisi, panoramic tour of Rome on way into the city, a Papal Audience (subject to the Pope being in Rome), an afternoon tour of historical Rome and an excursion to Genazzano on the 550th Anniversary of the appearance of the Sacred Image of Our Lady of Good Counsel. There will also be visits to St Paul's Outside the Walls, St Peter's Basilica, St Mary Major's, St John Lateran, the Holy Stairs, Irish College. Apply now to the parish office 455 6105 or directly to Joe Walsh Tours 241 0800. Full details at: www.mourneroad.ie or: www.joewalshstours.ie.

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.

Monday

St Vincent, deacon & martyr

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

Patrician Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday

St Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor of the Church

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation of the Mission

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

Ss Timothy & Titus, bishops

Saturday

St Angela Merici, virgin & religious

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Readings

Deut 18:15-20.

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 9.

1 Cor 7:32-35.

Mk 1:21-28.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:


Church (14 Jan) = €1,127.37

Share (14 Jan) = € 349.58

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

Next week's will be in aid of the Ladies of Charity. Founded in 1617 by St Vincent de Paul they seek to help those in need in the local area. Their only source of funding is the monthly Church Gate collection, every cent of which is greatly appreciated.



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