



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 February 2018

Blessed Rosalie Rendu, D.C. - Feast Day: 7 February



Jesus the Healer

In today's gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would be considered taboo.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as people wanted to also be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry, is clearly a very popular, attractive figure. Jesus is the healer. We might ask ourselves today: who do we know who is in need of healing of any kind? This week, how can we reach out to them?

Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's gospel what it takes to stay connected, to re-energise ourselves for our various tasks: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him. 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching. It is up to all of us to help those on this journey, the seekers, the lost and those in need of healing. We cannot break new ground unless we are inwardly free and connected to that divine presence within us and in our world.

Jane Mellett
(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

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

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, 17 February 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.

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



Blessed Rosalie Rendu DC

February 7 is the feast day of Blessed Rosalie Rendu DC, whose humble "example and message continue to reverberate in the minds and hearts of those who are seeking to relieve the plight of those who are poor and abandoned" today.

**From the introduction of her biography written by Sr Louise Sullivan DC.*

"Sr Rosalie responded to calamities. During the revolution of 1830 she gave asylum to the archbishop as well as to many other priests. During the cholera epidemic of 1832, she quickly gathered orphan children and had her Sisters care for them, thus beginning an orphanage. By 1838 the Sisters' soup kitchen was providing some 2,000 poor with a daily ration. Expenses never seemed to worry Sr Rosalie as, indeed, she saw the open hand of Providence securing what was needed for God's poor.

During the revolution of 1848, her relationship with the poor inhabitants of the Mouffetard district was such that she was able to put an end to the bloodshed. Like another hero, Archbishop Denis Auguste Affre of Paris, killed by a bullet from the height of the barricades when he sought to end the revolutionaries' violence, Sr Rosalie fearlessly climbed to the top of the barricades in her district and addressed the crowd: "Do you think that I want to go on living when my children are being slaughtered? Stop this shooting! Haven't I enough widows and orphans to care for? Do you want to give me more?" Though the fighting continued elsewhere in the city, the struggle ceased there. In 1852, to acknowledge her years of dedication, Emperor Napoleon III bestowed on Sr Rosalie the cross of the Legion of Honour. Seeing that she did not wear it, he sent, in 1854, a gold cross he hoped she would wear, since it contained relics of St Vincent de Paul. Rosalie Rendu gradually lost her sight and contracted other illnesses. She died 7 February 1856, at age seventy, from the effects of pleurisy. She had given fifty-four years of her life to the care of the poor."

From 'Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac: Rules, Conferences and Writings', Frances Ryan DC and John E. Rybolt CM, Editors p. 71

On 21 August 1997, Pope John Paul II beatified Frederic Ozanam, the principal founder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. In his homily, the Holy Father evoked Sr Rosalie's name. He stated,

"The bonds among the members of the Vincentian Family have been strong since the origin of the Society because it was a Daughter of Charity, Sr Rosalie Rendu, who guided the young Frederic Ozanam and his companions toward persons who were poor in the Mouffetard section of Paris."



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In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Mildred (Milly) O'Brien (née Corwell, Phibsborough). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



Sacramental Preparation



On Thursday, 1 February the children from
St Peter's National School attended

Penance & Reconciliation

(First Holy Communion Class)

Service of Light

(Confirmation Class)

Confirmation will take place on

Thursday, 8 February at 11.30am

We ask you to keep the children and their families and teachers in your prayers.

We wish them every blessing during this special time.

First Holy Communion will take place on

Sunday, 13 May at 11.30am

Free Transport Service

Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at: www.irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on (01) 231 0522.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7.

Ps 146:1-6, R/ v 3.

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23.

Mk 1:29-39.

Monday

St Agatha, virgin & martyr

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

Ss Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

Wednesday

Blessed Rosalie Rendu, virgin

St Mel, bishop

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

St Jerome Emiliani

St Josephine Bakhita, virgin

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Saturday

St Scholastica, virgin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Sick

Day of Prayer for Temperance

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gobnait, virgin are not celebrated this year

Readings

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46.

Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11, R/ v 7.

1 Cor 10:31-11:1.

Mk 1:40-45.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (28 Jan) = €1,403.45

Share (28 Jan) = € 391.13

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Next week's will be in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.



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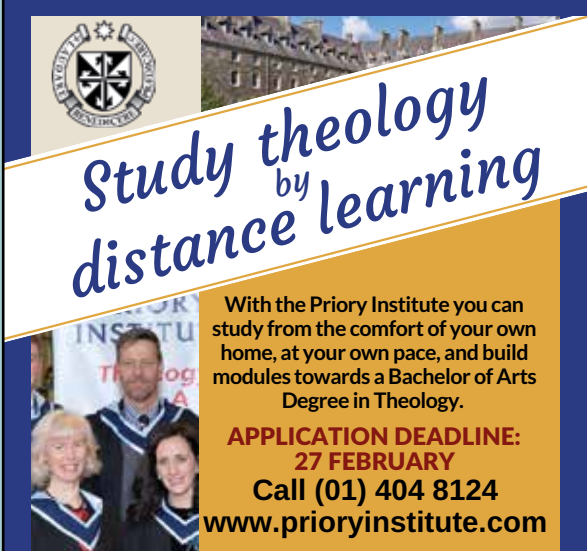
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