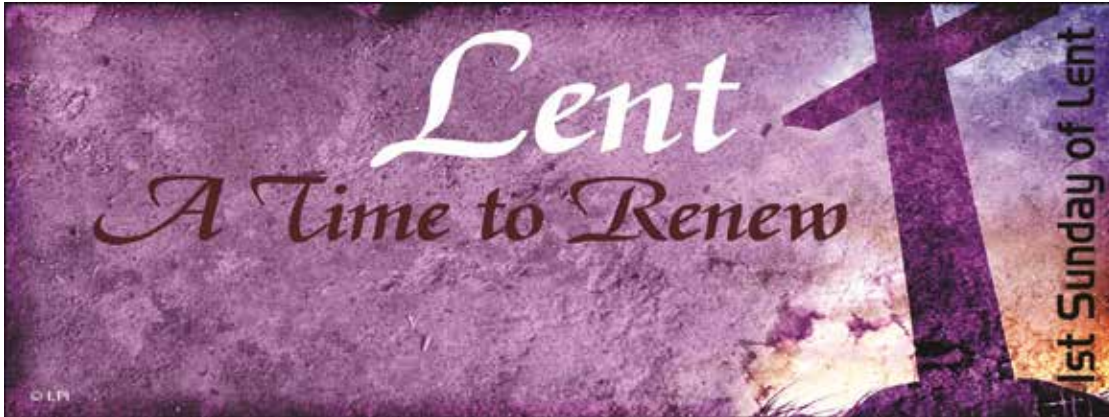




# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Lent  
18 February 2018



### From Ashes to Glory - Our Lenten Journey

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

**Each morning this week** we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, **throughout the day**, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the background about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. **Each evening**, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

### 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

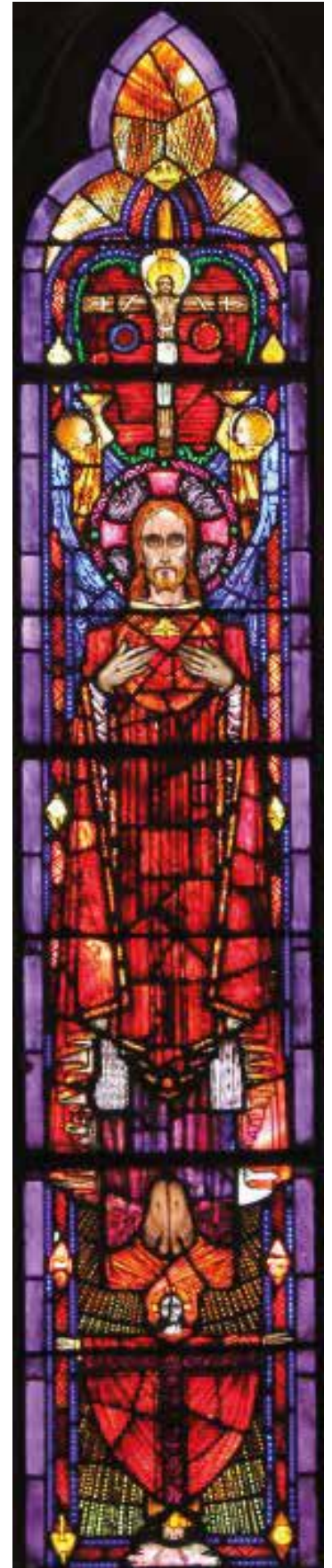
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

#### Holy Days of Obligation

10.30am & 6.30pm

#### Confessions

Saturday immediately following the 10.30am Mass and at the Parish Office by request



## Parish Clergy

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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, 19 February in the Church directly after the Novena. All are welcome.

## 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, 20 February in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'Contemplative Prayer'. All are welcome.

## Bereavement Counselling

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. For appointments and information contact the Bereavement Counselling Service, Baldoyle, Dublin 13. Tel: 839 1766, Monday - Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm. For further information please email: [bereavement@eircom.net](mailto:bereavement@eircom.net).

## 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.

## First Sunday of Lent The Temptations of Jesus

*'I will give you all these', he said, 'If you fall at my feet and worship me'. Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone'. Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.*

There will be times when everything in our circumstances will tell us that God has forgotten us, that he doesn't care, and that he can't or won't help us anymore. Anyone who wants to walk with God needs to be prepared for moments such as these. This is the time when we need to press forward, not relying on what we can see but recognizing the truth. God's love never fails. God's presence never leaves us. God's strength never falters.

Fight and win...for My love's sake

**'Go away, Satan'**  
**(Matthew 4:10)**

## Flowers in Lent

During Lent it is forbidden for the Church to be decorated with flowers either on the Sanctuary or at the Shrines. Exceptions, however, are Solemnities and Feasts including St Patrick's Day. We ask you please do not leave flowers in the Church during the Lenten Season. We would, nonetheless, be very grateful to receive donations towards the cost of flowers for Easter.

## Protect the 8th

North Dublin talk & training workshop on Wednesday, 21 February at Le Cheile Donnellycarney Community & Youth Centre, Collins Ave East, Donnellycarney at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

## 'The ups and downs of being a Disciple today'

*...making sense of the Transfiguration...*

Saturday, 24 February from 1.30pm - 4.30pm in The Deaf Village. Prayer, Presentation, Input, Chat, Refreshments, Liturgy. Hosted by Fr John Joe and Kevin Mullally (Pastoral Worker). All welcome! Please confirm by ringing Kevin on 086 602 3450.

## SVP Need Volunteers

***Become a volunteer today and help make a real difference***

The Phibsborough Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul are looking for volunteers to help them with home visits in the St Peter's Parish area. This is extremely rewarding work and a warm welcome awaits you. You can contact the SVP directly, tel: 855 0022 or through the Parish Office, Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm, tel: 838 9708 or email: [info@stpetersphibsboro.ie](mailto:info@stpetersphibsboro.ie).

## Legion of Mary

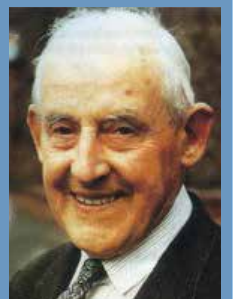
Meetings take place on Monday's and Wednesday's from 7.00pm in the **Frank Duff Room** (via the Parish Office)

### Monday

Our Lady, Queen of All Nations

### Wednesday

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament





## *In Loving Memory*

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Margaret Isabel Gardner (mother of Mark Gardner - All Saints Church beside Fire Station ). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*



## **Phibsboro' Aid**

Founded in 1972, **Phibsboro' Aid** provides sheltered accommodation for the senior citizens of Phibsborough and its environs. It is a wholly voluntary organisation. After 46 years, time has taken its toll on the early members of the committee and it now needs active personnel to ensure its continuance into the future. We urgently appeal for volunteers to join the committee and participate in the administration of the houses and the welfare of the residents. Anyone interested can contact the committee via the parish office at 838 9708, Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm or email: [info@stpetersphibsboro.ie](mailto:info@stpetersphibsboro.ie).

## **Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ**

I come to you every year at this time, around the feast of St Valentine, to ask for your help and support for the work of the Diocesan agency, ACCORD Dublin. ACCORD has for many years now, quietly and steadily, continued to support people across the Diocese develop strong, positive and lasting relationships.

ACCORD's work involves working with primary and secondary students exploring intellectual development, spiritual and emotional development and their understanding of relationships be it with family, friendships or whomever. We work with engaged couples helping them prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and create a solid foundation on which to build their marriage and we are there for people who are experiencing difficulty in their relationship or marriage with our counselling service.

In 2017 over 30,000 primary and secondary schools students and 4,000 adults, couples and individuals, sought the help of ACCORD Dublin. Based on this level of demand there is clearly a need for the services of ACCORD. All services are provided free to those who cannot afford to make a donation.

While ACCORD does receive donation income from many clients and funding from TUSLA, the Child and Family Agency, we still need your support to close the gap between the monies we receive and the cost of offering these services, particularly the counselling service.

Pope Francis has spoken on many occasions about the need for all of us to meet people in whatever circumstances life has given them and to walk with them in compassion and love. This is what ACCORD does but to continue doing so we need your help.

I thank you for your support of ACCORD in years past and pray that the light of God will shine brightly on you and your families in the coming years.

**+ Diarmuid Martin**

Archbishop of Dublin

***The Annual Collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend (17th/18th February). It will replace the usual Share Collection.***

## **1st Sunday of Lent**

Readings

Gen 9:8-15.

Ps 24:4-9, R/ cf. v 10.

1 Pet 3:18-22.

Mk 1:12-15.

## **Monday**

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

AMM meeting directly after Mass

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

## **Tuesday**

Patrician Meeting 7.30pm

## **Wednesday**

*St Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church*

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## **Thursday**

*The Chair of St Peter, Apostle*

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## **Friday**

*St Polycarp, bishop & martyr*

## **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Readings

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18.

Ps 115:10, 15-19, R/ Ps 114:9.

Rm 8:31-34.

Mk 9:2-10.

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## **Weekly Collections**

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (11 Feb) = €1,091.11


Share (11 Feb) = € 388.51

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## **Church Gate Collections**

Next week's will be in aid of the Ladies of Charity. Founded 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.

The Third National Collection for the World Meeting of Families will take place next weekend, 24th/25th February. This will replace the usual Share collection.



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