



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent
25 February 2018



Invitation to be Partners

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father who hands him over for us all. He announces to us the Good News of the kingdom. His true followers and partners listen to him. Jesus ushers in the kingdom of God. He has every reason, then, to resist Satan, the power that opposes the kingdom of God and his righteousness. He does not like adversaries who would turn him away from his mission or would be obstacles to him. Rather, he wants partners.

And so, he invites the brothers Peter and Andrew and, later, James and his brother John. But as it turns out, having Peter, James and John as partners is almost like having them as adversaries at times!

The three, then, leave much to be desired still. So, Jesus has his work cut out for him in forming partners. He continues to teach them. In his transfiguration, he gives Peter, James and John a glimpse of his being in the form of God. This revelation both frightens and draws them. So, Peter says, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

A reply comes from the cloud. It says, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Nothing at all about building tents. And to the disciples' disappointment perhaps, suddenly they no longer see anyone but Jesus alone with them. Dropping out of the scene are the representatives of the law and the Prophets. **Jesus alone matters.**

Jesus alone matters to those who are his partners. Do we listen to Jesus? Are we partners or adversaries?

*Lord Jesus, give us a perfect heart to receive your word and sacrament.
Make us abundant fruit as your partners.*

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).

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.

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 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



Second Sunday of Lent

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Jesus took with Him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. (Matthew 17:1-2)

My child, every moment which you set aside for Me has more than the obvious benefits for you. Not only are you receiving healing of the spirit, and light for your way, but such occasions will affect the atmosphere of your busier moments, when, perhaps, you are unable to focus, fully, upon Me.

'If you follow Me, you will not walk in darkness.'

(John 8.12)

Parish Conversations about Family Life & Faith

This March we are delighted to be able to offer three nights of 'conversations' about the reality of family life in Ireland and our faith as Catholics. These are part of our preparations for the World Meeting of Families in August where we celebrate with Pope Francis all that is good, real and spiritual about family life across Ireland. Each of the 3 nights will be led by a group facilitator who will guide us through the evening using relevant "voxpops", videos, discussion questions and prayer to help us delve deeper into the reality of family life, there are also clips and reflections on what Pope Francis has said in his family document 'Amoris Laetitia', and how it relates to our family reality. These 3 nights are a great opportunity for us to reflect on our family experience in the light of our faith and to share with others the many realities of family life today. The first gathering is on Tuesday, 6 March at 8.00pm in the 'Credo meeting space' at the back of the Most Precious Blood Church. Everyone is invited and most welcome to come and have a good chat and a cuppa. I look forward to seeing you there.

Kevin Mullally

Parish Pastoral Worker - 086 602 3450

The Ethiopia Deaf Project (EDP)...

... is a small group of people who work on a voluntary basis to raise funds to help support and sustain the Ambo Deaf School in Ethiopia. They're a sub-committee of the **Vincentian Lay Missionaries** and are passionate about working to ensure that the Deaf children in Ambo and surrounding villages can access education through sign language. The **Ambo Lazarist Deaf School** was built in 2012 and employs three qualified teachers for the Deaf. The establishment of the **ALDS** will help to break the stigma associated with deafness and disability, introduce Deaf Awareness training for parents and local society and offer Sign Language classes to parents allowing them to participate more fully in the life of their child and enhance the relationship between child and parent. More details available from: www.ethiopiadeafproject.com. Fr Stephen Monaghan CM (based in Ethiopia, formerly in St Peter's) has asked if we could help. A Draw will be held on Tuesday, 3 April in aid of the **Ethiopia Deaf Project, Giving Hands A Voice**. Tickets on sale in the Parish Office priced €2 each or 3 for €5. Prizes are as follows:

1st	43' Smart TV	6th	Digital Camera
2nd	32' Smart TV	7th	Food Steamer
3rd	Laptop	8th	Tassimo Pod Coffee Machine
4th	Tablet	9th	Bluetooth Speaker
5th	TV Sound Bar	10th	Blender

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Anne McBride (Clareville Court), Patricia Glennon (sister of Willie King), Mary Bagge (Great Western Square), Betty Walsh (Great Western Square) and Sean Sinclair (Panama Scout Unit). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



Tea, Coffee & a Saint!

Join us from 11.00am to 11.30am in Conference Room 2 on Wednesday 28 February for tea, coffee and a short chat as Fr Eamon Flanagan CM unlocks the mystery of a different saint each week. This week St Vincent de Paul, the man behind the picture.

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.

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Thursday

St David, bishop

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

3rd Sunday of Lent

St Casimir is not celebrated this year

Readings

Ex 20:1-17 (shorter form 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17).

Ps 18:8-11, R/ Jn 6:68.

1 Cor 1:22-25.

Jn 2:13-25.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (18 Feb) = €1,063.65

ACCORD (18 Feb) = € 874.65

SVP (11 Feb) = € 630.76

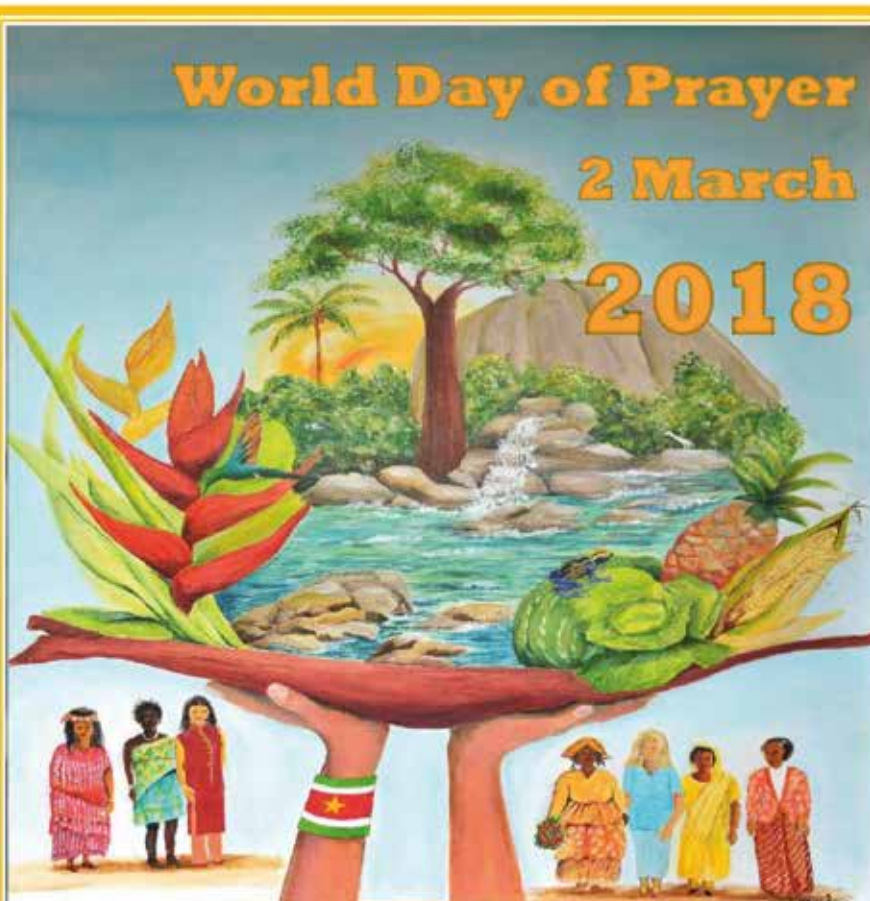
Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This 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.

World Meeting of Families

The Third National Collection for the World Meeting of Families will also take place this weekend. It will replace the usual Share collection.



ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD!

PREPARED BY THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE OF SURINAME

Service takes place:

Date: Friday, 2 March 2018

Time: 11.15am

Venue: St Peter's Church, Phibsborough





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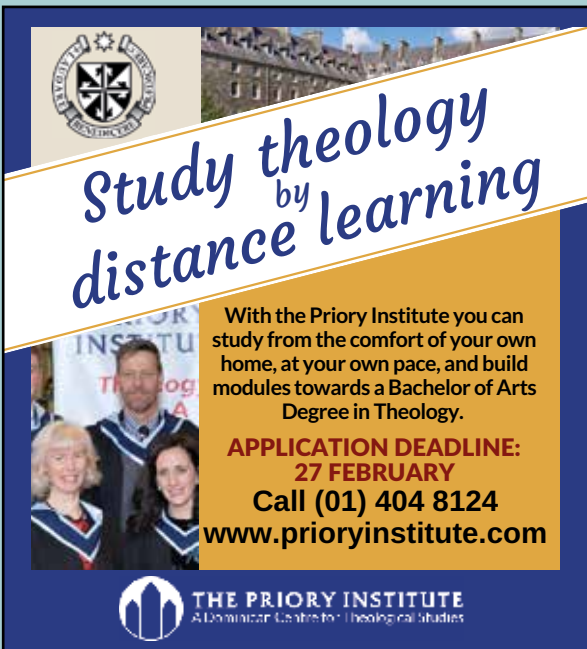
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