



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent
4 March 2018



Prayer and Sacred Places

Sacred places and churches have an aroma of prayer; it's almost as if the prayers and holiness of countless faithful over generations are clinging to the walls and columns.

So, when Jesus arrived in his Father's Temple in Jerusalem (on the first of his three Pass-over visits in St John's Gospel) he brings an urgent prophetic vision of true worship in that sacred place.

Certain abuses had crept in; the Temple precincts were being abused. Jesus, with untypical vehemence, vigorously drives out the abusers, and closes down the malpractice of business and trading at this shrine of prayer.

On a deeper level, he is symbolically replacing the Old Testament worship with its great Temple. The new dispensation of Christianity and Church is coming in; and Jesus himself is the new Temple. He would be attacked and killed, but would rise glorious in his Resurrection.

In Lent we learn from Christ the way of respect for prayer, for Mass, a renewed commitment to reverence for our churches, and for the presence of Jesus, really present in our tabernacles. We seek to be more purified, more easily available for God's design in our daily lives.

We look at the First Reading, and ask God to help us in love to keep the commandments. The Second Reading tells us of Christ's wisdom; he shows a way of life that is good and happy, bringing us grace that is 'stronger than human strength', filling us, and aiding us to reach out to others.

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

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



Third Sunday of Lent

A Spring of Water Well up to Eternal Life

'Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life'. (John 4:14)

Reaching out to bring you, increasingly, into myself, to be more firmly established within my love. Reaching out to lift you from danger; reaching out to welcome you back after failing me. The reaching out is one of support now that you may live in a completely new way, and leave behind, permanently, whatever has obscured your vision of me.

'I am the way.'

(John 14.6)

Tea, Coffee & A Saint!

Join us from 11.00am to 11.30am in Conference Room 2 on Wednesday, 14 March for tea, coffee and a short chat as Fr Eamon Flanagan CM unlocks the mystery of a different saint each week. This week 'St Teresa of Avila and her water pails'!

Christmas Dues

Letters of acknowledgement and grateful thanks will be sent out before the end of this month.

Divine Mercy

Some of you may have noticed that the Divine Mercy image, normally housed near the Reconciliation Room, has now moved to a new location. It can now be found between the Vincentian Icons and entrance to the Chapel of Adoration.

Baptism Icon

The Baptism Icon has been removed to another location until a new home can be found for it within the Vincentian house.

Weather Warning

Due to the adverse weather conditions over the past few days, we ask that you would keep an eye on any elderly people living in your area, particularly if they live alone. If these conditions continue, the Church will close each day at approximately 12.30pm after Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We apologise and thank you for your understanding.

"Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you."

Pope Francis

Mass: Feast of St Raymond Nonnatus, patron saint of expectant mothers, new-borns. August 31, 2005

The family of the late **Anthony Meehan RIP** (died: 13th March 2017) deeply appreciate and will always hold in grateful remembrance your kind expression of sympathy with them in their sad loss. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Mary Duffy (formerly Phibsborough), Henry Hamilton (formerly NCR) and James Dunne (formerly Great Western Villas). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



Tomorrow's Parish

A seminar to discuss our vision of the parish of the future in Ireland.

VENUE:

Academy Room
Holy Cross Diocesan Centre,
Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3

TIME:

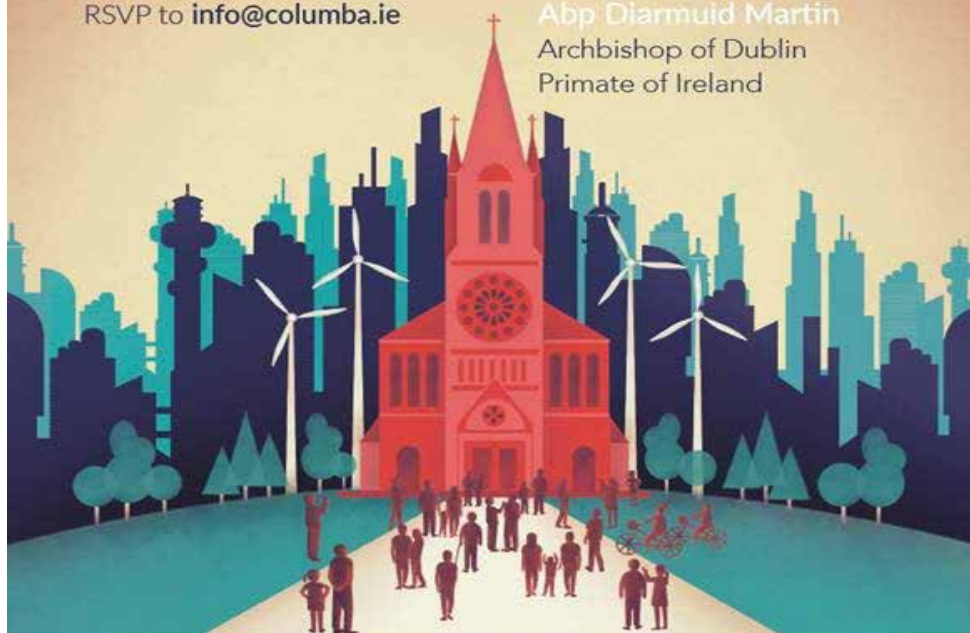
7.30 to 8.30 pm

ALL WELCOME

RSVP to info@columba.ie

SPEAKERS:

Donal Harrington
Author of *Tomorrow's Parish*
Hannah Evans
Outreach Coordinator of
World Meeting of Families
Fr Timothy Bartlett
Secretary General for the
World Meeting of Families
Abp Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin
Primate of Ireland



TAKES PLACE THURSDAY, 8 MARCH

The Ethiopia Deaf Project (EDP)...

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:

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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.

Monday

St Kieran, bishop

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Wednesday

Ss Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

Thursday

St John of God, religious

St Senan, bishop

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Frances of Rome, religious

4th Sunday of Lent

(Laetare Sunday)

St Aengus, bishop & abbot is not celebrated this year

Readings

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23.

Ps 136, R/ v 6.

Eph 2:4-10.

Jn 3:14-21.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (25 Feb) = €1,184.20

WMOF2018 (25 Feb) = € 423.00

World Meeting of Families

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Church Gate Collections

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