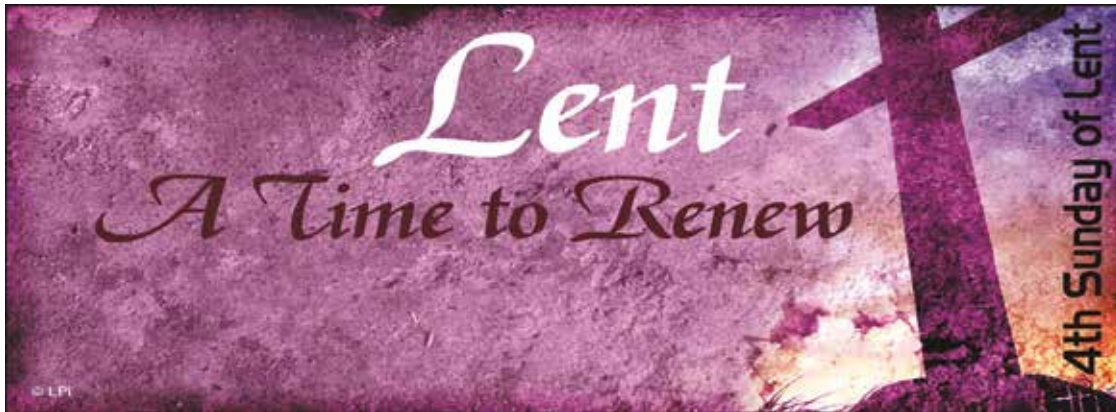




St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Lent
11 March 2018



The Midpoint of Lent

What if I'm at the midpoint of Lent and not much is going on? I began with the best of intentions, but I am not sure what I'm doing or what I want to be doing. Can my Lent be 'rescued'? Of course, the answer is "yes." It doesn't take long for God, when we are ready.

How to begin again? The first step to beginning again has already begun, if I have the desire for something real during Lent.

Lent begins when I can say "Help me Lord!" Now I can turn to the Lord, with some real, concrete desires. Now I can practice waking up each morning and naming a desire - while I'm putting on my slippers, or taking a shower or getting dressed: "Lord, it feels so good to be honest with myself before you. Let me know your presence today. Help me face the challenges that will be there today. Give me some more freedom to make different choices, and act on the graces you are giving me, to refrain from escaping, but rather to give myself to loving, as you have loved me."

Imagine all the different prayers like that - one minute long - that would shape our day! With these desires to let God's grace transform me, then I can pause before going to bed each night, and look back through the day to thank God for the places I felt God's presence and help.

Let's give Lent a new start in the days ahead. God is offering us more than we can ask or imagine.

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.

AMM

There will be no AMM meeting this month due to the bank holiday.

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, 13 March at 7.30pm in the Frank Duff Room (entrance via the Parish Office). The topic for discussion is 'St Joseph'. All are welcome.

Bereavement Counselling

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. For appointments / information tel: 839 1766, Monday - Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus Heals A Man Born Blind

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

(John 9:35-40)

When thanking Me that I cannot fail you, you have entered the dimension where plans are constantly made for your greatest good....the dimension where present darkness is seen as scattered.

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

(John 8:12)

Congratulations

You will have heard by now that Fr Paschal Scallon CM has been appointed Provincial of the Vincentians Province in Ireland and Britain, succeeding Fr Eamon Devlin CM. We take this opportunity on behalf of everyone in the parish to wish Fr Paschal (our former PP) every blessing in his new ministry and we ask you to support him with your prayers.

Parish Conversations about Family Life & Faith

This March we offer 3 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. The next meetings are on Tuesdays, 13 & 20 March at 8.00pm in the 'Credo meeting space' at the back of the Most Precious Blood Church. Everyone is welcome to come and have a chat and a cuppa.

Tea, Coffee & A Saint!

Join us after 10.30am Mass 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'!

SVP Clothing Appeal

The Society of St Vincent de Paul seeks your help for its Annual Appeal for 2nd-hand clothing. The appeal is for clean, good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. Distribution of bags will take place outside the Church on Saturday/Sunday, 17/18 March & collection of bags on Saturday/Sunday, 24/25 March (Sun - morning Masses only). The Society thanks you all most sincerely.

Crosscare

Crosscare's mission is to provide innovative and relevant services to those most in need. For us, those 'most in need' are people who are unable to reach their potential because they have complex and multiple needs, experience a high degree of social isolation and marginalisation and/or find it difficult or impossible to access appropriate services and supports. Despite challenging financial times Crosscare are targeting our youth work resources and efforts to those most in need in the community.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially George O'Grady (Charleville Road), Vincent Clarke (Ashtown) and Florence Donnelly (formerly Shandon Drive). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



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.

Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

Anniversary of election of Pope Francis in 2013.

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Saturday

*St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland
Holy Day of Obligation - Mass 10.30am*

5th Sunday of Lent

St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Readings

Jer 31:31-34.

Ps 50:3-4, 12-15, R/ v 12.

Heb 5:7-9.

Jn 12:20-30.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (4 Mar) = € 697.16

Share (4 Mar) = € 216.58

Repairs (4 Mar) = € 241.39

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Crosscare

The Annual Collection for Crosscare Youth Services, Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will be at all Masses next weekend, 17/18 March. It will replace the normal Share collection. See end of page 2 for more details.



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ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

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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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