



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Lent
18 March 2018



The gospel of John is divided into two parts and today we approach the end of part one, sometimes known as the Book of Signs. Chapter 12 forms a link between the end of Jesus' public life and the beginning of his passion. The scene is Jerusalem which is full of pilgrims arriving for the feast of Passover. Many of these are Greek-speaking Jews arriving from all around the Roman empire and their request to see Jesus is a reminder that 'seeing' in the fourth gospel is another way of speaking of 'believing in'.

On the cross Jesus is drawing all people to himself and inviting a faith response to the love of God that he has manifested. His death is like a seed of grain falling into the ground where it perishes but out of it comes growth and a rich harvest. This is the way of love and all who would follow Jesus must walk this path. By so doing they participate in God's ultimate victory over evil.

Jeremiah looked forward to a day when we would all know God, 'the least no less than the greatest'. Some six hundred years later what Jeremiah was speaking about unfolded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. With the pilgrims in the gospel we are invited to say: 'We wish to see Jesus' and to recognise that in the events of Holy Week our request is granted. Now once again Jesus is revealed to us, not as a distant figure from the past who suffered for doing good, but as the living one who even now is calling us to new life. In him we are being offered nothing less than intimate friendship with God. Let us pray with Jesus, 'aloud and in silent tears' that we will be humble enough to accept this transforming gift.

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

There will be no Evening Mass or Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal due to the bank holiday. It will resume next week as usual.

A Word on the Word

There will be no meeting this week due to the bank holiday. It will also resume next week as usual.

AMM

There will be no AMM meeting this month due to the bank holiday. It will resume in April.

Bereavement Counselling

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. For appointments and / or 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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Rising of Lazarus

Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away', Martha said to him 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day'. Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. (*John 11:38-41*)

When events seem to point away from Me and lead you into doubt, that is the very moment to summon all your strength and to tell Me that, in spite of all, I am with you and can never fail you.

Whoever believes in me will live!

(*John 11:25*)

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on Monday 19 March due to the Bank Holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday as usual.

Easter Cards

Easter Mass Bouquets €7.00 and Novena Cards €4.00 are now on sale in the Parish Office and Repository.

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 last meeting is on Tuesday, 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 the 10.30am Mass in Conference Room 2 on Wednesday, 21 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 John of the Cross - Dark Night and Noonday Sun!'

Way of the Cross

Through the Phoenix Park on Good Friday, 30 March starting at 12.00pm at the Wellington Monument. This annual procession will proceed from the Wellington Monument to the Papal Cross. It will be led by the Most Reverend Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin. All are welcome to attend, particularly families.



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Patricia (Pat) Higgins (off Fontenoy Street). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



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 this weekend, 17/18 March & collection of bags next weekend, 24/25 March (Sunday - 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.

Advocate

The SVP Sunshine Fund is holding its annual collection outside Dublin Churches next weekend (24/25 March). Each year they provide much-needed seaside holidays for approx. 1,000 of Dublin's less fortunate children in Sunshine House, Balbriggan. This is the only way they can finance these holidays. As a result of this our local conference of the SVP are not holding their usual collection this month.

Mercy Sunday at Knock

Concelebrated Mass at 3.00pm, Sunday, 8 April. Principal celebrant and homilist: His Excellency, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio. Ceremonies from 12.45pm – 5.00pm. Enquiries to Dublin Shrine Office: (01) 873 3356.

Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance for the Coombe Hospital will be held on Sunday, 8 April at 3.00pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin 8.

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:

1st	43' Smart TV	6th	Digital Camera
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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.

Monday

St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Bank Holiday

Wednesday

St Enda, abbot

Thursday

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Turibius of Mongrovejo, bishop

Saturday

St Macartan, bishop

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

St is not celebrated this year

Readings

Procession: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16.

Mass: Is 50:4-7.

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R/ v 2.

Phil 2:6-11.

Mk 14:1-15:47.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (11 Mar) = €1,048.58

Share (11 Mar) = € 350.21

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

The Ladies of Charity usually hold their collection the 4th Sunday of each month. As this month's would clash with the upcoming Advocate Collection, they held it last weekend instead. We apologise for any confusion that was caused, the newsletter was correct at time of going to print.

Crosscare

The Annual Collection for Crosscare Youth Services, Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will be at all Masses this weekend, 17/18 March. It will replace the normal Share collection. See end of page 3 for more details.



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