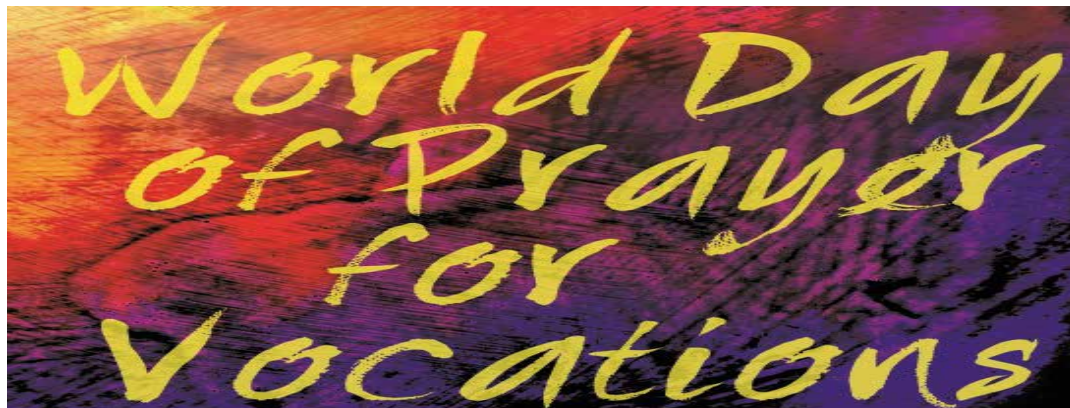




St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Easter
22 April 2018



The Good Shepherd

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally laid down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday, the gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'follow him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told 'I know my own and my own know me'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal, more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then – especially – that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

'We think we are fleeing from God, but in fact we are running into his arms.'

Meister Eckhart

Jane Mellett

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).

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 24 April in St Peter's Club at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'Divine Mercy'. All are welcome.

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



Essential Church Repairs Continue

The front porch of the Church will remain closed this coming week from Monday to Friday in order to continue making essential repairs to the general area. Please use the NCR or Cabra Road entrances during this time. Again we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Welcome to St Peter's

The leadership of the branches of the Vincentian Family in Ireland have formed the National Council of the Vincentian Family Group (NCVFG). Mr Eugene Rownan has been appointed Administrative Officer. He will co-ordinate the work of the group and oversee the day to day management and development of Vincentian Family projects. We welcome them to St Peter's as their office is now based here.

Emmanuel 2018 - Rescheduled Dates

1 - 2 May at 7.30pm

30 schools comprising 1200 students (600 students per night) from different parts of the Diocese are participating in a massed choir accompanied by a full orchestra. Tickets €12.00 www.helix.ie Tel: 700 7000.

Holy Hour

St Patrick's Parish, Corduff will hold a Holy Hour for the Protection of Human Life at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 8 May.

Ecumenical Bible Week

20 - 27 May 2018

'Handing on Faith - Crisis, Challenge and the Great Commission'

15 Events with 27 Presenters over 13 Venues in Dublin, Greystones and Arklow. To discover venues convenient to you go to: www.bibleweek.ie, www.facebook.com/bibleweek or email: hello@bibleweek.ie.

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.

Family Carers

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The Christian message is a message of life. It is about how every human life is a reflection of the very life of God. Each of us is created in the image of God. Catholic teaching clearly affirms that every human life has unique and irreplaceable dignity. Every human life has the right, from its very beginnings, to flourish and develop as God wants it to.

The 8th Amendment to the Constitution guarantees equal protection for both mothers and unborn children. All should be equal in the face of the law. Any society, which attempts to define certain lives as being of lesser worth and of lesser protection, betrays the common good.

+Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



New Book Examining the Eighth Amendment

'Whistle-Blower: Life, Death, Hope & the Eighth Amendment' by Fr Pádraig McCarthy is a book that clinically examines the proposals of the Citizens' Assembly and the Report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee in advance of the forthcoming referendum on the protection of human life. It is intended to contribute to a more comprehensive and rational debate on how we legislate and care for every member of the human family. 'Whistle-Blower' is available soon from Veritas and other bookshops for €5. Fr Pádraig McCarthy is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin.

'ALONE: The First 40 Years'

'ALONE: The First 40 Years' is a new book by author and journalist Valerie Cox. It tells the inspiring story of ALONE, the charity that supports older people to age at home, from Willie Bermingham's selfless dedication in the early years to the new challenges and issues faced by the charity today.

'ALONE: The First 40 Years' is available to purchase from all Veritas bookshops and their website: www.veritasbooksonline.com and selected Easons stores nationwide and their website: www.easons.com. Priced at €15.00, all proceeds will go directly to ALONE's services.

World Youth Day - Panama January 2019

Pope Francis has invited young people (16 - 29yrs) from all over the world to join him in Panama. The theme will be "*I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.*" (Luke 1:38). We wish to inform and invite parishes throughout the Archdiocese to consider nominating young people suitable to travel on this pilgrimage. Dublin diocesan travel dates are 18 - 30 January 2019. We will shortly release further details including our new online booking system. The final cost will be in the region of €1,500 - €1,900. A schedule of payments and deposits is now possible at: www.evangelisation.ie. For further information go to: wyd@dublindiocese.ie.

Prayers for Life

*Let us pray for our community:
that we will see in each child
the marvellous work of our Creator.*

4th Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Readings

Acts 4:8-12.

Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29, R/ v 22.

1 Jn 3:1-2.

Jn 10:11-18.

Monday

St George, martyr

St Adalbert of Prague, bishop & martyr

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr

Wednesday

St Mark, Evangelist

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Translation of the Relics of St Vincent de Paul, priest

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Asicus, bishop

Saturday

St Peter Chanel, priest & martyr

St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, priest

5th Sunday of Easter

St Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Readings

Acts 9:26-31.

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32, R/ v 26.

1 Jn 3:18-24.

Jn 15:1-8.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (15 Apr) = €1,216.14

Share (15 Apr) = € 422.52

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is 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.



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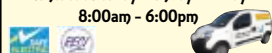


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