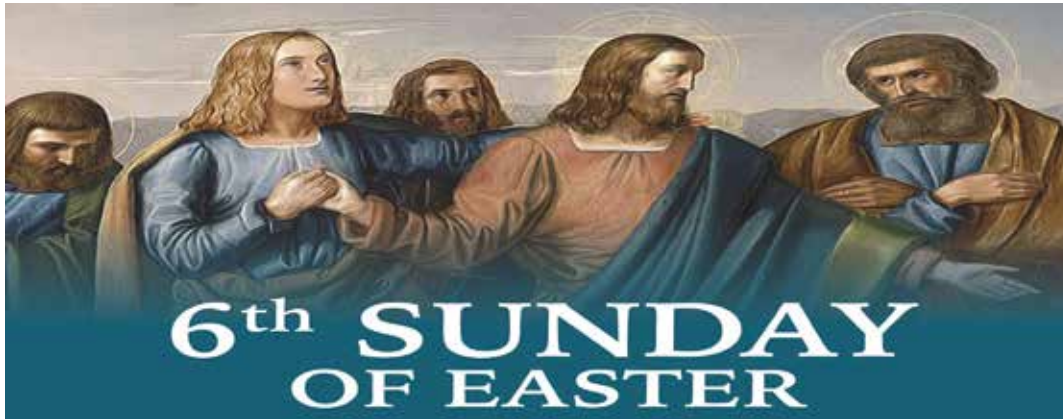




# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
6 May 2018



### A Brief History of Love

God does not have favourites, Peter tells us. You wouldn't think that was the case sometimes, listening to some of the people who purport to speak on his behalf.

When Professor Stephen Hawking passed away earlier this year, people from all walks of life paid tribute to his brilliance, his scientific legacy, his courage and his sense of humour. Professor Hawking's work taught the world so much about the boundless mysteries of the universe. Though he considered himself an atheist, he believed that life had meaning, and that we should always be curious about how the universe came into existence. He believed in love, and is quoted as saying 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love'.

Any yet, after his death, there were some who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask: where is he now, this man who did not believe in God? The judgement and lack of compassion was staggering, coming as it did from 'Christian' commentators. Where is the love in such attitudes?

Today we bring everything back to the one word: love. There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. God's love does not discriminate. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God', while 'anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.' That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others - whether their beliefs align with ours or not. God does not have favourites.

Triona Doherty

### 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



## Parish Clergy

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## Parish Office

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## Monday - Bank Holiday

Please note the Parish Office will be closed today and re-open on Tuesday morning at 9.30am.

## AMM Meeting

The Association of the Miraculous Medal will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, 21 May in the Church directly after the Novena. All are most welcome.

## Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, 22 May in the Frank Duff Room (via the Parish Office) at 7.30pm. The topic for discussion is 'Peace'. 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



## Trocaire

Thanks to everyone who left in Trocaire boxes after Easter. €65.83 was collected and will now be sent on to Trocaire on your behalf. If any parishioner still have boxes please feel free to drop them back to the parish office.

## Radio Link

We understand there are still some parishioners on our waiting list for the Parish Radio. Our supplier has let us down but fortunately we have since found a new supplier and we will contact all the names on the list when they arrive. Apologies for the delay.

## Tax Relief Donation Scheme

As a registered charity St Peter's Parish can claim tax relief on monies donated. This means if you donate a minimum of €250 in one year, St Peter's is entitled to receive tax relief from the Revenue Commissioners at whatever rate you pay, either 20% or 41%. It applies to all cheque and cash donations which are made in instalments over the year or as one donation during that time. Standing orders also qualify.

This applies to PAYE ONLY individuals. It applies to donations to ST PETER'S PARISH ONLY (first Sunday collection). It does not apply to Share (second Sunday collection) or any Gate Collection except the one for Church Repairs, which is a St Peter's Parish collection. Examples:

- (a) Individual on the standard rate of tax, i.e. 20%. You donate €250.  
Tax relief to St Peter's = €50.
- (b) Individual on the higher rate of tax, i.e. 41%. You donate €250.  
Tax relief to St Peter's = €102.50.

St Peter's can only claim tax relief on money if we know who it has come from. This is why we ask you to identify all donations to St Peter's by putting your contact details on Weekly Envelopes, Christmas Dues, Easter Dues, November Lists and the monthly Gate Collection for essential Church Repairs. If you have donated **€250 to St Peter's in 2017** please fill in a CHY4 Cert available from the Parish Office or online at: [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie) as soon as possible as our administrator Marion McCormack will be registering all donors with the revenue service by the end of May. Thank you to those who have already filled in and returned the form.

## *Prayers for Life*

### *Isaiah 46:3*

*Listen to me,*

*You who have been borne by me from your birth,  
carried from the womb;*

*even to your old age I am he,*

*even when you turn grey I will carry you.*

*I have made, and I will bear;*

*I will carry and will save.*

## *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.*



## **First Holy Communion**

**Sunday, 13 May at 11.30am**

*First Holy  
Communion*



Please remember in your prayers the children from  
St Peter's National School who will make their  
First Holy Communion  
here next Sunday, 13 May at the 11.30am Mass.

Thank you to their teachers for all their hard work in  
preparing the children for this special day.  
We wish them, their parents, families  
and teachers God's blessing for this very special celebration.

*Please note there will be allocated seating for the Communicants  
and their families. We expect a very large attendance.*

*"When I am accomplishing some good deed, I shall  
develop the habit of calling to mind the belief that God  
and His angels are watching me."*

**St Louise de Marillac DC**

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Readings

Acts 10:25-30. 34-35. 44-48.

Ps 97, 1.2-3ab. 3.cd-4.

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

## **Monday**

Bank Holiday (no evening Mass)

## **Wednesday**

*St Louise de Marillac, Religious, Co-foundress of  
the Society of the Daughters of Charity*

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## **Thursday**

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## **Saturday**

*SS Nereus & Archilleus, Martyrs*

## **The Ascension of the Lord**

*Our Lady of Fatima is not celebrated this year*

Readings

Acts 1:1-11.

Ps 46; 2-3. 6-7. 8-9.

Eph: 4, 1-13 or Eph 4, 1-7, 11-13.

Mk: 16, 15-20.

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## **Weekly Collections**

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (29 Apr) = €1,075.27

Share (29 Apr) = € 439.37

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## **Church Gate Collections**

This week's collection is in aid of essential Church repairs.

Next week's will be in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

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