

# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

The Nativity of St John the Baptist 24 June 2018

# THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. - Lk 1:62-63

#### **Nativity of John the Baptist**

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure, as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person.'

Michel de Verteuil

Jane Mellett (taken from 'Intercom')

#### **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)

#### 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

Fr Aidan CM - pp@stpetersphibsboro.ie

#### **Parish Office**

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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.

# 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.

#### **Time to Celebrate**

## Saturday, 16 June 2018

A great day for Vincentians in Ireland and Britain. Chinedu Enuh is ordained a Deacon. I'm no longer the last man in (and on my own anniversary!).

Fr Paschal Scallon CM, Provincial

#### **Ordination to the Priesthood**

Please keep in your prayers at this time, Robert Smyth from the Parish of Knocklyon. Archbishop Martin ordained Robert a deacon in April of 2017. He will be ordained a priest for service in the Archdiocese of Dublin on Friday, 29 June (the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul) at 3.00pm in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. All are warmly welcome to attend.

# **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

# **Cemetery Sunday**

Sunday 24 June	11.30am 3.00pm 3.00pm 4.00pm 6.00pm	Templeogue Glasnevin Whitestown Westpalstown Kenure	Mass Mass Prayers Prayers Prayers
Saturday 30 June	8.00pm	St Margaret's	Prayers
Sunday 1 July	12.00pm 12.00pm 3.00pm <b>3.00pm</b> 3.00pm 4.00pm	Balgriffin The Ward Bluebell Dardistown Deansgrange Lusk	Mass Prayers Mass Mass Mass
Sunday 8 July	2.30pm 3.00pm 3.00pm 3.30pm	Kilossary Glencullen Newland's Cross Rolestown	Prayers Mass Mass Mass

#### **Garden Party**

Thank you to everyone who made this a wonderful day, especially those who donated prizes, baked cakes or volunteered at the stalls. To all of you that turned up to support us, you helped raise approximately €2,700. Again we thank you for your generosity.

# Radio-link Update

We originally put in an order for radios back on the 1st May. Unfortunately there were none in stock at that time. After rechecking once again on Thursday, 21 June, we find that this is still the case. In the meantime, we are trying to source them from another company. We will let you know in due course if we have been successful.

# The 'Great Willow Weave Party 2018'

#### Sunday, 24 June from 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Play and relax in Great Western Square. We will be weaving little items and there will be music. Bring a picnic. For more information tel: 085 703 4201 or email: fieldworkandstrategies@gmail.com.

## **Calling All Babies & Toddlers**

## Wednesday, 27 June from 10.30am - 12.00pm

*'Little Angels'* Baby & Toddler Group are having a *Summer Party* at 263 NCR Hall (entrance at Green Door on Charleville Road). Parents/guardians are most welcome to accompany all party-goers!

# **Phibsborough Walking Tour**

#### Saturday, 30 June at 2.30pm

Meeting at the front of St Peter's Church, this free event is led by Des Gunning.

History - People - Events - Stories - Places of Interest

(Donations welcome to support 'Phibsboro' Aid'. Founded in 1972 it provides sheltered accommodation for the senior citizens of the Phibsborough area and its environs. It is a wholly voluntary organisation).

# 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.** 



# Masters in Theology at DCU

Taught by staff with international reputations in their fields, this course welcomes students from varied religious and secular backgrounds. A flexible programme delivered over one or two evenings per week to suit those with careers and other commitments. Attainable over one year (full–time) or two years (part–time). If you are interested in completing a Masters in Theology, please visit: www.dcu.ie/DC694.

#### DCU Summer School on the Ethics of End of Life Care

'Ethical Perspectives on End of Life Care' – Tuesday 26 June from 2.00pm 'Policy & Regulatory Perspectives on End of Life Care' – Wednesday, 27 June from 2.00pm.

Venue: DCU All Hallows Campus, Woodlock Hall. Organised by EndCare – An ERASMUS+ 2015/2018 Research Project led by the University of Malta in collaboration with the Institute of Ethics, Dublin City University and the Universita` degli Studi dell'Aquila, Italy. The EndCare Project is aimed at the harmonisation and dissemination of best practice in End of Life care across the European Union. Expert appraisals of the current positions on the policy and regulatory aspects of End of Life care will be presented during each symposium, featuring eminent keynote speakers and various expert contributors in the field of End of Life Care. Admission is free of charge, registration is required. Links:

www.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/institute\_ethics/docs/flyer\_symposium\_i.pdf www.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/institute\_ethics/docs/flyer\_symposium\_ii.pdf

#### **Citizens Information**

Dublin North West Citizens Information Service is a free, confidential, not for profit organisation offering a dedicated information and Advocacy service to the community on all aspects of everyday life situations effecting people of all ages, this also includes Employment issues.

We operate a walk in service at our 3 offices in Cabra, Finglas and Ballymun whereby people can speak to one of our fully trained information officers in the strictest of confidence.

Dublin North West Citizens Information Service also run ancillary services such as a Free Legal Advice Clinic (FLAC) and a Free Will Service.

For further information contact: LoCall 076 107 4000, email: <a href="mailto:finglas@citinfo.ie">finglas@citinfo.ie</a> or go to: <a href="mailto:www.citizensinformation.ie">www.citizensinformation.ie</a>.

#### **Volunteers Needed for Aware**

Aware, Ireland's leading organisation providing support, education and information services for people impacted by depression, bipolar disorder and related mood conditions, is urgently seeking volunteers across four services, Support Line, Support Mail, Support & Self Care Groups and Life Skills Online. No prior qualifications or experience is required, as comprehensive training and ongoing support and education is provided. For more information on each opportunity, please visit: <a href="https://www.aware.ie/volunteering">www.aware.ie/volunteering</a> or phone Emma on (01) 237 4926.

# **Nativity of St John the Baptist**

Readings Is 49:1-6. Ps 138, 1-3, 13-15, R/ v 14. Acts 13:22-26. Lk 1:57-66, 80.

#### Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm Legion of Mary 7.00pm

#### **Tuesday**

Bl. Mary Magdalene Fontaine, Mary F. Lanel, Teresa M. Fantou, Joanne Gerard, Margaret Rutan & Companions, virgins & martyrs (Vincentian)

#### Wednesday

St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor of the Church Legion of Mary 7.00pm

#### **Thursday**

St Irenaeus, bishop & martyr
Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## **Friday**

Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

## **Saturday**

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Oliver Plunkett, bishop & martyr is not celebrated this year except in Armagh & Meath

Readings

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24. Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R/ v 2. 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15. Mk 5:21-43.

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## **Weekly Collections**

Recent collections amounted to: Church (17 June) =  $\in$ 1,185.66 WMOF2018 (17 June) =  $\in$  322.35 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. Next week's will be in aid of essential Church repairs.



# KIDDIE'S CORNER

