

St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 August 2018



Why is it, Lord?

I once heard the following reflection read out at a first communion:

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?'

Sometimes it can be difficult to look beyond the practicalities and see the possibilities. It depends on all sorts of things, from our circumstances to how willing we are to be open to the beauty and deeper meanings in life. We all need a reminder that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists.

Some of Jesus' followers in today's gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus has been teaching them that he is the living bread. But it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language', and some of them even walk away. But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life.' Some of the disciples are able to see beyond the obvious.

Tríona 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) 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.

Join us as we Pray for Vocations

On Thursday's after the 10.30am 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.

Fall Prevention Exercise Classes

Classes will take a break on Thursday 23 and 30 August. They will resume Thursday, 6 September at 3.00pm.

Radiolink

As many of you are aware our Radio signal has been unavailable in recent times. We have now begun the process of having the aerial fixed and hope to return to live broadcasting again in the very near future. We will keep you updated of any progress via the weekly newsletter. Keep watching this space.

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



Welcome Pope Francis

"Like Saint Patrick, I too have heard 'the voice of the Irish' calling to me, and so I have come to you, to all of you in Ireland. As I stand at this moment, a pilgrim for Christ to the land from which so many pilgrims for Christ went out over Europe, the Americas, Australia, Africa, Asia, I am living a moment of intense emotion. As I stand here, in the company of so many hundreds of thousands of Irish men and women, I am thinking of how many times, across how many centuries, the Eucharist has been celebrated in this land. How many have found in it the spiritual strength to live, even through the times of greatest hardship and poverty, through days of persecutions and vexations..."

Saint John Paul II (Phoenix Park, Dublin, September 1979)

As people from across the country and across the world gather in Dublin today with Pope Francis, we offer a prayer for the Holy Father and for all families:

Bless us all with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Protect all families with your loving care. **Amen.**



Relics of Ss Louis & Zélie Martin & St Thérèse

The relics of Saints Louis and Zélie Martin and their youngest daughter, Saint Thérèse have come from Lisieux to Ireland to coincide with the World Meeting of Families 2018

The Relics will be at the WMOF2018 Opening Ceremony in the RDS on Tuesday, 21 August and in the sanctuary in the Phoenix Park for the Papal Mass on Sunday, 26 August

> The Relics will visit a number of parishes across Ireland between August 4 & September 9

The nearest venues to St Peter's are: St Joseph's, Berkeley Rd: Sunday, 26 at 5.30pm - Monday, 27 at 2.30pm Holy Family, Aughrim St: Monday, 27 at 3.00pm - Tuesday, 28 at 9.30am

For a comprehensive list of the Dublin and countrywide venues go to: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/WMOF/media/downloads/Relics-Itinerary.pdf

In Loving Memory

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

St Peter's Parish Vincentian Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, 8 September 2018 Cost: €50 per person (includes coach, morning coffee & evening meal)

Bookings at the Parish Office Monday to Friday 10.00am - 12.00pm Tel: (01) 838 9708

Coach leaves St Peter's at 7.45am <u>sharp</u> and returns to St Peter's at approx. 10.00pm

Legion of Mary Youth Conference

The Legion of Mary Youth Conference aims to guide and equip young adults to become the people they are called to be. 'Made For More' the conference is not to be missed this year as its evangelistic Marian perspective of Faith in Ireland will be experienced by those who come. Key speakers and workshops will take place in the beautiful grounds of All Hallows, Drumcondra, with accommodation available on site. Tickets are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

This event is strictly18 - 40yrs ONLY.

www.facebook.com/LegionOfMaryEvents/?ref=bookmarks or www.eventbrite.ie/e/legion-of-mary-young-adult-conference-tickets-44350906756?aff=efbeventtix



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings Jos 24:1-2, 15-18. Ps 33:2-3, 16-23, R/ v 9. Eph 5:21-32. Jn 6:60-69.

Monday St Monica, patron saint of mothers Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Tuesday St Augustine, bishop & doctor of the Church

Wednesday The Passion of St John the Baptist Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday Bl. Ghebre Michael, priest & martyr (Vincentian) St Fiacre, monk Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday St Aidan of Lindisfarme, bishop & missionary

Saturday World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed Louis Joseph François & Companions (John Henry Gruyer, John Charles Caron, Nicholas Colin & Peter René Rogue), Vincentian priests & martyrs is not celebrated this year

Readings Deut 4:1-2, 6-8. Ps 14:2-5, R/ v 1. Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27. Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to: Church (19 Aug) = \notin 1,067.60 Share (19 Aug) = \notin 406.87 Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

Due to the Pope's visit, the Ladies of Charity have decided to cancel their monthly collection scheduled for this weekend. If you would like to make your usual donation, it can be dropped in to the Parish Office and will be passed on to them on your behalf. Next week's collection will be in aid of Church repairs.

