



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 September 2018



Saint VINCENT DE PAUL

Lighting a New Fire

Vincent de Paul and the Confraternities of the Ladies of Charity (or AIC):*

A seemingly unremarkable spark in August 1617 set a fire that still burns today. Fr de Paul, the new priest of Chatillon in France preached an inspiring sermon about the needs of a poor family in the parish. Rather too inspiring, as he found on a visit that same afternoon. So many women had come with gifts of food, that the family which, before, had nothing, now had too much! Reflecting on the experience later on, the priest who would one day become the Patron of **Organised** Charity, reflected...

"Here is an example of great charity but it is not well organised. The sick poor will have too many provisions all at once, some of which will spoil and be lost."

Never one to let the grass grow, by the following Wednesday he had organised a meeting of the generous woman of the previous Sunday. By Christmas he had diocesan approval and a template for wider expansion. The **Confraternities of the Ladies of Charity**, the first organisation in the **Vincentian Family**, were alight. The model of empowered woman engaging in spiritual and practical service of the poor, in an organised way spread like wild fire, and by Vincent's death the confraternities were well established in France and already spreading to neighbouring countries.

In Ireland the organisation is not well known. St Peter's has a long established branch responding discreetly to the hidden desperation of women who struggle to make ends meet behind the facade of "keeping up appearances". In Ballyfermot a new branch is supporting grandmothers who are burdened with challenging childcare responsibilities. In different circumstances, in Ireland and in 52 other countries **women** engage with **women** to address needs that often go unnoticed and underappreciated in the wider society.

In a world which often ignored female talent, Vincent de Paul created spaces for the empowerment of women that remain significant to this day. In the month when we remember him, it is important to celebrate that empowerment and ask him to keep tending the fire he started with one spark in Chatillon - the **Confraternities of the Ladies of Charity***

*In Europe the name **Association Internationale de Charité** (AIC), used since 1971 is more common, while in the USA, the original name - Ladies of Charity - is more well known.

Fr Joseph Loftus CM

(full version of article available from our website and/or parish office)

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)



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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.

Cuidiu

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group welcomes all mothers and babies on Wednesday's from 10.00am - 11.30am in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Rd). Cuidiu is a voluntary support group where you can meet other mothers, socialise, get advice, learn and make new friends. Cost: €4 per session (members €2). Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: www.cuidiu.ie for more details.

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 take place each Thursday's at 3.00pm in St Peter's Club. Do come along.

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



Exploring the Catholic Catechism

"a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Faith"

The Club, beside St Peter's Church, Phibsborough
Monday, 17 September



Fr Pat Collins CM

will explore the *Catechism* in a planned and systematic way over a period of 26 weeks beginning on Monday, 17 September from 7.30pm-8.30pm

Pope John Paul publicised *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 1992. What is the Catechism?" asked Pope Francis, "if not the memory of God, the memory of His works in history and His drawing near to us in Christ present in His word, in the sacraments, in His Church, in His love?"

The *Catechism* is a brilliant, succinct summary of Catholic teaching. As such it offers adults a wonderful opportunity, by means of study and discussion, to deepen their understanding of the Faith.

On a High Note

St Peter's Musical Director, **Helen Walsh** has recently been honoured by having '**I Will Bless Your Name Forever**', a Psalm setting of her own composition, included in the World Meeting of Families event. A piece very familiar to our Sunday congregations has now been performed for an International audience. Congratulations Helen.

The origin of the piece is a lesson in simplicity.



Helen composed '**I Will Bless Your Name Forever**', a setting for Psalm 144, for the regular weekend Masses for St Peter's in 1995. On her way to the Saturday evening liturgy, Helen penned the music very quickly on the back of an envelope! Later that evening it was sung by bass, Mr Myles Kinsella. In 1996 RTE ran a church music competition and Helen submitted the psalm given its popularity amongst the Mass going community. It was shortlisted and reached the final which was broadcast on RTE radio live and performed by Cor na Nog. The music was later published along with that of the other finalists by RTE. This year, in preparation for the World Meeting of Families, Helen was approached by the organiser of liturgical music for the events, Mr Derek Mahaddy, who sought permission for the piece to be shortlisted for use, to which Helen naturally agreed.

'**I Will Bless Your Name Forever**' was sung by the worshipping community in the RDS at the Friday liturgy and broadcast on television later that night. The psalm is noted for its gentleness and simple melody to which congregations can easily attune.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Mick O'Rourke (formerly of Great Western Square) and Catherine (Kay) Lynch (St Attracta Road). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



WMOF2018

Many thanks to all those who so generously volunteered their services at the AMM Stand (Association of the Miraculous Medal) at the recent World Meeting of Families in the RDS. Your help was invaluable and very much appreciated.

Fr Colm McAdam CM

Radio-link/Antenna Update

Many of you are aware our Radio signal has been unavailable in recent times. Work will begin this week to fix the problem and we hope to return to live broadcasting by Wednesday at the earliest.

With regard to the radios themselves, unfortunately they are not being manufactured anymore. We are looking into other opportunities but watch this space for updates.

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Overseas Volunteers Required!

Volunteer Carpenters, Builders, Media Specialists, Early Childhood Practitioners, Occupational Therapists, Primary/Secondary Teachers, Accountants, Social Workers, Farmers...required for placements on Missions in Africa, SE Asia and the Caribbean. No previous overseas exp required, no upper age limit! Volunteer training programme begins Saturday, 22 September in Dublin, open to all. Contact Viatores Christi 868 9986 or email: apply@viatoreschristi.com for more info.

Drivers Needed Urgently

KARE Social Services and Northside Homecare Services provide meals on wheels to the elderly and vulnerable in the local area. They are looking for volunteer drivers to help provide this valuable service. Could you spare 60 - 90 minutes one day a week to help deliver hot nutritious meals in the local area. For more details contact Catherine Dent, Meals On Wheels Co-ordinator at 805 8574 or email: catherine.dent@karesocialservices.ie.

Crosscare

Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin

Their Annual Collection for Community & Homeless Services will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (15 & 16 Sept). It replaces the usual Share Collection. Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has: A **VISION** of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

A **MISSION** to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bl Frédéric Ozanam, founder of the Society of St Vincent de Paul & St Ciaran, abbot are not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 35:4-7.

Ps 145:7-10.

Jas 2:1-5.

Mk 7:31-37.

Monday

St Peter Claver, Vincentian priest

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Tuesday

St John Gabriel Perboyre, Vincentian priest & martyr

Wednesday

The Holy Name of Mary

St Ailbe, bishop

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday

Our Lady of Sorrows

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ss Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs are not celebrated this year

Readings

Is 50:5-9.

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9.

Jas 2:14-18.

Mk 8:27-35.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (2 Sept) = €1,168.38

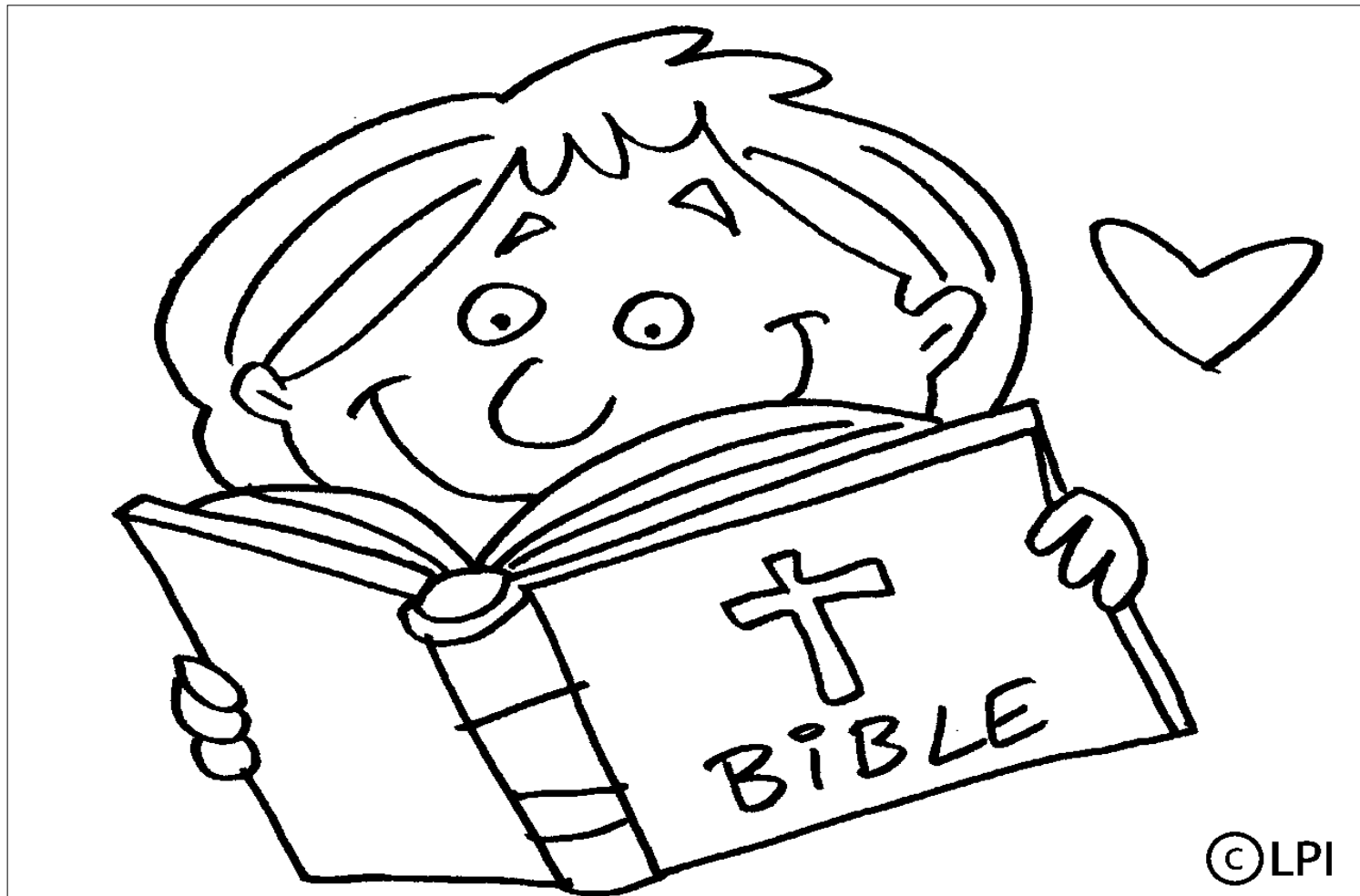
Share (2 Sept) = € 373.60

Repairs (2 Sept) = € 717.96

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.



KIDDIE'S CORNER

