



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 September 2018

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Confidence in Divine Providence

The Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul

St Louise de Marillac together with St Vincent de Paul in 1633, gathered a small group of women who would live as sisters and work as servants with the Confraternities of Charity. Louise taught them how to care for the sick, to pray each day, to grow in God's love, to bring that love to those they served and to do so with gentleness and compassion. This was the beginning of a new form of committed religious living, combining prayer and action while living among the people they served. People who saw them on the streets carrying their pots of soup and remedies called them '*Filles de la Charité*', a name that continues to this day, **Daughters of Charity**. At first they cared for the sick in their homes. Soon they were caring for the sick in hospitals, teaching little girls, caring for the children abandoned on the streets, galley convicts, wounded soldiers, the elderly, refugees and those who were ashamed of their poverty.

Daughters of Charity in Ireland - the beginnings.....

The Daughters of Charity first came to Ireland in 1855 when the country was still recovering from the effects of the Famine. The initial invitation led the Sisters to Drogheda where they cared for people in need in their homes and opened a night school for young girls working in the factories. Two years later, in 1857 two houses were opened in Dublin. Since then the sisters have expanded and diversified their services and over the years have withdrawn from some services and undertaken new ones in response to changing needs. Today the Irish Province of the Daughters of Charity comprises twenty-four houses across the country and five in Kenya.

And Now

The Irish Province also fostered the growth of the now thriving Province of **Nigeria** and **Ethiopia**. The ministries of the Daughters of Charity today in Ireland are many and varied. Sisters are engaged in Social and Community Services, in services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, in Child and Family Services. More recently the Sisters are working with people who are refugees, migrants and with those who are homeless. They are also involved in Parish ministry, prison ministry and care of the elderly, as well as working in hospice care.

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

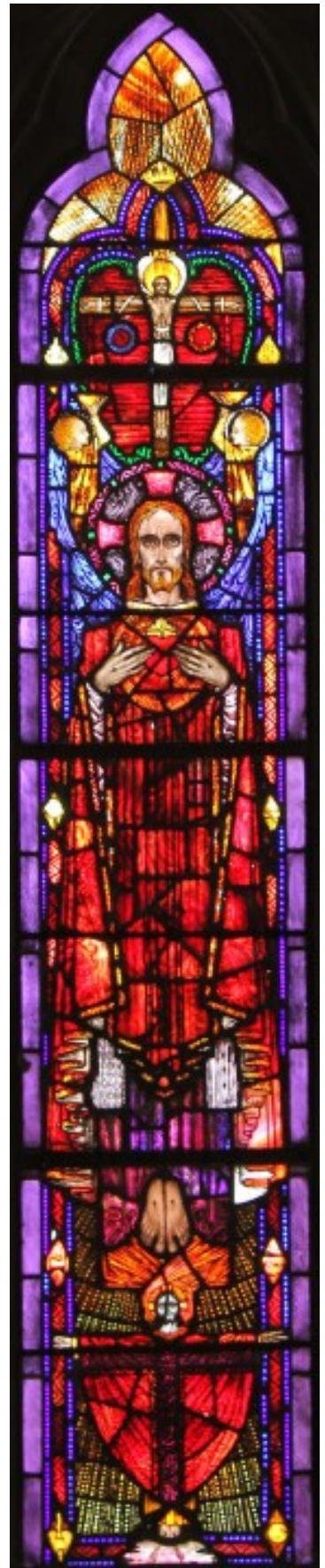
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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.

Exploring Catechism

Fr Pat Collins CM explores the Catechism in a planned and systematic way from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in St Peter's Club.

AMM Meeting

The next meeting of the Association of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at St Peter's will take place on Monday, 17 September in the Church directly after the Novena.

7.40pm - Exposition

8.00pm - Presbytery - meeting of Active Members and those aspiring to be active

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM
Guide, St Peter's Group

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.

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.

Farewell, Thank You & Welcome

As we begin a new academic year, with sadness we say goodbye to Mrs Joan Quinn, who has been teaching in St Peter's N.S. for the past 43 years. Having had previous experience, she was appointed principal of St Peter's amalgamated school in 1999. She oversaw a very successful amalgamation process and a whole school refurbishment in 2008. She retired on August, 31st 2018 having been an inspiration to many through her hard word, dedication and commitment to ensuring each and every student under her care received the best possible education.

Her new incumbent, Mr Raymond Ryan has been a teacher in St Peter's N.S. since 2002. Raymond was the Deputy Principal for over ten years before stepping into the shoes of the almost irreplaceable Mrs Quinn. Joan (in collaboration with

various stakeholders) has developed St Peter's N.S. into the finest school in the locality. We wish her the very best of luck and good health in her retirement. We are confident that our new principal can carry on the high standards of education and overall personnel development embodied by Joan.



In Loving Memory

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



Buzzfest

Saturday, 22 September

Buzzfest is a one-day festival organised by Phibsboro Village Tidy Towns, to celebrate European Sustainable Communities Day and raise awareness of our work.

11.00am - 2.00pm St Peter's Court, 180 Phibsboro Road

Local groups includes Men's Shed, Phibsboro' Active Retirement & Phibsboro' Stitchers will demonstrate how to make new things out of old whether from wood, fabric or old jewellery.

3.00pm - 5.00pm St Peter's Church grounds, entrance via Cabra Road

Blessing of the Bees. We now have two beehives and honey to sell or win in a raffle. The Blessing of the Bees is an old Irish tradition revived to celebrate the heritage of bees in Ireland. BÍ Urban from Manor Street will also participate, and there will be traditional Irish music, a 'bee ballet' and composting advice.

Baking competition of cakes and biscuits made with honey. All welcome to enter this competition and contribute to the refreshments. Raffle prizes associated with honey and sustainable living.

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Annual Solemn Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place from Monday 17 – Tuesday 25 September at the Monastery of St Alphonsus, St Alphonsus' Road Upper, Dublin D09 HN53. Mass Times: 9.30am & 8.00pm. Redemptorist Preacher: Fr Tim Buckley C.Ss.R.

Volunteer with Trócaire in Ireland

Trócaire supports some of the most vulnerable people in the developing world, while also raising awareness of injustice and global poverty in Ireland. We are a group of committed individuals who meet three times a year in Dublin to organise initiatives in our communities for Trócaire. Would you be interested in becoming involved? If so, email: volunteering@trocaire.org or visit: www.trocaire.org/volunteer for more information.

Crosscare

Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin

Their Annual Collection for Community & Homeless Services will be taken up at all Masses this 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.

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.

Monday

St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Exploring Catechism 7.30pm

AMM 7.40pm

Wednesday

St Januarius, bishop & martyr

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions, martyrs

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest & St Eunan (Adomnán), abbot are not celebrated this year

Readings

Wis 2:12, 17-20.

Ps 53:3-6, 8.

Jas 3:16-4:3.

Mk 9:30-37.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (9 Sept) = € 996.80

Share (9 Sept) = € 310.00

SVP (9 Sept) = € 735.55

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

Next week's will be 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.



LETTER OF ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN IN SUPPORT OF THE
CROSSCARE APPEAL
TO BE READ AT ALL MASSES ON SEPTEMBER 15TH AND 16TH 2018

My Dear People,

This weekend the Annual Collection to support the work of *Crosscare* with vulnerable adults takes place and replaces the Share Collection at all Masses.

Crosscare is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin and sets out to address the harsh consequences of poverty and disadvantage. For more than 75 years now *Crosscare* has mirrored the loving kindness of Jesus Christ by providing food, accommodation, information, education and support to those who are most in need.

We are all aware of the crisis of homelessness and poverty that persists across our Diocese. This time last year, *Crosscare* had just opened its new family service in the former Mater Dei premises. In addition to offering dignified temporary accommodation for homeless families, since its doors opened the new service has sourced over 80 families with more permanent accommodation suitable to their needs. This is a great example of how your support helps *Crosscare* achieve real results for vulnerable adults, children and families.

Your continued generosity enables *Crosscare* develop new ways of working with vulnerable adults and provide support services across our parishes that will help build a better future for all.

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and vulnerable adults in *Crosscare*, I would like to thank you for your generous support over the years. I know that all who work at *Crosscare* take their work and responsibility very seriously and I urge you to support them once again in this appeal.

Yours sincerely

+ Diarmuid Martin,
Archbishop of Dublin.