



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7 October 2018



### The Rosary, My Riverdance Moment

By the '90's Ireland winning the Eurovision Song Contest had become almost normal, and the competition itself was getting rather tired. Gone were the days when one stared at a black and white screen, amazed by the mere fact of Eurosat broadcasts live from "the continent". Back in the day, we listened to all kinds of everything for an hour or more and there then followed disembodied voices on bad telephone connections from the capitals of Europe announcing, in French, that Norway had gotten "null pointes" again. The intermission was more, time to put the kettle on than to be enjoyed for its own sake. It was usually a montage of song, dance and visuals of the host country; earnest, safe and utterly forgettable. But when Michael Flatley came onto that stage with hands akimbo! And then his dancers produced that extraordinary rhythmic impact, "this was Irish Dancing, Jim, but not as we know it", we were blown away. You can never forget a moment like that can you?

My reconnecting to the Rosary, was less dramatic. They were a series of random moments, some deeply affecting, others rather prosaic, and others still, very challenging. Sitting before the well in Nazareth, listening to the sounds of water and knowing that Mary herself heard those same sounds, as did her Son Jesus. In a moment of personal difficulty, feeling that Mary wished just to hold me tight and tell me that things were ok. Learning to pray and jog at the same time, a multitasking exercise that women seem to do naturally, but men have to learn. Hearing a Chinese family share their fidelity to the family rosary, whispered with the lights out, lest a neighbour hear and report them for their lunacy. Being told that Karl Rahner, a theological giant of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, prayed the rosary every day. No single Riverdance moment, but together they almost cajoled me to a sense that the Rosary is more than the old-fashioned prayer for the pious, forgotten, except at a funeral, when it's tagged on because it is expected, rather than because it's loved. When the tiny voice within keeps asking for the Rosary over and over, you cannot deny it can you?

I'm not the Rosary's answer to Michael Flatley, but I am convinced that there are others, many even, who can be persuaded to look again at a traditional devotion, if only those who have a devotion, newly reconverted or old faithful alike would dare to speak. I hope that my willingness to say the Rosary and to speak of how that devotion helps me, might be someone else's own private Riverdance moment. You'd have to hope that it would, now wouldn't you?

Our Lady Queen of the Rosary, Pray for Us.

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

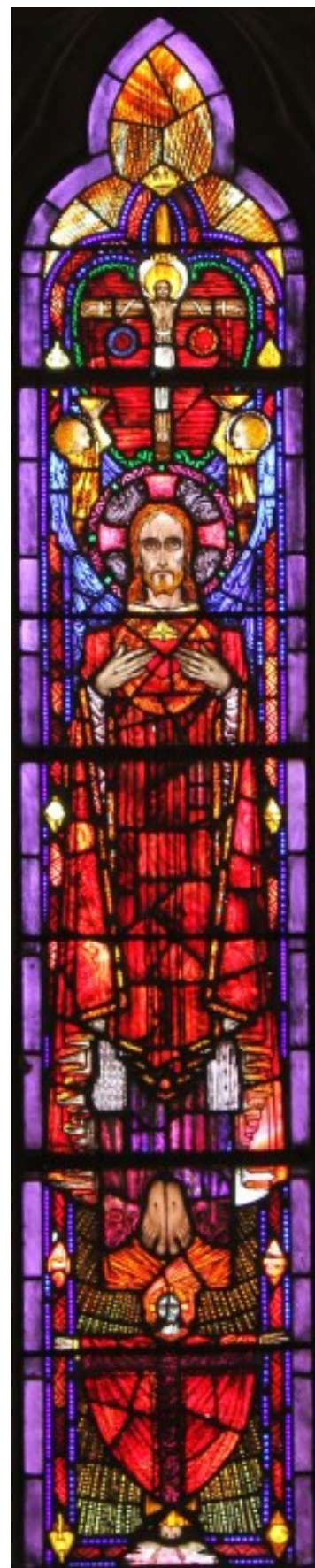
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

#### 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.

## 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.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Our next monthly Sacrament of the Sick will take place on Saturday, 20 October at the 10.30am Mass. We especially encourage those of you who are ill to join with us if you can.

## 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

## Remembering our Dead

November has traditionally been a time to remember loved ones who have died, particularly in the past 12 months. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for please take one of the lists and envelopes at each of the Church doors. Mass will be offered daily during the month of November and December (up to Christmas) for all our deceased loved ones. Please drop your envelope back to the Parish Office or Sacristy.

## Walking the Rosary

During the month of October we invite you to pray the Rosary.

You can do this as part of a group at 12.00pm daily Monday to Saturday

**Monday:** in the Sacristy due to Church cleaning (entrance via parish office)

**Tuesday to Saturday:** on the **Rosary Walk** (around the Apse Chapels, at the back of the main Altar).

If however, you would like to Pray the Rosary individually, you can do so during Church opening times as follows:

**Monday - 9.00am to 11.00am**

**Tuesday to Friday - 9.00am to 4.00pm**

**Saturday - 9.00am to 7.30pm**

**Sunday - 7.30am to 5.00pm**

## VLM

The Vincentian Lay Missionaries, based here at St Peter's, have organised...

**'Miles for Mission': Run, jog or walk 5km for Charity**

Join us on Saturday, 20 October in Dublin's Phoenix Park to run, walk or jog 'Miles for Mission'! This year's chosen project is Atse Primary School, a Daughters of Charity School, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The event is being co-hosted by World Missions Ireland, [www.wmi.ie](http://www.wmi.ie), Pope Francis' official charity for overseas mission.

Children at Atse Primary School are from some of the most challenging neighbourhoods in this crowded capital city. The mission of Atse School is to provide free, high quality education to its students and prepare them for further study and success in life.

Your generosity to this event will go towards the children of Atse Primary School and will support WMI and VLM in serving those in need in our world today.

This 5km fun run will begin at 11.00am at the Papal Cross. Runners, joggers and walkers of all abilities are welcome.

Registration: Adults: €25.00, Students & Unwaged: €15.00.

## Remembrance Mass

The 19th/36th Scout Group (commonly known as the **'Panama Unit'**) was established in Phibsborough in 1929. They will hold their Annual Remembrance Mass for all deceased members, here in St Peter's on Sunday, 4 November at 11.30am. All members, past and present, are invited to join with us on that day to remember our colleagues who have gone before us.



## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Michael Burke (Great Western Square), Mary Murphy (Shandon Park) and David Cassidy (Charleville Road). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



## The Rosary of Our Lady

You can watch 'The Rosary of Our Lady' on EWTN Catholic TV on Sunday, 7 October (4pm); Thursday, 11 October (9am); Friday, 12 October (3pm) and Saturday, 13 October (9pm). EWTN Catholic TV is available on: Sky 588, Virgin Media 815, Eircom eFibre 589 or watch online at: [www.ewtn.ie](http://www.ewtn.ie).

## Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Reading Scripture at Mass on Saturday, 13 October from 10.00am - 1.00pm in Gardiner Street Parish. The morning begins with solid input from our speaker Angela Harding from 10.00am – 1.00pm followed by coffee and then a chance to deepen a question or a text in small groups and finally discuss our findings in the big group before a simple soup & sandwiches lunch for those who wish it.

### What to expect:

- ◆ Bring fresh life to your reading at Mass and to your listeners.
- ◆ Practice simple warm-ups and exercises.
- ◆ Explore the meaning and feelings behind the text.
- ◆ Find your own interpretation of the text and project it with confidence.
- ◆ Discover confidence in speaking and response to imagery.
- ◆ Be true to the instinct of the moment, feel something in the language and make the word active.

Angela Harding will use the techniques developed by Cicely Berry (Royal Shakespeare Company) to help readers bring the word alive. A voluntary contribution is requested. Further information at: 836 3411 or go to: [www.gardinerstparish.ie](http://www.gardinerstparish.ie).

## An Evening of Prayer, Music & Reflection

Join us on Monday, 15 October at 8.00pm in the Monastery of St Alphonsus for an evening of prayer, music and reflection which will explore the call to holiness of Pope Francis - *Rejoice and be Glad*. The Prayer Service will be prepared by the part-time Chaplaincy students of DCU with music by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group or view on [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com).

## Volunteer Recruitment Fair 2018

Join us for the biggest volunteer recruitment event in Dublin on Tuesday, 16 October between 6.30pm - 8.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. This FREE event will host over 30 Dublin city-based charities where information will be provided about what they do and how you can get involved. For more information please contact Dublin City Volunteer Centre at 473 7482 or visit: [www.volunteerdublincity.ie](http://www.volunteerdublincity.ie).

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Our Lady of the Rosary is not celebrated this year*

Readings

Gn 2:18-24.

Ps 127.

Heb 2:9-11.

Mk 10:2-16.

## Monday

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Exploring Catechism 7.30pm

## Tuesday

*Bl. John Henry Newman, priest*

*Ss Denis, bishop, & Companions, martyrs*

*St John Leonardi, priest*

## Wednesday

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

## Thursday

*St John XXIII, pope*

*St Canice, abbot*

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Callistus I, pope & martyr is not celebrated this year*

Readings

Wis 7:7-11.

Ps 89:12-17.

Heb 4:12-13.

Mk 10:17-30.

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## Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (30 Sept) = €1,059.56

Crosscare (30 Sept) = € 240.67

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.

# Hymns in October

## *The Month of the Rosary*

# St Peter's Church

## Phibsborough

### 1. Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy One is here; Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, We stand on holy ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around; He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, To minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
In faith receive from Him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

### 2. All are welcome

Let us build a house, where love can dwell  
And all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
And words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground,  
Where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
Is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

### 3. How Great thou art

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the works thy hand has made.  
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder.  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee.  
How great thou art, how great thou art.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy will fill my heart.  
Then shall I sing in wondrous adoration  
and there proclaim, my God how great thou art.

**4. Hail Queen of Heaven** the ocean star,  
Guide of the wanderer here below,  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.  
O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee;  
Remind thy Son that He has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.