Hymns in October

The Month of the Rosary

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.

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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.



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The Feet that bring Good News

It happened in the rather anodyne surroundings of the inter-religious prayer space in Amsterdam Airport, where I was saying Mass on my way to becoming a Missionary in China. Excited does not do justice to the feelings running through me as I waited to begin the mission that had been calling me since I entered religious life. The bland lets-not-offend-anybody design of the "chapel" could not distract from the intensity of the prayers said to God at that moment, a heady mixture of gratitude and requests for blessing of the exotic journey about to be undertaken. At the end of Mass there was what could only be described as a "moment", (religious experience would be altogether too grand) when I felt the presence of God in a deeper way. It was, as these things are in my experience at least, fleeting, but I was left with the comforting sense that God was whispering to me as I left for "the Missions", that while he was not promising me success, he was assuring me that he would always be with me. It was an enormously consoling moment, and it sustained me for a demanding lifetime of Mission in China.

The mission itself was nothing like I imagined. There were no friendly natives waiting patiently for the foreign priest to tell them of his religion and receive baptism. Now, I must hasten to add, that intellectually I wasn't expecting there to be such people, but emotionally I was operating from the stories of Irish Priests and Sisters on the Missions from the golden era of Irish Mission in the late 50's and early 60's. "The Far East" had shaped my views from an early age and while seminary had taught more nuanced ideas, my heart was still enchanted by the tales of daring-do read from the Missionary magazines by my enthusiastic grandmother. When reality hit, the painful disengaging of these naive benchmarks of mission from another era almost caused me to go home for disappointment, but somewhere in the back of my mind, there reminded that quite remembered whisper from Amsterdam Airport, "I will always be with you".

It was the assurance of that airport moment with ultimately saved me. Stripped layer by layer of securities that gave me self esteem, I was forced to trust in God in ways that would have remained only notional at home. Instead of daring do adventures I was forced to learn, often painfully, that the feet of the missionary leaves only shallow footprints at best. But if s/he can, in the midst of the external challenges, remain faithful to their own version of that whispered assurance of His presence with you along the way, the footprints that HE leaves while walking beside you will last FOREVER.

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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This Week in More Detail

Miraculous Medal Novena

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

On Monday at 7.00pm, followed by meditation on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary by Fr Eamon Flanagan CM.

Legion of Mary

Our Lady, Queen of All Nations takes place Mondays from 7.00pm in the Frank Duff Room (via Parish Office).

Exploring Catechism

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

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 23 October in the Frank Duff Room at 7.30pm (via Parish Office). The topic for discussion is 'Praying the Rosary'. All are welcome.

Legion of Mary

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

takes place Wednesdays from 7.00pm in the Frank Duff Room (via Parish Office).

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.

First Holy Communion

Today we begin the journey towards First Holy Communion with the children from

St Peter's National School





Sunday, 21 October Communion Enrolment Mass - 11.30am

Please keep them, their families and their teachers in your prayers.

St Patrick's Missionary Society

It is a great privilege to welcome to our parish this weekend St Patrick's Missionary Society, often known as the Kiltegan Fathers. St Patrick's Missionary Society was founded on St Patrick's Day 1932 and for more than eighty years has continued the work of spreading the Gospel, following the words of Jesus: Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations.

It is a particular joy to welcome them on World Mission Sunday. For many generations of Irish people through their magazine Africa they opened our eyes to the wider world and reminded us of our obligation to think beyond our homeland. Brazil, Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, Malawi, Zambia, Grenada, Zimbabwe, Republic of South Sudan, Cameroon, are among their current missionary locations.

World Mission Sunday Collection

Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection this weekend, the Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. This will replace the usual Share collection.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Sr Clare Murphy (sister of Maura Murphy) and Kieran Horan (Great Western Square). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

Amen.

Events coming up in November

National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal: St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Monday, 5 November: When a child dies

Wednesday, 14 November at 7.00pm: China Vatican Breakthrough: False Dawn or

New Beginnings, a Talk by Fr Joseph Loftus CM Monday, 19 November: When one chooses death

Triduum of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Monday 26, Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 November: Mass and Novena each

Christmas Extravaganza & Afternoon Tea

Sunday, 18 November 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Caring & Sharing Association Supporting People with Disabilities

The CASA Charity Shop facing the NCR entrance to the Church, are holding their Annual Christmas Extravaganza.

Tickets €5.00, include a nice glass of wine and afternoon tea. There will also be a raffle with some very interesting prizes.

Everyone welcome.

Monday, 12 November: When death does us part

Thursday

Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy, bishop

St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

This Week at a Glance

World Mission Sunday

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22,

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

St John of Capistrano, priest

Exploring Catechism 7.30pm

Patrician Meeting 7.30pm

Readings

Is 53:10-11.

Heb 4:14-16.

Mk 10:35-45.

St John Paul II, pope

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Saturday

St Otteran, monk

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles are not celebrated this year

Readings

Jer 31:7-9.

Ps 125, R/ v 3.

Heb 5:1-6.

Mk 10:46-52.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (14 Oct) **=** €1.023.58

Share (14 Oct) **=** € 370.24 SVP (14 Oct) = € 604.19

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of Phibsboro' Aid. 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.

Phibsboro' Aid

Annual Collection

To maintain the work of Phibsboro' Aid we appeal for your support for our annual collection this weekend (20th/21st October) and we thank you for your continued generosity.

New Members

Phibsboro' Aid, founded in 1972 provides sheltered accommodation for the senior citizens of Phibsborough and its environs. It is a wholly voluntary organisation. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact a committee member via the Parish Office at 838 9708 or email us and we will pass it on to them: info@stpetersphibsboro.ie.

