

Hymns in Advent

1 O COME O COME EMMANUEL

To free your captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice Rejoice O Israel
To you shall come Emmanuel

O royal branch of Jesse's tree
Redeem us all from tyranny
From pain of hell your people free
And over death win victory

O come great daystar radiance bright
and heal us with your glorious light
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O Come O come great Lord of might
Who once appeared on Sinai's height
And gave your faithful people law
In all the splendour we adore.

2 O COMFORT MY PEOPLE

And calm all their fear
And tell them the time of salvation is near
O tell them I come to remove all their shame
Then they will forever give praise to my name

Proclaim to the cities
Of Judah my word
That gentle yet strong
Is the hand of the Lord
I rescue the captives
My people defend
And bring them to justice
And joy without end

All mountains and hills
Shall become as a plain
For vanished are mourning
And hunger and pain
And never again shall
These war against you
Behold I come quickly

St Peter's Church Phibsborough

3 WAIT FOR THE LORD, HIS DAY IS NEAR,

Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart
Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make a straight path for him
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed
Joy and gladness to all who seek the Lord

4 GOD FILLS ME WITH JOY ALLELUIA

His Holy presence is my robe
Alleluia

My soul now glorifies
The Lord who is my Saviour
Rejoice for who am I
That God has shown me favour

The world shall call me blest
And ponder on my story
In me is manifest
God's greatness and His glory

For those who are His friends
And keep His laws as Holy
His mercy never ends
And He exalts the lowly

He feeds the starving poor
He guards his holy nation
Fulfilling what he swore
Long since in revelation



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Advent
2 December 2017

1st Sunday OF ADVENT

Advent - God wants to be with us!

Advent is about letting God come to us. We do the letting and God does the coming. And, the wonderful mystery of our faith is that God is not reluctant to come into an unusual relationship (like Mary and Joseph's) or to be born in the poverty of a makeshift stable.

In the weeks of Advent ahead the readings will open up a whole series of promises, full of powerful images, they will keep reminding us that our God will come to save us. They free our imaginations to see and experience that coming with drama and joy – a banquet with “choice wines and rich, juicy food.” They invite us to imagine when “a time will come for singing.” They give us the opportunity to hope beyond our wildest hopes in the past – “the lion will lie down with the lamb” and “they will prepare for war no more.” They open our hearts to imagine the love of our God embracing us in the coming of one like us, who knows our life and its struggles and offers us the hope of the Spirit's presence with us every day, in every moment.

We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, “Come, Lord, Jesus.” We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, “Come into my life. I trust you don't mind if it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give. Come and heal us, and give us joy again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now.”

And, before a single decoration goes up, we have prepared for Christmas' message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent's gift. **God wants to be with us.** Advent is letting God's will be done in our hearts and in our everyday lives.

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 - Saturday

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

Evening Mass 7.00pm

Miraculous Medal Novena 7.30pm

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 from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in St Peter's Club.

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.

Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes place on Saturday, 8 December. Mass is at 10.30am only.

VLM Christmas Raffle

A Raffle to support the work of the Vincentian Lay Missionaries in Africa will be held on Thursday, 13 December at St Vincent's Castleknock College. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office, priced €2 each. Prizes are as follows:

1st JVC 48" Smart LED TV 2nd Apple 9.7" iPad
3rd HP Wireless Printer 4th & 5th His & Hers Ted Baker Watches

VLM is a registered charity based at St Peter's, Phibsborough. For more information please visit: www.vlm.ie

Upcoming Advent Details

Lectio Divina takes place:

Most Precious Blood, Thursdays of Advent at 10.40am in the 'Credo' Christ the King, Wednesday's of Advent at 10.30am in the front meeting space

Visio Divina takes place:

St Peters, Tuesdays of Advent at 11.00am and 7.00pm

Christmas Party

Phibsborough Active Retired will hold their Christmas Party in the Marine Hotel, Sutton on Tuesday, 4 December. There are still some tickets available. Cost: €40 (includes Transport, Dinner and Live Entertainment). To book a place, contact the parish office.

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 11 December in the Frank Duff Room at 7.30pm (entrance via Parish Office). The topic for discussion is 'The Incarnation'. All are welcome.

'Bambinelli' Sunday

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. **This year we will celebrate 'Bambinelli' Sunday at our 11.30am Mass on 16 December.** All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass that morning to be blessed. Families can even make their own 'Bambinelli' if they want. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

SVP Food Appeal

This year we repeat our annual Food Appeal. SVP staff are trying to keep up with the demand from food banks as Christmas approaches – particularly for families in need. Types of food urgently needed include pasta/rice, fruit juice, tea/coffee, soup, sugar, powdered milk, tinned meat/fish, tinned veg/fruit, packaged desserts, biscuits. Please bring your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses next weekend, 8/9 December.



In Loving Memory

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

Christmas Cards

Christmas Mass Bouquets €7.00 and Novena Cards €5.00 are now available from the Parish Office and the Repository.

Christmas Dues

Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the Church doors. Please return them to the Parish Office.

Weekly Envelope Boxes

The weekly boxes of envelopes are available from the Parish Office. They commence from today, the First Sunday in Advent, 2 December 2018.

Sunday
2 December
12.30pm - 4.00pm

Christmas Fayre
Phibsborough

Santa
Carol Singers
Mulled Wine
Festive Food & Drink
Raffle

3 Mins From LUAS
Phibsborough

ST PETER'S CHURCH GROUNDS
Cabra Road Entrance

FREE ADMISSION
Proceeds in aid of the Society of St Vincent DePaul

1st Sunday of Advent

Readings

Jer 33:14-16.

Ps 24:4-5, 8-10, 14.

Thess 3:12-42.

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36.

Monday

St Francis Xavier, priest

Mass with Novena Prayers 7.00pm

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

A Word on the Word 7.30pm

Tuesday

St John Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church

Wednesday

Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday

St Nicholas, bishop

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday

St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church

Saturday

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass 10.30am only

2nd Sunday of Advent

St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin is not celebrated this year

Readings

Bar 5:1-9.

Ps 125.

Phil 1:3-6, 8-11.

Lk 3:1-6.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (25 Nov) = €1,211.57

Roomkeepers (25 Nov) = € 571.01

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of essential Church repairs. Next week's will be the Annual Christmas collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul.