

Hymns in November

1. Be not afraid

You shall cross the barren desert
but you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way
You shall speak my Word to foreign people,
they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Be not afraid,
I go before you always
Come follow me
And I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea you shall nor drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all

2. Christ be beside me

Christ be before me Christ be behind me, King of my heart,
Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me,
never to part

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me,
Shield in the strife, Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life

3. Nearer my God to thee

Nearer to thee, E'en though it be a cross
That saveth me, Still all my soul shall be
Nearer my God to thee
Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to thee

Deep in thy sacred heart, Let me abide
Thou who hast come for me, Suffered and died, Sweet shall my weeping be
Grief surely leading me
Nearer my God to thee, Nearer to thee

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4. Christ be our light

Longing for light
we wait in darkness,
longing for truth we turn to you.
Make us your own your holy people.
Light for the world to see.

Christ be our light, shine in our hearts
shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light. Shine in your Church
gathered today

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope many despair. Your Word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice

5. I am the bread of life

You who come to me shall not hunger.
You who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckon

And I will raise you up
and I will raise you up
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever,
you shall live forever

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of man
and drink of His blood
and drink of His blood
you shall not have life within you.



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 November 2018

The Shema, the Essence of Prayer

Embodied in the Shema is one of the most profound and mystical concepts known to man: the Oneness of God. And the Shema is a testimony to G-d's oneness. If you look at the words of Shema in a prayer book or in the verses referring to it in the Bible, you can see that the last letter "Ayin" of the first word and the last letter of the last word "Daled", are slightly enlarged, spelling out the Hebrew word for witness. And that's what saying this prayer does—it bears witness to the principle, upon which our whole religion is based, that we know G-d is the one and only G-d, and we have a duty to lead pure lives in order to serve that principle. The first verse of the Shema demands more concentration than the rest of the prayer. It is customary to close and cover your eyes with the palm of your hand while reciting it, to eliminate every distraction and help you concentrate on the meaning of the words. The other time in Jewish tradition that one's eyes are specifically closed is upon death. The rabbis have discussed that just as at the end of days we will come to understand how even the "bad" was actually for the "good," so too while saying the Shema we strive for that level of belief and understanding. We are meant to come to the realization that everything that happens to us—good or bad—came from the One, the only G-d.

The first paragraph of the Shema continues: "And you shall love the Lord your G-d, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your resources." It's hard to be commanded to love. The rabbis suggest, though, that all we really have to do is contemplate G-d's wondrous creations and we will be filled with love for Him. The hardest part to understand, though, is what it means to love G-d with all our soul. The story is told of Rabbi Akiva, the great Talmudic scholar, who continued teaching his disciples the Torah, even though the Romans had forbidden it. When he was caught, he was sentenced to a painful death. The Romans took a large iron comb and began to scrape off his flesh. Rabbi Akiva, in a voice full of faith and love, started saying the words of the Shema. His students stood by, in helpless horror, and he explained to them, "All my life I was never able to fulfill the commandment to 'love G-d with all you soul'. Until now." As he finished the words of the prayer, his soul left him and he died.

*Out of respect for the author's tradition the full spelling of the word is not used
(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) and 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

Holy Days of Obligation



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This Week in More Detail

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.

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.

China Vatican Breakthrough: False Dawn or New Beginnings
Wednesday, 14 November at 7.00pm
Media coverage tends too easily to tell the Chinese Catholic story within a terribly limited good guy/bad guy narrative. Fr Joseph Loftus CM, recently returned from working in China after 20 years, will present an impression of the Chinese Church and situate the recent development in Sino Vatican relations within the wider context of the Church in Chinese Society.

In Loving Memory
Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Arthur O’Connell (Quarry Road) and Fr James Sheil CM. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

I write concerning a further National Collection to help defray the costs of the recent World Meeting of Families and the visit of Pope Francis. The collection will take place in all churches in Ireland over the weekend of 10/11 November. In the Archdiocese of Dublin, this will replace the normal second collection for Share.
The overall cost to the Church in Ireland for hosting the World Meeting comes to €19.4m. To date €15.4m has been raised by way of local church collections and by other donations. This leaves us with a deficit of €4m.
Pope Francis presided over wonderful events in Dublin and in Knock. We have much to be grateful for to the Holy Father. In Dublin, the main events were the Festival of Families in Croke Park and the Final Mass in Phoenix Park. In addition to the huge crowds who attended these events, over one million people watched them on TV while so many gathered along the streets of Dublin to greet Pope Francis.
While I am acutely conscious of the many financial demands facing families and parishes at this time, all support offered would be greatly appreciated.
Yours very sincerely in the Lord.
+ Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin

- List of War Dead 1918 ***
- Mathew Allen 21
 - John Arnold 20
 - Leo Francis Banville 32
 - Alfred Barnwell
 - James Caffrey
 - Phillip Markey Cassidy 20
 - Patrick Coady 30
 - James Collins 19
 - Thomas Curran
 - Herbert Standish Dawber 22
 - Edward Duane 29
 - Stephen C. Duane 26
 - Patrick Harling 27
 - William Joseph Hogan 29
 - Arthur Keating 31
 - Martin Keating 30
 - Mark Kelly 24
 - Patrick Leydon 34
 - Joseph Loftus 17
 - Patrick Moore
 - James Murphy 36
 - Edward O’Brien
 - William O’Connor 27
 - Donald O’Sullivan 26
 - John Roe 24
 - William John Rooney 19
 - William Harvey John Sugg 23
 - Michael Swan
- *To add a name, drop it in to the Parish Office or email it to: info@stpetersphibsboro.ie. Closing date is Thursday, 8 November.

The Vincentian Community and St Peter’s Parish

invite you, your family and friends to join with us for our

Annual Mass of Remembrance

when we call to mind our loved ones who have died during the past year and those who died in World War I

Sunday, 11th November at 11.30am

African Mass
The African Mass that takes place on the first Sunday of each month in St Peter’s will not be held today (Sunday, 4 November) as the **African Chaplaincy Youth Convention 2018** is taking place in Balbriggan on the same day. It will resume on the first Sunday in December.

Praying for the Dead in November

Sunday, 4th
19th/36th Scout Group Remembrance Mass 11.30am

Monday, 5th
Novena 7.30pm - Mourning the loss of a child

Sunday, 11th
World War I - Remembrance Service 10.45am (All Saints Church, Phibsborough Road)
St Peter’s Remembrance Mass 11.30am

Monday, 12th
Novena 7.30pm - Mourning the loss of a life partner
Wednesday, 14 November at 7.00pm

Monday, 19th
Novena 7.30pm - Mourning one dead by their own hand

This Week at a Glance

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Charles Borromeo, bishop is not celebrated this year
Readings
Deut 6:2-6.
Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51, R/ v 2.
Heb 7:23-28.
Mk 12:28-34.

Monday
St Martin de Porres, religious
Legion of Mary 7.00pm
Mass with Thanksgiving 7.00pm
Novena with Reflection 7.30pm
Exploring Catechism 7.30pm

Tuesday
All the Saints of Ireland
Bl. Fortunato Velasco Tobar, Vicente Queralt Lloret, José Fernández Sánchez, priest, Melchora Adoración Cortés Bueno, Josefa Martínez Pérez, virg. & Companions, martyrs

Wednesday
St Willibrord, bishop & missionary
Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday
Prayer for Vocations after morning Mass

Friday
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday
St Leo the Great, pope & doctor of the Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Martin of Tours, bishop is not celebrated this year

Readings
1 Kg 17:10-16.
Ps 145:7-10, R/ v 2.
Heb 9:24-28.
Mk 12:38-44.

Weekly Collections
Recent collections amounted to:
Church (28 Oct) = €991.90
Share (28 Oct) = €391.10
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 in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.