

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 November 2018

An Inconvenient Grief

Mark Kelly was a draper's porter in 1911, single and living at home, by 1918 he was a married man with a daughter, but he died that October, just weeks before the end of the War. Joseph Loftus was an agricultural labourer in 1911, the middle child of a family of 7, by 1915, within a month of landing in Gallipoli, he was dead, and now lies in an unmarked grave, his only memorial a line on the Hellispoint Memorial. William Ennis was a butcher's messenger boy in 1911, living in Prussia Street, by 1915, he was dead, his name recorded on the Ploegstreet Memorial, panel 9. Three of the 30, directly, or through a relative, connected with Phibsborough and a fraction of approximately 50,000 Irishmen who died in the Great War.

Alongside them are those who died and those who returned, maimed in body or in spirit, to rebuild their lives in the new and desperately poor Ireland. Gay Byrne, for one, says his abiding memory of growing up on Rialto Street was his father, a survivor of Ypres, waking, screaming, in the middle of the night – terror that his son believes was caused by the trauma of the war. Many Irish Families continued to live the Great War long after the guns became silent on Armistice Day 1918.

These stories of those effected by the War, casualties, survivors and their families were lost from our collective memory, public mourning for those who fought in the oppressor's army was an embarrassment, and even, to some, an insult. 100 years later, in this anniversary year at least, it is right to restore these men and their families to our public consciousness, thankful that to do so is no longer to express an inconvenient grief. The world order has totally been remade, Ireland is no longer defined by liberation from an Empire that no longer exists, and remembering those slaughtered in a dreadful war cannot detract from our identity as a proud and independent nation, or the particular honour we bestow to those who died creating it. In the public recalling of relatives killed in the Great War, we are simply remembering the individuals themselves, praying for their souls and asking God to spare us for ever a repeat of the dreadful carnage that took their lives. We are remembering those left widowed or orphaned or those who relived the trenches in a father's trauma. At this remove, they too, most now themselves dead, deserve to be remembered as part of our commemoration of the terrible tragedy of the War to end Wars.

*May their Souls, and the Souls of all the Faithful departed dead in War
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

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) 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
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.

Sacrament of the Sick
Our next monthly Sacrament of the Sick will take place on Saturday, 17 November at the 10.30am Mass. We encourage those of you who are ill to join with us if you can.

Fr James Sheil CM RIP
Fr Jimmy's body will be repatriated to Dublin on Thursday, 15 November. His funeral Mass will take place in St Peter's on Friday, 16 November at 10.30am.

Remembrance Mass
Our Annual Remembrance Mass will take place today (Sunday) at 11.30am. This year, the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War II, we remember all those who died as a result of the War, in particular men from the Phibsborough area.

Praying for the Dead in November
Monday, 12th
Novena 7.30pm - Mourning the loss of a life partner
Monday, 19th
Novena 7.30pm - Mourning one dead by their own hand

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.

Radiolink
Great News!!! Our Parish Radiolink is up and running again, so please tune in.

VLM Church Gate Collection
Next week (17/18) is the annual collection for the Vincentian Lay Missionaries for the continuous works for the poorest of the poor in Ethiopia. VLM Volunteers who have worked in Ethiopia with the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Fathers will speak at Masses. For more information on VLM or how you can volunteer with them or donate to them please visit: www.vlm.ie.

Sacramental Preparation

We continue the journey of Sacramental Preparation towards First Holy Communion with the children from St Peter's National School



First Holy Communion

Sunday, 18 November
Mass - 11.30am

We ask you to keep them, their families and their teachers in your prayers.
We wish them every blessing during this special time.

In Loving Memory
Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Monsignor Vincent Bartley (brother of Gerry, uncle of Fr Kevin, originally from Great Western Square). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Special Collection
The fifth National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018 takes place this weekend Saturday/Sunday 10/11 November.



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Sunday
2 December
12.30pm - 4.00pm

ST PETER'S CHURCH GROUNDS
Cabra Road Entrance

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

3 Mins From LUAS
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This Week at a Glance
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.

Monday
St Josaphat, bishop & martyr
Legion of Mary 7.00pm
Mass with Thanksgiving 7.00pm
Novena with Reflection 7.30pm
Exploring Catechism 7.30pm

Wednesday
St Laurence O'Toole, bishop
Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday
St Albert the Great, bishop & doctor of the Church
Prayer for Vocations after morning Mass

Friday
St Margaret of Scotland
St Gertrude, virgin

Saturday
St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Sacrament of the Sick 10.30am

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul is not celebrated this year
Readings
Dan 12:1-13.
Ps 15:5, 8-11, R/ v 1.
Heb 10:11-14, 18.
Mk 13:24-32.

Weekly Collections
Recent collections amounted to:

All Saints (1 Nov)	= € 61.55
Church (4 Nov)	= €1,079.47
Share (4 Nov)	= € 439.29
Repairs (4 Nov)	= € 719.10

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections
This week's is in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Next week's will be in aid of the Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM). See page 2 for details.