

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 not 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
25 November 2018

The Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

It would be easy to be of the opinion that devotion to Our Lady under this title is, at best, an expression of faith that is as irrelevant as gas lights and the horse drawn tram. The prayers themselves have a Victorian, florid quality and for an Irish devotee, their emphasis on virginal purity, conjures up repressed sexuality in an age when we have decided that the opposite is preferable and without it our own set of complications. Finally St Catherine herself seems an unlikely role model for modern women of faith in an age which no longer channels such women towards either choice of religious life or the domestic hearth.

There is however a nagging doubt, a sense that there is more hidden in the respectable piety of the remaining "Medelers" than meets the eye. Two advocates come to mind, people of calibre and heroic virtue who promoted the devotion: Maximilian Kolbe and Catherine Labouré. Neither were likely to carry smelling salts against an attack of the vapours, and in their different ways, lived the Faith *to the full*, one of them even to the extraordinary extent of, in horrific circumstances, offering his life that another might live. If a devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal played *any* part in them growing into such a deep and mature faith as they had, then to dismiss it as passé is a lazy presumption.

There remains in the language a risk of promoting a model of the feminine that is out of touch with modern realities. In our society, the language of "virginal purity of mind and body" are off-putting to many. I certainly found it so when I, once again, began to recite the novena prayers with any regularity. I cannot say I have yet fully reconciled myself to the language, but, for now, have come to accept that, in a sexualised society, there remains a need to promote to both women and men a holistic concept of purity which *includes*, but more importantly, is *not confined* to sex; promoting a purity of mind and body, a *purity of intention*, if you will, in all aspects of a life lived in faith. I hope that in St Peter's in the three days of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, (26, 27 and 28 Nov) you will come and, hopefully, experience personally the passionate attachment to the Son of God which inspired Maximilian Kolbe and Catherine Labouré and become, like them, promoters of devotion to his His Mother - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Fr Joseph Loftus CM

(full version of article available at: www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/category/noticeboard/articles/)

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



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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.

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.



Lighting of our Christmas Tree
Please join us on Saturday, 1 December at 5.45pm, when Dublin's Lord Mayor, Nial Ring, will turn on our Christmas Tree Lights. This year, Dublin City Council have kindly donated a tree which will be placed in the Forecourt at the front of the Church.

Christmas Cards
Christmas Mass Bouquets and Novena Cards will be available from the Parish Office and the Repository from tomorrow (Monday, 26 November).

**TRIDUUM IN HONOUR OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE
MIRACULOUS MEDAL**



*Mass & Novena
Monday 26th November 7.00pm*

*Feast of the Miraculous Medal
Tuesday 27th November 7.00pm*

*Mass & Novena (Feast of St Catherine Labouré)
Wednesday 28th November 7.00pm*

St Peter's Church, Phibsborough. All are welcome

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 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.

Sick & Indigent Roomkeepers' Society
Their annual collection takes place this weekend (24/25 November) and replaces the usual Share collection.



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Christmas Fayre
Phibsborough

Sunday

2 December

12.30pm - 4.00pm

Santa

Carol Singers

Mulled Wine

Festive Food & Drink

Raffle

ST PETER'S CHURCH GROUNDS
Cabra Road Entrance

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

3 Mins From LUAS
Phibsborough

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr, St Clement I, pope & martyr & St Colman, bishop are not celebrated
Readings
Dan 7:13-14.
Ps 92:1-2, 5, R/ v 1.
Apoc 1:5-8.
Jn 18:33-37.

Monday
Legion of Mary 7.00pm
Triduum 7.00pm
Novena with Reflection 7.30pm
Exploring Catechism 7.30pm

Tuesday
St Fergal, bishop & missionary
Blessed Virgin Mary of the Miraculous Medal
Triduum 7.00pm

Wednesday
St Catherine Labouré, virgin
Triduum 7.00pm
Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday
Anniversary - Daughters of Charity Foundation
Prayer for Vocations after morning Mass

Friday
St Andrew, Apostle
First Sunday of Advent
Readings
Jer 33:14-16.
Ps 24:4-5, 8-10, 14, R/ v1.
1 Thess 3:12:42.
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36.

Weekly Collections
Recent collections amounted to:

Church (18 Nov)	= €1,086.72
Share (18 Nov)	= € 386.68
VLM (18 Nov)	= €1,165.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections
This week's is in aid of the **Ladies of Charity Christmas Collection**, their last collection of 2018. Founded by St Vincent de Paul they seek to help those in need in the local area. Their only source of funding is the Church Gate collection, every cent of which is greatly appreciated. Please give as generously as you can. Next week's is in aid of Church repairs.