

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

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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



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Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Advent  
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Make his paths straight

Preparing for the arrival of someone important takes care and attention. Think of a family preparing to welcome a loved one home from abroad, perhaps a son or daughter who lives in Australia or someone who has been off traveling the world. They get their bedroom ready, buy their favourite foods, perhaps put up banners or even organise a 'welcome home' party. It is all done with great excitement and love, and is a way of easing the path home for the traveller. Or imagine new parents preparing for the arrival of a baby. There are practical considerations such as buying nappies and clothing and getting a cot ready, and of course the nerves and excitement as they prepare to welcome the new arrival.

On a larger scale, when an important dignitary visits a venue or a country there is also a flurry of activity in preparation. We saw it in the painstaking arrangements made for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland earlier this year. Such high profile visits often involve a literal preparation of the way – organising a welcome reception, planning the best route from the airport, clearing the streets of traffic, as well as much chatter and anticipation.

Today's Gospel brings these two types of welcome to mind. During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by our actions, when we are generous with our time, patient with our families, and help those in need. And we do all these things with excitement and love, so that Christ will find the warmest of welcomes and a clear route into our hearts.

Triona Doherty

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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**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Our Miraculous Medal Novena takes place on Monday's at 7.30pm following evening Mass at 7.00pm

**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.

**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.

**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.



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# 'Bambinelli' Sunday

**11.30am**  
**Sunday, 16 December**

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.

Here at St Peter's we will celebrate 'Bambinelli' Sunday at our 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 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.

**Sacramental Preparation**

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




**Sunday, 16 December**  
**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.

**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 this 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.*

**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  
**'Seeing the Gospel' takes place:**  
St Peters, Tuesdays of Advent at 11.00am and 7.00pm

**Christmas Fayre**  
Thank you to the people of Phibsborough and the surrounding areas for supporting our Annual Christmas Fayre which took place last Sunday. A great day was had by all and even the weather stayed fine until the end. We would also like to thank all those who volunteered in various ways by preparing the venue or by manning the different stalls on the day. The amount raised was €2,135.74. Once again, we thank you all.

**Christmas Cards**  
Christmas Mass Bouquets €7.00, Novena Cards €5.00 and SVP Christmas Cards €6.00 and €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.

**A Book (or two) for Christmas**  
Books by Fr Eamon Flanagan CM are available from the Repository at reasonable discount prices. The books are mostly in poetry, some are in prose. 'Christ's Illumination Upon Every Heart' (€6), 'Living Stream of Catholicism' (€6), 'Church at the Heart of the World' (€5), 'Harmony of the Faith' (€4), earlier books in print €3 each.

**Carol Service**  
A Carol Service with the mixed voices of the St Peter's Choirs will take place in the Church on Friday, 21 December at 7.00pm. This promises to be a wonderful event.

**A Christmas Gift for the 9 - 5'ers**

**Monday 17 - Friday 21 Dec**  
**Mass at 7.30am**

*A moment of prayer before heading to work*



**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
*St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin is not celebrated this year*

**Monday**  
*Bl. Mark Anthony Durando, Vincentian priest*  
Mass 7.00pm  
Legion of Mary 7.00pm  
Novena 7.30pm  
Exploring Catechism 7.30pm

**Tuesday**  
*St Damasus I, pope*  
Seeing the Gospel 11.00am & 7.00pm  
Patrician Meeting 7.30pm

**Wednesday**  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
*St Finnian, bishop*  
Legion of Mary 7.00pm

**Thursday**  
*St Lucy, virgin & martyr*  
Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

**Friday**  
*St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church*

**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
*Gaudete Sunday / 'Bambinelli' Sunday*  
*Do this in memory*

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**Weekly Collections**  
Recent collections amounted to:

Church (2 Dec)	= €1,100.76
Share (2 Dec)	= € 421.95
Repairs (2 Dec)	= € 781.71

Thank you very much for your continued support.

**Special Collection**  
This week is the Diocesan Annual collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul. It replaces the usual Share Collection.

**Church Gate Collection**  
There are no more Church Gate Collections in 2018. The next one will be on Sunday, 6 January 2019 in aid of Church repairs.