

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



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Advent
9 December 2018

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

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

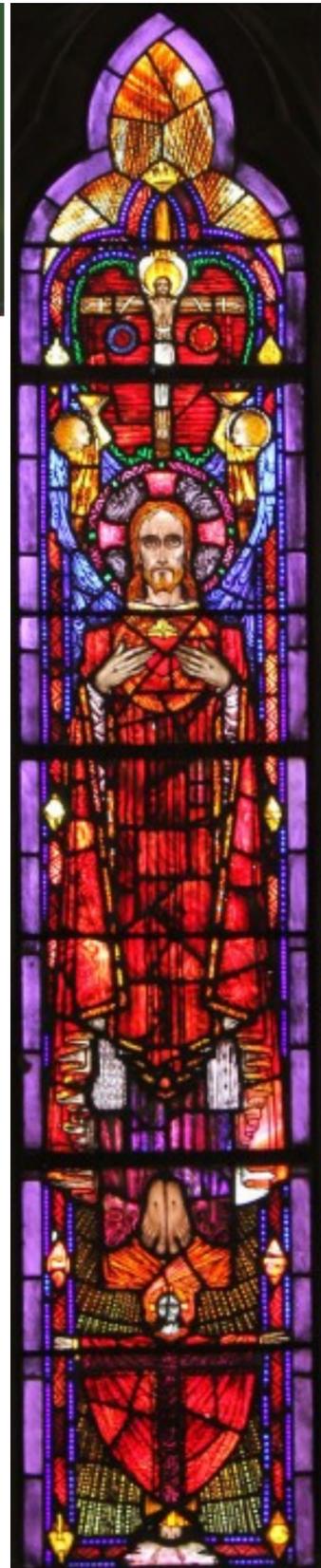
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)

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 Finian, 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

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.