

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

Third Sunday of Advent
16 December 2018

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“What must we do?”

We have a long historical habit in our house of pausing at the top of the stairs and taking a look out the landing window to see what's going on. Recently every time I look out the window in the evenings I see a gradual increase in the number of twinkling lights appearing up the road and across the road and I see the gradual increase of lit Christmas trees in the windows and the gradual increase of Santa's appearing in front porches, many of us are really well prepared for Christmas this year.

“What must I do?” I'm getting a little anxious now that I should have more of my decorations up, that I should be racing to the shop for last minute bargains to add to a surplus of Christmas decorations for the house already stored in the attic and the shed. But what I *have* done is to place my Nativity scene in the hall, with the baby Jesus hidden in the front room behind a Christmas card and the three Kings on the kitchen mantel piece making their way to the incarnation.

“What must I do?” This is the question asked of John the Baptist in the Gospel today not just from the gathered community around John but from Tax collectors and Soldiers too, John message was powerful and had spread far and wide. Share what you have; food and clothes. Be fair and equal to everyone, be content with what you have, don't intimidate and don't extort! Wise words from John the Baptist. Today we hear some of the message he had spread but at the end of the Gospel we are told that John said a lot more, the more was the Good News. The Good News today on this Gaudete Sunday is that God is close to us, God became one of us to let us know what God was like, the Good News of the great mystery of Christmas the great belief of the Incarnation: God with us – **Immanuel**.

What must we do? Remember the reason for the season. Amen

Kevin Mullally, Parish Pastoral Worker

(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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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).

AMM Meeting
Meeting of active AMM members in the Conference Room at 8.00pm on Monday, 17 December. Many thanks to all who attended the Retreat (24 Nov) and special thanks to those who helped with the catering. Thanks also to Fr Colm McAdam CM for guiding us in prayer and reflection.
Fr Eamon Flanagan CM
Guide, St Peter's Group

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

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.

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 Confessions for our Cluster
A Penitential Service will take place in the Church of the Most Precious Blood on Monday, 17 December at 7.30pm.

Nativity Play
The children from St Peter's National School will perform their annual Nativity Play on Wednesday, 19 December at 6.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome.

The Carol Service @ St Peter's
A Celebration in Word and Song of the Birth of Christ
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. Come one, come all.

A Christmas Gift for the 9 - 5'ers

Monday, 17 December
to
Friday, 21 December
(inclusive)

Mass at 7.30am

*A moment of prayer
before heading to work*



Christmas Confessions

Monday 17th December
Cluster Penitential Service 7.30pm
Church of the Most Precious Blood, Cabra West

Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st
11.00am - 12.00pm

Saturday 22nd December
11.00am - 1.00pm

Monday 24th December
11.00am - 1.00pm

Fall Prevention Classes
Classes are finished for Christmas but will return on Thursday, 10 January 2019.

Christmas Concert (in aid of the Rotunda Foundation)
The Offbeat Ensemble and St Peter's Choir will perform in concert at The Pillar Room of the Rotunda Hospital on Tuesday, 18 December at 8.00pm. Tickets available at the door (€5 adults / €3 children under 12).

Christmas Cards
Mass Bouquets, Novena Cards, SVP Cards and 2019 Church Art Calendars are all 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.



Christmas Flowers
Donations would be most appreciated to offset the cost of flowers for the Church this Christmas. These can be left into the Parish Office or Repository. Please don't donate flowers as these don't always complement arrangements or colour schemes. The team wish to thank all those who continue to support them.

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) and earlier books in print - €3 each. Any of these books would make a lovely gift for Christmas.

3rd Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday / 'Bambinelli' Sunday
11.30am Do This in Memory

Monday
7.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
7.00pm Mass
Legion of Mary
7.30pm Novena
Penitential Service (Cabra West)
8.00pm A.M.M.
Exploring Catechism resumes 14 Jan '19

Tuesday
St Flannan, bishop
7.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
11.00am Seeing the Gospel
7.00pm Seeing the Gospel

Wednesday
7.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
6.30pm Nativity Play
7.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday
St Fachanan, bishop
7.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
11.00am Prayer for Vocations

Friday
St Peter Canisius, priest & doctor of the Church
7.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
7.00pm Carol Service

4th Sunday of Advent
St John of Kanty, priest is not celebrated this year

Weekly Collections
Recent collections amounted to:

Church (8 Dec)	= € 295.68
Church (9 Dec)	= € 868.84
SVP (9 Dec)	= €4,737.50

Thank you very much for your continued support.

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