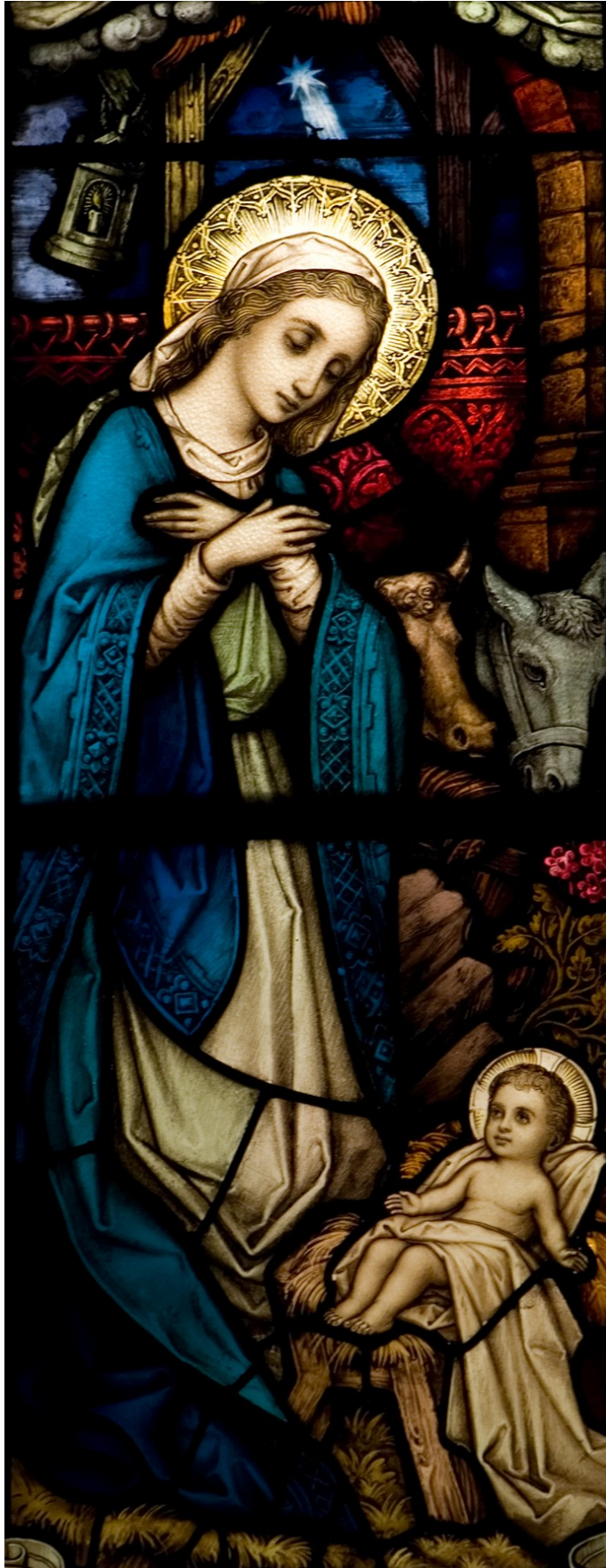




St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
23 DECEMBER 2018



The Christmas story is a study in contrasts, isn't it? There is darkness in the night, and yet the radiance of God's love is in the child. The winter is cold, but the baby brings the fire of God's love to earth. The baby is so small and helpless; and yet he is the Word, who in the beginning was God and was with God. The humble animals surround the child, but the angels of God sing his birth. The child is poor and lowly in origin, and yet all the power of God is his. The stable is lowly, but it is the king of kings who is born into it.

Why is the story like this? Why did the Messiah come as a baby? Why didn't he come as an adult? Why did the Word of God become incarnate as so poor and humble a person? Why wasn't he incarnate as the Emperor of Rome? For that matter, why was he born in winter? And at night? Why wasn't the Messiah born on a mild May morning?

The answer lies in us, I think. We ourselves are a study in contrasts. At times the darkness in our lives makes us a winter to ourselves. And yet there is a longing in each one of us that will not be still. We hunger for light and warmth, in others, in ourselves, in God. We long for love, yet at times we resist it. We can fear that for us the reality is only winter and night, and yet somehow in the deep heart's core we feel the love of God that calls us.

So think of it this way. Whose heart does not warm to a tiny baby? Who could feel threatened by a new born in a stable? Who could not fail to feel the tender love that is born in Bethlehem?

And that is why - in the dark of the night and in the winter of our hearts - the baby is born. The light shines in our darkness. We can let it in. May the light of the new born baby shine brightly in the family of St Peter's Parish this Christmas, as we entrust our past to his mercy, our present to his love and our future to his providence.

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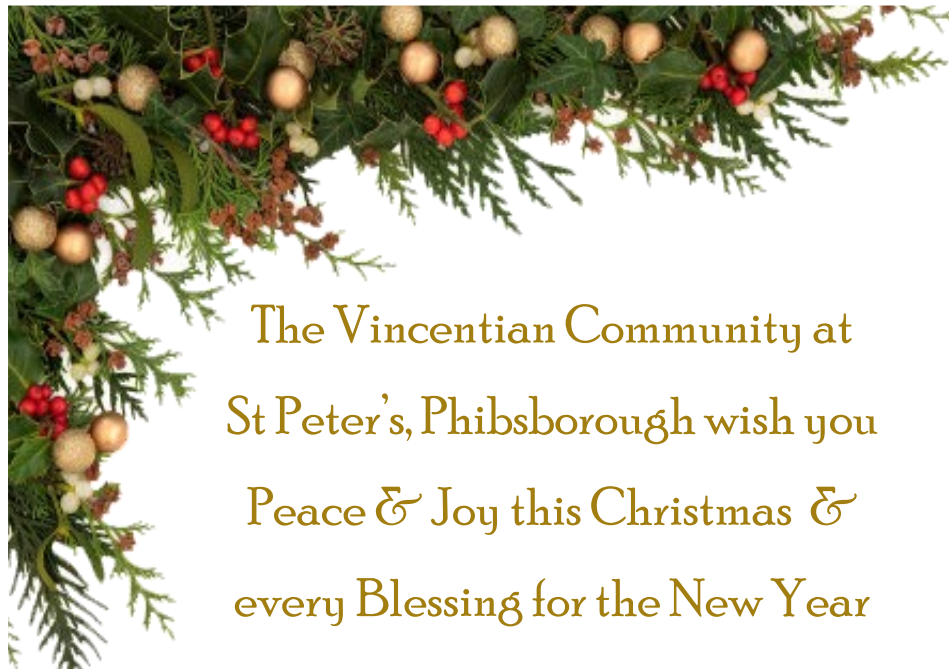
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The Vincentian Community at
St Peter's, Phibsborough wish you
Peace & Joy this Christmas &
every Blessing for the New Year

Sunday, 23 December

4th Sunday of Advent

Monday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, 25 December

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Bank Holiday

Wednesday, 26 December

St Stephen, First Martyr

Bank Holiday

Thursday, 27 December

St John, Apostle & Evangelist

Friday, 28 December

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Saturday, 29 December

St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

Sunday, 30 December

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Monday, 31 December

St Sylvester, Pope - New Year's Eve



Thank You All

On behalf of the Vincentian Community at St Peter's, I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who give so much of their time to help us in so many ways. We wish you and yours God's blessing this Christmastide and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Fr Aidan Galvin CM

Senior Line

Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10.00am to 10.00pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Our volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. Freephone 1800 804 591. Calls are completely confidential.





Seasons Greetings

Marion McCormack (Administrator),
Antoinette Dunne (Parish Secretary), Ecaterina
Lungu & Gerry Maguire (Co-Sacristans) and
Kevin Mullally (Parish Pastoral Worker) would
like to wish you all a very happy Christmas
and a new year full of peace and good health.
We look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Monday Novena

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

The Miraculous Medal Novena continues each Monday evening at 7.30pm. It resumes on 7 January. All are encouraged to attend.

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. This will resume on Monday, 14 January.

Cuidiu

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group welcomes all mothers and babies on Wednesday's from 10.00am - 11.30am in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Rd). Cuidiu is a voluntary support group where you can meet other mothers, socialise, get advice, learn and make new friends. Cost: €4 per session (members €2). Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: www.cuidiu.ie for more details. They will resume on Wednesday, 9 January.

Thank You

The proceeds from this year's Christmas Fayre have been finalised and a cheque has been sent to St Peter's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in the amount €2,135.74. We thank you all most sincerely on their behalf for your continued generosity.



Tuesday, 1 January 2019

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day - World Day of Peace
Bank Holiday

Wednesday, 2 January

Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

Thursday, 3 January

The Holy Name of Jesus
St Munchin (Mainchin), Bishop

First Friday, 4 January

St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Vincentian)

Saturday, 5 January

St Charles of St Andrew, Priest

Sunday, 6 January

The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday, 7 January

Bl. Lindalva Justo de Oliveira, virgin & martyr (Vincentian)
St Raymond of Penyafort, priest

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (16 Dec) = € 990.29

Share (16 Dec) = € 374.93

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

The next Church Gate Collection will take place on Saturday 5 January / Sunday 6 January 2019 in aid of essential Church repairs.

Welcome to St Peter's Church

Whether you are a regular or a visitor at this special time you are in a beautiful sacred space with an



St Peter's is more than a church, or even an architectural gem, it is a dream come true for an impoverished and demoralised community in the early 19th Century. Since that time, once Catholics were free to worship openly following Catholic Emancipation, the site has been used to serve the spiritual and educational needs of the local community. These functions, the sequence of buildings that served them and the clergy who ministered from them, have had a significant effect on the development and the physical and social improvement of the surrounding area. The church also occupies a prominent, elevated site between the North Circular and Cabra Roads that creates long vistas from the east, making the tower

and spire one of the most notable landmarks in the area. A prominent figure in the local and ecclesiastical history, including Daniel O'Connell, has been associated with the building program over the years, which further adds to the social and historical significance of the place.

In the early 19th century, not the "hip" location. In fact Phibsborough was a ridden suburb home to families living in poverty. The concern for the poor of Phibsborough led to the building of a Catholic school in 1826, and the tower and chapel. In 1843, the tower were built to house

At a time when there are so many people of diverse faith backgrounds from the area visiting the Church this very Catholic moment - "receiving Communion at Christmas", can be very confusing,

"How do I participate without giving offense?"

For Catholics: Ordinarily we receive Communion on such a solemn occasion after preparing by careful prayer, fasting for at least an hour and, if necessary, Confession.

(A Catholic ceremony, to receive forgiveness for past sins)

For our fellow Christians: We welcome fellow Christians to attend this Mass. Members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion.

For non-Christians: **welcome** to this Mass. Those who do not believe in Jesus Christ. We do not admit you to Holy Communion. We ask you to offer your prayers for the peace and the well-being of the human family.

You could hardly be called a Dubliner if you hadn't heard of St Peter's Church, Phibsborough.

Standing proudly on Dublin's Northside, each stone of this noble landmark bears the story of hundreds of Irish people of many generations who dared to dream a dream.

an interesting history.

the most memorable in the city. Many of the names in Irish political society, including James Connolly, have been associated with the various changes over the years. This further enhances the historical significance

In the 19th century, it was a place where it is now, in a building which was a crime scene. It came to many families. Eventually, the children were materialised and a school was built in the top floor used as a new school to house the growing

number of students.-the predecessor of St Peter's School, across the street. The old school building then became known as a church. Over time, more and more additions, augmentations and improvements were made to the church until finally, in 1907, work on the spire commenced

St Peter's is noted for its beautiful stained glass windows, particularly the west window and Harry Clarke's early masterpiece entitled 'The Adoration of the Sacred Heart'. The window depicts the Sacred Heart, Mary Magdalene and St John the Evangelist. The window was installed in 1919. In 2019 there are anniversary celebrations planned for the installation to coincide with the naming

of the "Harry Clarke Bridge" on North Circular Road.

Regular or visitor, enjoy your time in this beautiful space, built as a celebration of **God-with-us** and by your prayers here in this special Season, continue to dare to dream that dream into the future.

**Wishing you a
Happy Christmas
2018 and
every blessing for
the coming year.**

ans: We celebrate and share our faith. While we cannot receive Holy Communion, our prayers for the unity of the hu-

For anyone not receiving Holy Communion:

*All who are not receiving Holy Communion, of whatever faith tradition, are **welcome** to join the 'Communion line as you see others are doing. As you reach the priest, cross your arms over your chest, the priest will then understand your intention and give you a blessing on this occasion.*

Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in my heart.

Parish of St Peter's, Phibsborough
CHRISTMAS LITURGY 2018

Confessions

Saturday 22nd December
11.00am - 1.00pm

Monday 24th December
11.00am - 1.00pm

Mass Schedule

Sunday 23rd December
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Vigil 6.30pm / 8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am

Monday 24th December
Christmas Eve
10.30am
9.00pm **Christmas Vigil** preceded by **Carols** at 8.15pm

Tuesday 25th December
The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am

Wednesday 26th December
St Stephen, First Martyr
10.30am

Thursday 27th December
St John, Apostle & Evangelist
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Saturday 29th December
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10.30am

Sunday 30th December
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Vigil 6.30pm / 8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am
12.15pm **Prayer at the Crib**

Monday 31st December
St Sylvester, pope - New Year's Eve
10.30am

Parish Office

The Parish Office will close at 12 noon on Friday 21st December



Parish of St Peter's, Phibsborough
NEW YEAR LITURGY 2019

Mass Schedule

Tuesday 1st January 2019

New Year's Day - World Day of Peace

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10.30am

Wednesday 2nd January

Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church

10.30am

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The Holy Name of Jesus

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St Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (Vincentian)

10.30am (Sacred Heart Confraternity)

Saturday 5th January

St Charles of St Andrew, priest

10.30am (Children of Mary Sodality)

Sunday 6th January

Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil 6.30pm / 8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am

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Bl. Lindalva Justo de Oliveira, virgin & martyr (Vincentian)

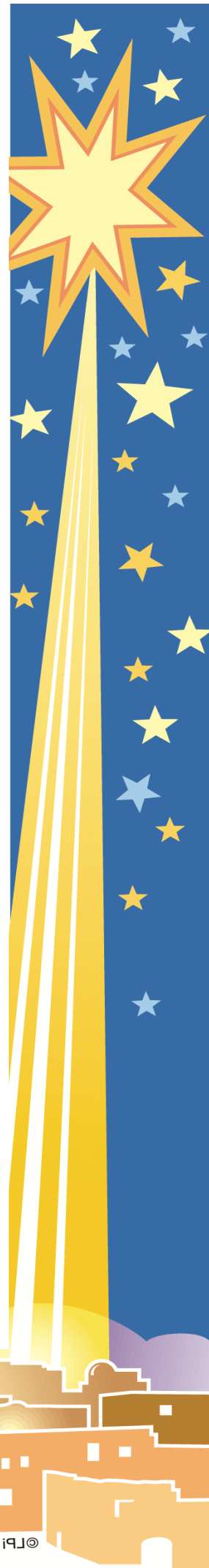
St Raymond of Penyafort, priest

10.30am / 7.00pm

7.30pm Miraculous Medal Novena

Parish Office

Normal opening / closing
times resume on Wednesday,
2nd January 2019



Carols for Christmas

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one.
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Joy To The World! the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonder wonders of His love

O Come, All Ye Faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels!

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, alleluia,
All ye choirs of angels;
O sing, all ye blissful ones of heav'n
above.
Glory to God
In the highest glory!

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be the glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in the flesh appearing,

Refrain

Silent Night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Angels We Have Heard On High,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.