

Hymns for Lent

Create In Me A Clean Heart O God
Renew Your Spirit Within Me

1. **Amazing Grace**, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.

How precious did that Grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
we have already come.

T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far,
and Grace will lead us home.

2. **God of Day and God of Darkness**,
now we stand before the night.

As the shadows stretch and deepen,
come and make our darkness bright.

All creation still is groaning
for the dawning of your might.

When the sun of peace and justice
fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness,
still the rich oppress the poor.

Still the earth is bruised and broken
by the one who still want more.

Come and wake us from our sleeping,
so our hearts cannot ignore

all your people lost and broken,
all your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another.

Make us servants strong and true.

Give us all our love of justice,
so we do what you would do.

Let us call all people holy.

Let us pledge our lives anew.

Make us one with all the lowly.

Let us all be one in you.

You shall be the path that guides us;
you the light that in us burns.

Shining deep within all people,
yours the love that we must learn.

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For our hearts shall wander restless
'til they safe to you return.

Finding you in one another,
we shall all your face discern.

3. **We Come Before You**, with all we have
the work of our hands.

Broken and poured out sign for the world
Jesus be with us now, now

Broken you people we who are your own.

Mend us in the shape of your love formed in you

Hearts filled with questions aching to hear your voice
Acceptance and healing grace, come be our peace

Tables and altars call us all to share.

May there be a place for us all, the weak and the strong

4. **Tree of Life** and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
Still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,
May we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story,
We may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth one spoken,
love passed on through act and word,
Every person, lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew,
We may all your joy inherit,
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

Christ you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river you the sea,
we the river you the sea



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent
24 March 2019

A fig-tree in the vineyard

Kevin Mullally

There are many who would say that I'm not green fingered and indeed I would say that myself. I wonder, if I had a vineyard in my back garden in Finglas, how I would fare out? Would I get a bumper crop and have specially labelled vino from Fionnghlas?

Better still how about I plant a fig-tree right in the middle of the vineyard, how would that work out? Maybe with a bumper fig crop I could bake my own fig rolls!

Today's Gospel is all about a vineyard and a fig-tree and those involved in its upkeep and as always when it comes to Jesus' parables, there is a deeper

level of meaning. It's really not just about how the vines are growing and how the fig-tree is tended to, it's about God, Jesus, the people of God, the religious leaders, sin and "turning back to God".

Jesus used Parables to make a point and on every occasion it was a point about the love of God, the people of God, the Kingdom of God and the relationship with the chosen people. Parables work on many levels and for the first listeners to Jesus they would have heard him speak about ordinary everyday topics and activities.

So to hear about the vineyard and the fig-tree was nothing new to the Galileans who first heard His words. Indeed many of the Parables have echoes back to the Prophets of the Old Testament who used the same images to speak about the Covenant and the chosen people. The Parables are a tool of Jesus to

make a moral, theological, spiritual, political points.

Today's Gospel of the barren fig-tree is no different, have a listen to it as it is proclaimed, what does it say to you? Who are the main characters in the narrative? Where do you fit in? What image is Jesus presenting to us here in Phibsborough? Where does His teaching apply in our lives? What does it say to you about God, about Jesus?

This week is a special Scripture week, take a New Testament home with you and a "Lectio Divina" guide to help you with your own personal Bible study this Lent, see what God is saying to you in His Word.



Mass Times			Confessions	African Chaplaincy 1st Sunday 2.15pm
Sunday Vigil (Sat) 6.30pm	Weekdays Monday 10.30am	Holy Days 10.30am	Saturday 11.00am	
Morning 8.00am	7.00pm	6.30pm	or	Syro Malabar Rite 2nd & 4th Sunday 4.00pm
10.00am	Tues - Sat 10.30am		Parish Office by arrangement	
11.30am				



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Volunteer Church Cleaners
11.00am Monday for 1 hour followed
by light refreshments

Legion of Mary
7.00pm Monday
Frank Duff Room (via Parish Office)

Miraculous Medal Novena
7.30pm Monday

Exploring Catechism
7.30pm Monday - St Peter's Club

Association of the Miraculous Medal
8.00pm Monthly - 3rd Monday

Patrician Meeting (Legion of Mary)
7.30pm Monthly - 3rd Tuesday
Frank Duff Room (via Parish Office)

Legion of Mary
7.00pm Wednesday
Frank Duff Room (via Parish Office)

Society of St Vincent de Paul
7.30pm Thursday - Conference Meeting

Sacred Heart Confraternity
10.30am Mass and devotions on the First
Friday of every month

Children of Mary Sodality
10.30am Mass on the Saturday after the
First Friday of every month

Sacrament of the Sick
10.30am Monthly - 3rd Saturday



Sunday, 24 March

11.30am Baptism Sunday

Monday, 25 March -



**Feast of the
Annunciation**

7.30pm Miraculous
Medal Lenten
Series - Preacher
**Fr Paschal
Scallion CM**

Tuesday, 26 March

11.00am Seeing the Gospel in
Lent

7.30pm Seeing the Gospel in
Lent

SCRIPTURE WEEK
Scriptural Rosary for Lent



From Sunday, 24 - Friday, 29 March we
are having a Scripture Week here in St
Peter's with 'Scriptural Rosary' after the
10.30am Mass on Wednesday, 27
March. We will pray the Sorrowful Mys-
teries together which will be comple-
mented by a selection of passages from
the Gospels and the Old Testament,
read after every praying of the Hail Mary.
Scriptural Rosary is a spiritual and pow-
erful way to help us on our Lenten jour

**THIRD WEEK
OF LENT**

SCRIPTURE WEEK

Wednesday, 27 March

11.00am Scriptural Rosary

7.30pm Meditation on the
Face of Christ

Thursday, 28 March

7.30pm Luke
The Modern Gospel
Fr Brian Nolan CM

Friday, 29 March

7.00am Prayer Breakfast

2.40pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 30 March

11:00am Sacrament of Reconcili-
ation
Two priests available
during Lent

ney as we continue to make our personal
preparations and sacrifices for the Lord
over the season.

**Meditations
on the Face of Jesus**

As part of the week of
Scripture we will have a
very special evening meditating on the
face of Jesus. These meditations on the
face of Jesus will take place on Wednes-
day, 27 March from 7.30pm. The medita-
tions will be taken from passages of
Scripture and the Fathers and Moth-
ers of the Church.



**In Loving
Memory**
Please pray for the
repose of the souls of
all those who died
recently especially...
Paul Maher
(brother of St Peter's house-
keeper, Evelyn Kelly)
**Bernadette
McSherry**
(former AMM member)
& her mother
Bridget McSherry
(who died 4 days later)

Eternal rest grant un-
to them, O Lord, and
let perpetual light
shine upon them, may
they rest in peace.
Amen.

Fridays in Lent

7.00am Prayer Breakfast

7.30pm 'Now it is evening'

2.40pm - 'The 9th Hour'
to Stations of the Cross
3.00pm to end at the
hour of Christ's death

Stations of the Cross
(with adult orientated
meditations from different
traditions)



Heartfelt Thanks

We are very grateful for
the donation of New Tes-
taments from the
Gideon Society of Ireland
Gideon has been present in Ireland since
1963 and is dedicated to sharing the
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through the distribution of God's Word in
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as hotels, schools, prisons, military, hos-
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voluntary basis and free of charge.

**All Change for
Summer time**



Third Sunday of Lent

St Macartan, bishop is not celebrated this year

Scripture Weeks Begins

12.30pm Baptisms

Monday

The Annunciation of the Lord

7.00pm Legion of Mary

7.30pm Miraculous Medal Lenten Series
Speaker - Fr Paschal Scallion CM
Conferring/Blessing of Medals

7.30pm Exploring Catechism

8.00pm AMM

Tuesday

11am & 7.30pm Seeing the Gospel in Lent

3.00pm Phibsborough Active Retired

Wednesday

10.00am Cuidiu

11.00am Scriptural Rosary

7.00pm Legion of Mary

7.30pm Meditation on the Face of Christ

Thursday

11.00am Prayer for Vocations

3.00pm Fall Prevention Classes

7.30pm Luke's Gospel - Fr Brian Nolan CM

Friday

7.00am Prayer Breakfast

2.40pm & 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11.00am Holy Hour for Lectors

Third Sunday of Lent

Mother's Day

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (17 Mar) = €1,065.21

Share (17 Mar) = € 414.63

Thank you very much for your continued
support.

Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of the Ladies of
Charity. Founded by St Vincent de Paul
they seek to help those in need in the
local area. Their only source of funding is
the monthly Church Gate collection, every
cent of which is greatly appreciated.
Next week's will be in aid of essential
Church repairs.