



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th August 2019

### Sombre Bank Holiday Reflections

Based on an article by  
Dr Mark Giszczak

Does life have any meaning? This particular needling question pops up when we hit a crisis, a season of depression, a time of change. This Sunday's first reading proposes a very sombre answer. **All is Vanity!**

#### What is the answer?

"Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth". This first line of the reading contains the message and the mysteries of the book of Ecclesiastes as a whole. Ecclesiastes is a reflection on what it means to be human. Alongside Qoheleth, we search high and low for answers to the gnawing fear inside of us that we're all alone, that all of life is useless and we'll just end up six feet under ground. He takes this fear by the horns and stares it in the face, offering up the most despairing of answers - there is no answer.

#### Searching for Meaning

Qoheleth sets up the whole book as a search for fulfilment, but neither wisdom or

pleasure alone can grant what he desires, the real meaning of life. All he finds is a bunch of meaningless "toil". That is, pursuing these desires takes a lot of work, but their satisfaction does not result in the kind of happiness he is looking for: The doom-and-gloom conclusion Qoheleth reaches reminds us of what this Sunday's gospel teaches: that you can't take it with you. Qoheleth brings us face to face with the deepest questions that we should be asking, struggling with and seeking answers for. He helps us feel the pain and emptiness that a selfish, sinful life brings - a meaningless existence, "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury signifying nothing." From that low point of desperation, we can turn to God, seeking the answers to our longing for meaning in his Word, in his Son, in his Sacraments. We will find that life is far from the meaninglessness Qoheleth finds. *Instead, we are made for a beautiful, eternal communion, the ultimate fulfilment of our nature through going out of ourselves in love for Him and being filled by Him in return.*

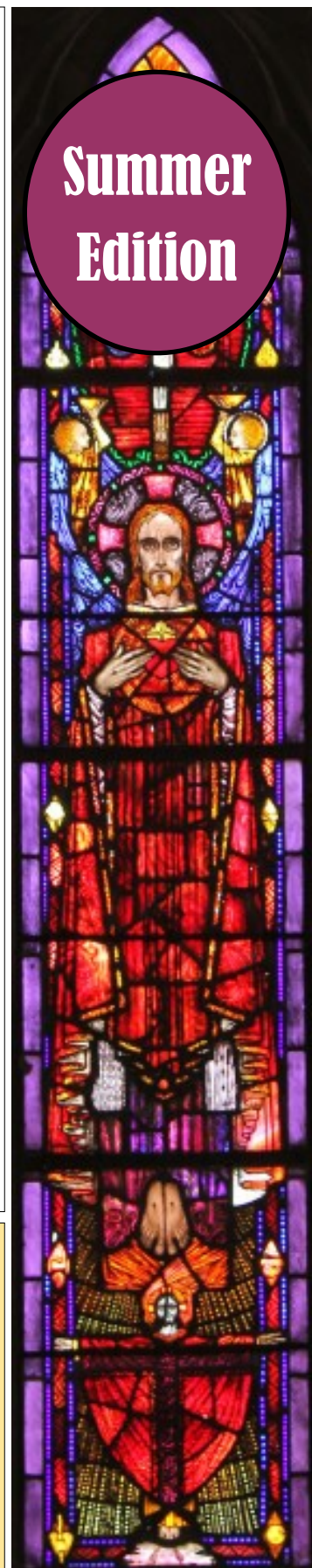
Full article available at:

<https://catholicexchange.com/vanity-vanities-2>

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#### Mass Times

Sunday	Weekdays	Holy Days	Confessions	African Chaplaincy
Vigil (Sat)	Monday	10.30am	Saturday	1st Sunday
6.30pm	10.30am	6.30pm	11.00am	2.15pm
Morning	7.00pm		or	
8.00am			Parish Office	Syro Malabar Rite
10.00am	Tues - Sat		by arrangement	2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
11.30am	10.30am			4.00pm



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## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St John Vianney, priest is not celebrated this year*

### Monday

*Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*

### Tuesday

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

### Wednesday

*Ss Sixtus II, pope, & Companions, martyrs*

*St Cajetan, priest*

### Thursday

*St Dominic, priest*

### Friday

*St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein),  
virgin & martyr, Patron of Europe*

*Ss Nathy & Felim, bishops*

### Saturday

*St Lawrence, deacon & martyr*

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Clare, virgin is not celebrated this year*

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## Weekly Collections - 28 July

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,093.24

Share = € 421.66

Thank you for your continued support.

## Cemetery Sunday

Rosary & Prayers for the Faithful Departed

## Upcoming Cemetery Events

**Sunday, 4 August**

12.00pm Kileek

6.30pm Grallagh

**Sunday, 11 August**

4.00pm Balscadden/Flemington

## Vincentian Knock Pilgrimage

**Saturday, 14 September 2019**

**Coach leaves St Peter's Church  
at 7.45am sharp and returns to  
St Peter's at approx. 10.00pm**

**Cost: €50 per person**

**(includes coach, morning coffee & evening meal)**

**Bookings taken in the parish office Monday to Friday  
between 10.00am and 12.00pm only.**



### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday due to the Bank Holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday as usual.

### Church Flowers

Thanks to all of you who donate flowers from your gardens to help us continue to decorate the church. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



### The Irish Catholic

Due to a sharp fall in numbers, we have to cancel this publication.



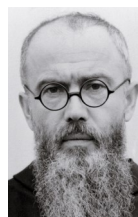
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## SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



**Venue:** Church of the Visitation  
(Fairview, Dublin 3)

**Date:** Monday, 12 August 2019

**Time:** 10.00am

A Triduum in honour of St Maximilian Kolbe OFM will take place from Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 August (his Feast Day). He had a particular devotion to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

## LOUGH DERG THREE-DAY PILGRIMAGE



**Venue:** Outside Hugh Lane Gallery  
(Parnell Square)

**Date:** Friday 9 - Sunday 11 August

**Time:** 8.00am

The season ends Thursday 15 August. Direct from Dublin cost: €115, pensioners / students €105. To book phone: 086 385 3027 or 494 1171. (One-day pilgrimages from September).