



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

15 Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July 2019

Ireland's Call

Fr. Joseph Loftus CM

When the first Irish members of the **Society of St. Vincent dePaul** came together in St. Michen's Church down the road in 1844, they had responded to a call deep in each one of them to fulfil their Christian duty in an organised and novel way that was coming out of France at the time. That early enthusiasm must have been sorely tested within a year by the arrival of the potato famine, but they rose to the challenge, drawing on the inspiration of their patron St. Vincent dePaul, the saint of *organised* charity. The members of the SVP have been adapting ever since to the changes in Irish life, organising around the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable in our communities with creativity and flair. That adaptability has seen the SVP grow from one conference in St. Michen's (the second group started here in St. Peter's) to being the best known and most widely supported organisation of social concern and action in Ireland, with over eleven thousand members in every county in Ireland.

The **Ireland of today** is very different to the one which existed in 1844, and many of the forms of poverty have, happily, been eradicated. However, despite our recovering economy there are nearly 800,000 living below the poverty line including 100,000 people at work; record numbers of homeless; 50% of lone parent families experiencing deprivation and 61% of families struggling with education costs. That the forms of poverty have changed means that an organisation of brothers and sisters

that can change with them still needs to exist as well. In 2019, the members of the "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul" are as relevant today as they were when facing into the horrors of the famine in 1844.

The **freshness of the SVP's responses** to the changing face of poverty in Ireland is due both to the constant intake of new members, and that it provides a structure for us to exercise our Christian duty to the poor and vulnerable in a systematic and effective way. The Mass goes of St. Peter's Church are generous with their money through the regular collections, but perhaps you can give your time and talents as well, lest 'dropping a coin' become an excuse to ignore God's demand that we engage with the poor face to face directly and not through a collection bucket.

Today you heard the gospel of the Good Samaritan, so familiar that it is easy to ignore. There is however hidden behind the familiar storyline **a direct call to each and every one of us to serve our neighbour especially the vulnerable**. For those who are doing that already in other ways, God bless your work, but for those who have not yet found the right way to give expression to HIS calling, a couple of hours a week with brothers and sisters in a well run organisation will go a long way to fulfilling that obligation.

Join the 'Vincent dePaul'!

For more information

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Summer
Edition



Mass Times

Sunday	Weekdays	Holy Days
Vigil (Sat)	Monday	10.30am
6.30pm	10.30am	6.30pm
Morning	7.00pm	
8.00am		
10.00am	Tues - Sat	
11.30am	10.30am	

Confessions

Saturday
11.00am
or
Parish Office
by arrangement

African Chaplaincy

1st Sunday
2.15pm

Syro Malabar Rite

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
4.00pm

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◆Parish Office

Evening Opening Suspended

Month of July

This means evening use of the Sacristy, Conference Rooms and Club will be suspended. We look forward to seeing you all again in August. Monday Novena as usual.

◆Fall Prevention Classes

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances this class will not take place next week. They will resume the following week 25th July.

◆Weekly Collections - 7 July

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,167.04

Share = € 393.78

Repairs = € 674.70

Thank you for your continued support.

◆Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially...

Charles Kane

(Attracta Road)

Thomas Leydon

(St Peter's Avenue)

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



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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 commence on

Monday 29 July

Retreat weekend at Douai Abbey

A Retreat weekend for those who are HIV+ is held every year at Douai Abbey Berkshire, (<https://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/>) England on the first weekend in August, from Friday afternoon until after lunch on Sunday. This year the retreat is open to anyone from Ireland. The cost is £20 (non refundable deposit)+ a donation according to your means. Irish Bookings excepted till 20th July. See <http://caps-uk.org/positive-catholics/meetings-retreats/> for details.

Limited financial assistance is available to cover travel expenses.

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at St. Peter's Church in Phibsborough in strictest confidence.

CULTURE NIGHT 2019



GOFUNDME THE MESSIAH



Venue: St. Peter's Church

Date: Monday, 20th Sept.2019

Time: 7.00pm

St. Peter's Church is participating in Culture Night this year and our Choir will be in concert from 7pm. The Church will be open from 6 to allow as many people as possible to see this beautiful building. Its early days yet, bring your ideas on how to make this an EVENT for ALL of Phibsborough.

Cause: Producing the Messiah

Date: Sunday, 24 Nov. 2019

Raised so far: €6,055

Find us on gofundme under Phibsborough and help us cover the costs of bringing Handel's Messiah to St. Peter's Church-Phibsborough this Christmas.