



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th July 2019

Who is knocking on my door?

Mr Kevin Mullally

How mind-blowing it was for the first Disciples to hear Jesus telling them **"how to pray"**.

It was not part of the prayer style of the Hebrews to call God "Abba", yet this was the teaching of Jesus to the Disciple's in what we now call **"The Lord's Prayer"**.

Using these words, Jesus was inviting the Disciples into a deeply personal relationship with Abba, Father, so different from the Temple Worship and the liturgy of the Synagogue.

The readings in the Liturgy of the Word this weekend illustrate that God's closeness in prayer and "God can be trusted to respond to our prayers".

The words of the Gospel of Luke say **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find, knock and the door will open"**

Just as we hear those words from Jesus, the Book of Revelation chapter 3:20 also echoes in my mind **"Behold, I'm standing at the door, knocking. If your heart is open to hear my voice and you open the door within, I will come in to feast with you"**

So, yes, we can knock and the door will be opened but what if Jesus is knocking and we are not opening?

We might have some of the most beautiful door knockers or the most hi-tech door bells and yet we may never hear Jesus knocking; something is knocking more loudly perhaps?

The knocking of our world? The knocking of our ego? The knocking of our desires?

We read in the Scriptures that Jesus went away from the hustle bustle, the noise of life, to the wilderness. There he would pray and listen to Abba His Father.

When do we get away from the hustle and bustle? To our own wilderness and listen to Abba our Father speaking to us, answering the knock of Jesus.

And when we answer the knocking what is it that Jesus wants? Revelation says: **"I will come in to feast with you"**

A feast, a celebration of nourishment and refreshment, joy and love, story and song, hospitality and companionship. Ready to begin again and face the world.

The Faith Journey is one of **asking, searching and knocking**. Activities that are done not just by us but by Jesus too who knocks on the door of our hearts. Can we hear it? And what is our answer?

Summer
Edition

Mass Times

Sunday	Weekdays	Holy Days	Confessions
Vigil (Sat) 6.30pm	Monday 10.30am	10.30am 6.30pm	Saturday 11.00am
Morning 8.00am	7.00pm		or
10.00am	Tues - Sat 10.30am		Parish Office by arrangement
11.30am			

African Chaplaincy

1st Sunday
2.15pm

Syro Malabar Rite

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
4.00pm



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Parish Office

Evening opening suspended during the month of July. This means that evening use of the Sacristy, Conference Rooms and Club will be suspended. We look forward to seeing you all again in August.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Continues every Monday evening during the summer months.

Sacred Heart Arch Confraternity

The Arch-Confraternity of the Most Sacred Heart will gather for the celebration of Mass and devotions the First Friday of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on 3 August.

Children of Mary Sodality

The Children of Mary Sodality will gather for the celebration of Mass the Saturday after the First Friday of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on 4 August.

Weekly Collections - 21 July

Recent collections amounted to:

Church = €1,146.97

Share = € 393.58

Thank you for your continued support.

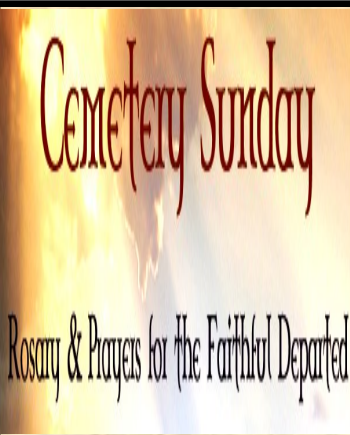
In Loving Memory

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

Nicholas O'Toole

(Connaught Street)

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



Upcoming Cemetery Events

Sunday, 28 July

3.00pm Ballymadun

Saturday, 3 August

8.00pm Chaplemidway

Sunday, 4 August

12.00pm Kileek

6.30pm Grallagh



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 commence on Monday 29 July

We need your help

A gentleman won a prize at our recent Garden Party. Unfortunately he didn't leave a contact number, only his name. If anyone knows of a Ciaran Byrne who attended on the day, could you please ask him to contact the parish office?

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION



GOFUNDME THE MESSIAH



Venue: Our Lady Mother of the Church (Castleknock, Dublin 15)

Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019

Time: 12.15pm

Cause: Producing the Messiah

Date: Sunday, 24 Nov. 2019

Raised so far: €6,055

The Catholic Grandparents Association are holding their annual Mass with principal celebrant, Bishop Raymond Field. Grandparents and their grandchildren are especially welcome. There will be refreshments after Mass in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

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