

# Hymns for September 2019

## 1 LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like,  
No cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled  
At the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome,  
Your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment,  
Whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
At the end of the day.

## 2 ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house  
where love can dwell  
And all can safely live,  
A place where  
saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;  
Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
And words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground,  
Where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
Is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

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## 3 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN;

To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee His praise should sing:  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

## 4 TAKE AND EAT

Take and eat; take and eat:  
this is my body given up for you.  
Take and drink; take and drink:  
this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;  
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

I am the way that leads the exile home;  
I am the truth that sets the captive free;  
I am the life that raises up the dead;  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;  
I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;  
You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

I am the light that came into the world;  
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;  
I am the morning star that never sets;  
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

## 5 GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Who alone gives light to our days  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways

We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings

In His wisdom He strengthens us  
Like gold that's tested in fire  
Though the power of sin prevails  
Our God is there to save

Every moment of every day  
Our God is waiting to save  
Always ready to seek the lost  
To answer those who pray



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8 September 2019

## CLAIMING OUR WEAKNESS IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S STRENGTH

Fr Aidan CM PP

Holiness is not being perfect. Holiness is claiming our weakness in the presence of God's strength. Often we are tempted to place ourselves in the centre of the gospel. We imagine that our successes and our failures determine what our relationship with God will be. On a day when we are feeling particularly generous or patient or just, we feel good; we feel holy. We feel that because of our successful efforts our relationship with God works.

Today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom explodes such an understanding. The Book of Wisdom says, "Who can discern what God wills? The reasoning of mortals is worthless. Our designs will often fail." The Book of Wisdom is saying that we are not at the centre of the gospel, *God is*. It is not our actions, but God's action that make our relationship with God possible. We have a relationship to God because God has freely chosen us, chosen us as sons and daughters. God's free choice took place prior to any of our successes and despite all of our failings. Are we called to do good and avoid evil? Yes we are. Are we called to work for justice and to love others with patience? Absolutely. But it is not these efforts on our part which establish our relation-

ship with God. God does that by God's free choice. Therefore, we can be disciples not only when we are successful, but even when we fail. We can be holy not only when we feel God's presence, but even in those times when we feel that God has abandoned us.

Recently the private diaries of Mother Teresa of Calcutta were made public. To the surprise of almost everyone who has read them, these diaries make clear that this woman, who many think was the greatest saint of the twentieth century, who many point to as the clearest example of what it means to be a follower of Christ, struggled with her faith on a daily basis. At times, her doubts about faith were so severe that she even questioned the existence of God. She revealed to a priest confidant, "*Inside my soul there is only darkness. I feel myself totally cut off from God's love.*" Now this is not the robust faith that we imagine would be present in the heart of a saint. But Mother Teresa was a saint. She continued to do her work with the poor even though she doubted so profoundly and so regularly. She was a saint because Mother Teresa knew that it was not her faith or lack of faith that determined her relationship with Christ. She was willing to claim her weakness in the presence of God's strength. So can we.

Knock  
2019

Now With  
Online Booking  
See Over

## Mass Times

### Sunday

Vigil (Sat)  
6.30pm  
Morning  
8.00am  
10.00am  
11.30am

### Weekdays

**Monday**  
10.30am  
7.00pm  
  
**Tues - Sat**  
10.30am

### Holy Days

10.30am  
6.30pm

## 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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**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  
**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 Arch 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

# St Peter's Parish Vincentian Pilgrimage to Knock

**Saturday, 14 September 2018**

**Cost: €50 per person**

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



**Bookings close on Thursday at 12.00pm**

**Bookings at the Parish Office Monday to Friday**

**10.00am - 12.00pm**

**Tel: (01) 838 9708**

**Online : [www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/knock/](http://www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/knock/)**

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

**AGE  
ACTION  
IRELAND**



**SCHOOL  
OPEN  
EVENING**



**Venue:** Belvedere College, Gt Denmark St  
**Date:** Thursdays from 12 September  
**Time:** 10.15am - 12.15pm

Computer classes provided by 5th year students for over 55's with little or no experience (or for the absolutely terrified!), on a one-to-one basis in a relaxed, non-formal setting. For more details tel: Age Action 475 6989 or email: [gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie).

**Venue:** St Declan's College, Nephin Rd  
**Date:** Thursday, 12 September 2019  
**Time:** 6.45pm - 8.45pm

Parents and pupils of both fifth and sixth class are invited to attend. An opportunity to see how we at St Declan's College meet the educational needs of our students.

## *In Loving Memory*

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

**Mark Maher**  
(formerly of Connaught  
Street)

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



## **Swim for RESPECT**

Calling all teams, families and individuals. On Sunday, 6 Oct at Aura De Paul Swimming Pool, Navan Road. All monies go towards the refurbishment of a community house on the Cabra Road. For details tel: 685 6502 or: [www.respect.ie](http://www.respect.ie).

## **Sanctuary**

Some debris/dust particles caused by pigeons was discovered recently around the altar. Until we investigate further, this section of the sanctuary will be cornered off.

## **Forever in our Hearts**

World Suicide Prevention Day takes place on Tuesday, 10 September. Come along to Rowlagh Church Grounds, Clondalkin at 6.30pm to the Garden of Remembrance, there is a brief event with families, friends and communities affected by suicide. All are welcome.

If you cannot attend this event in person we are inviting everyone to stop for 1 minute in silence at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 10 September and join with us in a gesture of support and solidarity as a community who cares deeply - to remember those who have died through suicide and those who have been left behind.



## **CASA**

The Caring & Sharing Association are delighted to announce an evening featuring the Songs & Poems of Percy French with The Percy French Troubadours & Guests in The Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown on Tuesday 24 September at 8.00pm. Tickets €15.00 can be purchased at: [www.draiocht.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173593972](http://www.draiocht.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173593972).

**UPCOMING  
DIARY  
DATE**

**Venue:** St Peter's Church  
**Date:** Friday, 20 September 2019  
**Time:** 6.00pm - 10.00pm

## **Culture Night**

More details from the Dublin Culture Night website at: [www.culturenight.ie/event/st-peters-church/](http://www.culturenight.ie/event/st-peters-church/).



**UPCOMING  
DIARY  
DATE**

**Venue:** St Peter's Church Garden  
**Date:** Saturday, 21 September 2019  
**Time:** 2.00pm - 5.00pm

## **Buzz Fest**

The blessing of the bees will take place. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters. Organised by **Phibsboro' Village Tidy Towns**.



## **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not celebrated this year*

## **Monday**

*Blessed Frederick Ozanam, founder of the Society of St Vincent de Paul*  
*St Ciaran, abbot*

7.00pm Legion of Mary

7.30pm Miraculous Medal Novena

## **Tuesday**

*World Suicide Prevention Day*

*St Peter Claver, priest*

3.00pm Active Retired

## **Wednesday**

*St Gabriel Perboyre, priest & martyr (Vincentian)*

10.00am Cuidiu

7.00pm Legion of Mary

## **Thursday**

*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

*St Ailbe, bishop*

11.00am Prayer for Vocations

## **Friday**

*St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church*

## **Saturday**

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

## **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Our Lady of Sorrows is not celebrated this year*

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## **Weekly Collections**

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (2 Sept) = €1,196.29

Crosscare (2 Sept) = €1,100.14

Repairs (2 Sept) = € 524.43

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## **Church Gate Collections**

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