

Hymns for December 2019

St Peter's Church Phibsborough



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Advent
8 December 2019

1. O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

And ransom captive Israel
Who mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice Rejoice O Israel
To you shall come Emmanuel

O come thou rod of Jesse's tree
And free us all from tyranny
From depths of pain your people free
And give us peace and victory

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

2. WAIT FOR THE LORD (TAIZE)

Wait for the Lord, his day is near
Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart
Prepare the way for the Lord
Make a straight path for Him
The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed
All the Earth will see the Lord
Rejoice in the Lord always
He is at Hand
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord

3. 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.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

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 as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

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.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

4. 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

5. JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Praising thee the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father's love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Onward
In the triumph song of life.



What's my wilderness experience?

"I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here" on Virgin Media One at the moment is an evening viewing favourite of many people. It places a number of celebrities into a jungle camp and gets them to undertake gruelling and unpleasant tasks to win food and treats for themselves over a three week period. As it gets closer to finishing, the public get the opportunity to vote out their least favourite celebs.

As the celebrities are voted out they are interviewed by the show presenters. Many of those who are voted out talk about their experience in the jungle with their campmates. They inevitably speak about how being away from loved ones was emotionally hard, having no food left them hungry and lack of sleep had them energy-less. Every-time, however, they say that the experience has changed them and their outlook on life. One camp mate even called it a "wilderness experience".

"Why on earth would you do it?" many people ask as they watch it. But let's take another look. Many of the participants want to get away, want to challenge themselves, want to move from their comfort zones, want to get to know themselves better, want a deeper experience of self.

The Gospel today presents to us a "wilderness experience". The Baptist John moves to the wilderness to preach about the proximity of the Kingdom. There, as he preaches, the multitudes come to share his "wilderness experience". While

there, they are immersed in the Jordan as a preparation for the new future of the Kingdom of God. They go away from the experience knowing about themselves, John, God and the Kingdom.

Just as with John they wanted to know more about themselves and their relationship with God, they came from one way of life and returned different people. So, too do the celebrities in the jungle arrive a certain type of person and leave a different individual because they have encountered something bigger than themselves.

This Advent do we have a "wilderness experience?" Where do we go to get to know ourselves and in turn get to know God? Advent time is quickly becoming a time for the externals of the Christmas Season to be shown off, getting tangled up in Christmas tree lights, judging which shop has the nicest mince pies and groping for half-price Santas in DIY stores. What about the internal conversation I have with myself and God as we prepare for the celebration of the Incarnation? Does that get a look in?

Although we are not celebs we might have our own "I'm a Parishioner let me stay here" as we enter into our own "wilderness experience" over Advent and stay there until December 25th to greet the Child Jesus afresh and anew; coming away a bit different than the person we were on December 1st.

**"O Come, O Come Immanuel
and ransom captive Israel"**

Kevin Mullally

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



Feast of the
**Immaculate
Conception**
NOT
a Holy Day of
Obligation
this Year

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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

THANK YOU ALL

The Messiah in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund was an absolute triumph. We may not have been blessed with the weather but we were certainly blessed with the most beautiful music and an appreciative audience which included His Excellency Michael D. Higgins - President of Ireland, Paul McAuliffe - Lord Mayor of Dublin and other local politicians. Congratulations to the organising committee, to David Milne - Musical Director, to the Soloists & to the amazing Guinness Choir. At present money is still coming in but so far we have raised €18,000.

The *Christmas Fayre* raised €2,000 towards the Clock Restoration.

Thank you to one and all who supported us and continue to do so. Your generosity is overwhelming and very much appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE

The parish office now accepts Credit and Debit card payments in person or over the phone. You may now book a Mass using either of these methods.



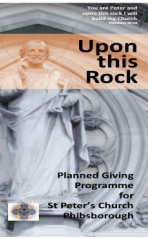
All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your cribs to be blessed.

Take your 'Bambinelli' home and put it in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas.

Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus in the crib.



Upon this Rock



Have you collected your weekly envelope boxes yet?

Collect them **today** from the Sacristy or weekday mornings from the Parish Office
OR
Register using the forms in Church or online at: www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/rock.

ADVENT AT ST PETER'S

ADVENTure IN MATTHEW



Venue: Frank Duff Room
Dates: Thursdays 12, 19 December
Time: 7.30pm

Exploring Faith... Encountering Christ. Exploring Matthew's story of The Birth of Christ with Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA.

ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST



Venue: St Peter's Conference Room
Dates: Fridays 13, 20 December
Time: 7.00am

You are invited to a Prayer Breakfast every Friday morning of Advent at 7.00am (finishes by 8.00am). Entrance via Church, doors open from 6.45am.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

Venue: St Peter' Church & Presbytery for individual sessions
Dates: Sunday, 8 -15 December
Time: (Introduction) 7.00pm

This is a chance to participate in a retreat which is done at home. Come to the introduction and see if this is for you, Sunday 7.00pm at the Church



SING FOR SIMON

Venues: Various (see below)
Date: Wednesday, 11 December
Times: 6.30pm onwards

6.00pm All Saints Church
7.05pm Phibsborough Fire Station
7.30pm Phibsborough Library
7.45pm Phibsborough Shopping Centre



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Venue: St Peter's Church
Dates: Friday, 20 December
Time: 7.00pm

Come in and get away from the hustle and bustle in the run up to Christmas. Sit and relax as you listen to the combined choirs of St Peter's

Starts Tonight

2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin is not celebrated this year
10.30am Mass
7.00pm Mass
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.30pm Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday

Bl Mark Anthony Durando, priest
3.00pm Active Retired

Wednesday

St Damasus I, pope
10.00am Cuidiu
7.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday

Our Lady of Guadalupe
St Finnian, bishop
11.00am Prayer for Vocations
7.30pm ADVENTure in Matthew

Friday

St Lucy, virgin & martyr
7.00am Prayer Breakfast

Saturday

St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church

3rd Sunday of Advent
(Gaudete Sunday)

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:
Church (1 Dec) = € 952.23
Share (1 Dec) = € 379.70

Christmas

Mass Bouquets €7.00, Novena Cards €5.00, SVP Cards €6.00 & €5.00 & Church Art Calendars €2.50 available from the Parish Office and Repository.