

# Parish Liturgical Events

## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially the victims of the Buncrana drownings and the Brussels bombings. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. **Amen.**



## Sunday Masses

6.30pm - Saturday Vigil

8.00am - General

10.00am - General

11.30am - Family Mass

All are invited to come along, children, parents and grandparents.

2.15pm - African Mass

1st Sunday of each month.

4.00pm - Indian Mass

2nd Sunday of each month.

6.30pm - Young Adults Mass

## Easter Sunday

**Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**

*St Vincent Ferrer, priest is not celebrated this year*

Acts 10:34, 37-43.

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/ v 24.

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8.

Jn 20:1-9.

## Easter Monday

**Bank Holiday**

Evening Mass with Novena Prayers and a Word on the Word resume next Monday

## Easter Friday

*St Ceallach (Celsus), bishop is not celebrated this year*

## Easter Saturday

*St Francis of Paola, hermit is not celebrated this year*

## 2nd Sunday of Easter

**Devine Mercy Sunday**

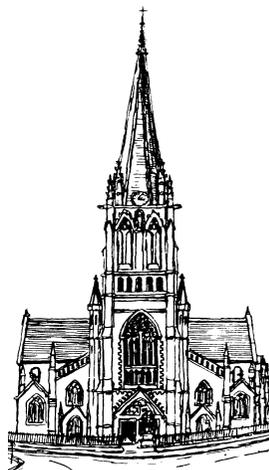
Readings

Acts 5:12-16.

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27, R/ v 1.

Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19.

Jn 20:19-31.



# St Peter's, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

## ...and death shall be no more

All of us come face to face with death sooner than we might like, not necessarily our own personal rendezvous although that is always much closer than we may bear to contemplate. No, for the most part we are at some remove. We are among the onlookers and sometimes among the more closely involved: relatives and friends of the deceased, more and less disturbed and dismayed. Occasionally we are among the truly bereft, gouged by the experience of the loss of someone we have loved and needed more than words or reason can say.

Occasionally too, though, all of these neat categories and degrees of distress collapse in shock as events thrust the enormity of death right in front of us and we feel the effect physically as our very metabolism is disturbed.

In this Holy Week alone we have witnessed death at its most capricious and malign. Two moments, in Buncrana and in Brussels, have left us terribly shaken and will challenge the faith of many people in a God we so often profess to be good.

The accident that took the lives of five innocent people in Buncrana and the malice which scythed down so many more in Brussels are beyond our powers of deeper comprehension. We may seek 'explanation' but it is doubtful we will truly understand why.

As Christians, however, we believe the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus are a path through what outrages and mystifies us. God in Christ does not wave a wand to transform the hopeless situation in which he has been placed. In fact he explicitly rejects the option when he is questioned by Pilate before he is put to death. Jesus holds to another value which suggests that the surest way to resist and disempower the malign violence of his accusers is to absorb it and respond in peace. This alone will mystify and outrage many of us even more and compound our potential alienation from God who seems powerless to prevent cruelty wreak its horrors, or who seems to allow accidents like Buncrana happen far too often. We want more from God than this and we may resent being left so exposed.

But this is the paschal mystery, the focus of what we believe is at the centre of our existence: to stand in the midst of this universe, to feel overwhelmed and even defeated under all its power and yet to be able to say Amen! To be able to respond in peace and to understand, perhaps for the first time, that this is love.

This year we may feel closer to Calvary than to the empty tomb, to crucifixion rather than resurrection but Christ *is* risen; he is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Paschal Scallon CM

*"On Easter Day the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer."*

Douglas Horton

### Here Comes Summer

Summertime begins today (Sunday). Did you put your clocks forward by 1 hour?

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 28 March due to the Easter break. It will re-open on Tuesday, 29 as usual.

### Miraculous Medal Novena

*“O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.”*

The Miraculous Medal Novena continues each Monday evening at 7.00pm (except Bank Holidays). All welcome.

**On a break this week for Easter**

### A Word on the Word

Now held on Monday's from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Road), the sessions will focus on Old and New Testament texts to do with mercy.

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### Cuidiu

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group welcomes all mothers and babies on Wednesday's from 10.00am - 11.30am in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Rd).

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### Join us as we Pray for Vocations

On Thursday's after Mass the Vincentian Community here in St Peter's invites you to join with them in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the Vincentian Community in Ireland.

### Free Computer Lessons

Our 4 week FREE computer sessions for the over 55's will start again from Tuesday March 29th. They run everyday from 10.00am - 12noon or 2.00pm - 4.00pm. To register, or for more information, please phone Carmel on 01 700 7423.

### 1916 and the Church

Bilingual Lecture and Discussion

Friday, 1 April at 7.30pm

### **1916 agus an Eaglais**

*Léacht agus Diospóireacht Dá-theangach Dé hAoine 1ú Aibreán*

13 Geraldine Street (opposite Berkeley Road Church). Free admission, all are welcome, refreshments afterwards (*Eagraithe ag An Léigúin Mhuire*)

### Dyslexia

The Catholic Grandparents Association invite parents and grandparents to 'A Talk on Dyslexia' covering:

- ◆ Issues that may concern you
- ◆ How can parents/grandparents help?
- ◆ When to seek professional help
- ◆ Where to find professional help

Speaker: Sr Antoinette Keelan, Dyslexia teacher.

**Date:** Monday, 4 April

**Time:** 11.00am

**Venue:** The Parish Centre  
Our Lady Help of Christians  
Navan Road  
Dublin 7

## *Centenary Prayer of Remembrance*

*Lord, Merciful and Kind,  
I remember the men, women and children who died during 1916 and throughout the troubled journey of our island's history.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.*

*Look kindly I pray, on the people of Ireland from all traditions, at home and abroad. To you O God, we long to sing a new song of compassion, inclusion and engagement in a spirit of true freedom.*

*You know my frail heart and my frayed history and now another day begins. Help me to believe in beginnings and sing a new song for Ireland.*

*Moladh go deo le Dia  
Praise God forever!*

*The Vincentian Community at St Peter's,  
Phibsborough wish you peace and joy  
this Eastertime*

### Health & Safety

It has become necessary to resurface the area at the main entrance to St Peter's Church. As a result, the gates to this area and the main church door will have to remain closed for the duration of the work. The entrance to the Church will be via the doors on the North Circular Road and Cabra Road during this time. Please excuse the inconvenience this will cause.

### Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (20 Mar) = €1,400.24

Share (20 Mar) = € 375.32

Thank you very much for your support.

### Church Gate Collections

This weekend is in aid of the Ladies of Charity. Founded in 1617 by St Vincent de Paul at Chatillon sur Chararonne (France) the Ladies of Charity seek to help those in need in the local area. Their only source of funding is this monthly Church Gate collection, every cent of which is greatly appreciated.

### Trocaire

Please return your boxes to the Parish Office so we can forward them on.