

*St Peter's Church, Phibsborough*  
*Parish Newsletter*

The Epiphany of the Lord  
6 January 2019



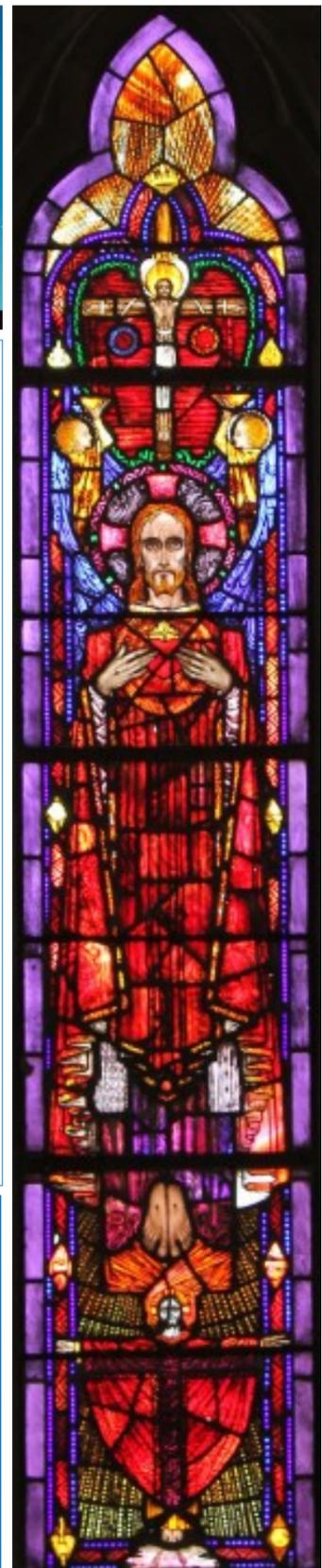
**'We observed his star at his rising'**

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6bc was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God.

We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

*'We often make do with looking at the ground ...  
I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky?  
Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings,  
or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?'*  
**Pope Francis**

**Mass Times**  
**Sunday**  
Saturday vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am, 2.15pm (African Mass, 1st Sunday of each month), 4.00pm (Indian Mass, 2nd Sunday of each month)  
**Monday - Friday**  
10.30am (& Monday at 7.00pm followed by Novena, except Bank Holidays)  
**Holy Days of Obligation**  
10.30am & 6.30pm  
**Confessions**  
Saturday immediately following the 10.30am Mass and at the Parish Office by request



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## Monday

Evening Mass takes place every Monday at 7.00pm (except Bank Holidays).

## 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 7.30pm. All are encouraged to attend.

## Legion of Mary

**Our Lady, Queen of All Nations**

takes place Monday's from 7.00pm in the Frank Duff Room (via Parish Office).

## Exploring Catechism

Fr Pat Collins CM explores the Catechism in a planned and systematic way from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in St Peter's Club.

## Legion of Mary

**Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament**

takes place Wednesday's from 7.00pm in the Frank Duff Room (via Parish Office).

## Join us as we Pray for Vocations

Each Thursday at 11.00am, the Vincentian Community here in St Peter's invite you to join with them in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the Vincentian Community in Ireland.

## Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially Frank Kelehan (Great Western Villas) and Carmel Moore (Monck Place). Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

**Amen.**

## Miraculous Medal Novena

The Miraculous Medal Novena resumes on Monday, 7 January.

## 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). Cuidiu is a voluntary support group where you can meet other mothers, socialise, get advice, learn and make new friends. Cost: €4 per session (members €2). Phone Ann Rigney at 087 983 2433 or go to: [www.cuidiu.ie](http://www.cuidiu.ie) for more details. They will resume on Wednesday, 9 January.

## Exploring Catechism

Fr Pat Collins CM explores the Catechism in a planned and systematic way from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in St Peter's Club. This will resume on Monday, 14 January.

## Phibsborough Active Retired

Weekly meetings resume at 3.00pm on Tuesday, 15 January in St Peter's Club.

## Weekly Envelope Boxes

The weekly boxes of envelopes for 2019 are available from the Parish Office.

## Church Art Calendars

2019 Calendars are still available from the Parish Office and the Repository.

## Care and Repair

Are you 60+ years of age? Have you a small repair job which you would like to have done for you? The Care and Repair programme (run by Age Action Ireland) uses a pool of trustworthy volunteers and handypersons to carry out minor repairs for older people. All volunteers are vetted and carry official Care and Repair identification cards. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used where required. For your bigger jobs, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons. We are also accepting requests for small gardening jobs. You can arrange to have a job done for you by phoning the Age Action Care and Repair number which is (01) 475 6989.



In January and February the garden grows in silence, the growth hidden from the gardener's view. There is hardly any colour, other than the browns and greys of soil and stone; there are no scents or sounds, no signs of life. But the gardener knows that there is plenty of invisible activity in the garden.

Down under the soil, where the earth is warm even when frosts garden down in the ground, the roots are already preparing for spring, life is stirring in the depths. The gardener knows that in spite of the barren aspect of the garden, the bulbs are preparing to make their adventure into the world of light. For the gardener, this is a time of planning and looking forward, for dreaming of possibilities and planning the summer garden.

January and February call us to get in touch with the stillness of our own inner garden, to be patient with ourselves, and to appreciate our inner strength and to embrace the seeds of beauty within us.

In these months, we learn to recognize the busyness of our daily lives, where silence may be a stranger.



## The Epiphany of the Lord

Today is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin, 6 January 1999.

## Monday

**Bl. Lindalva Justo de Oliveira, virgin & martyr (Vincentian)**  
St Raymond of Penyafort, priest

7.00pm Mass

7.00pm Legion of Mary

7.30pm Miraculous Medal Novena

## Wednesday

7.00pm Legion of Mary

## Thursday

11.00am Prayer for Vocations

## The Baptism of the Lord

St Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

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## Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:

Church (23 Dec) = €1,205.20

Share (23 Dec) = € 370.45

Church (25 Dec) = €2,106.49

No Share Collection

Church (30 Dec) = € 752.88

Share (30 Dec) = € 395.32

Thank you very much for your continued support.

## Church Gate Collections

This week's is in aid of essential Church repairs. Next week's will be in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.