

# Hymns for Lent

Create In Me A Clean Heart O God  
Renew Your Spirit Within Me

1. **Amazing Grace**, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now, I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And Grace, my fears relieved.

How precious did that Grace appear,  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
we have already come.

T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far,  
and Grace will lead us home.

2. **God of Day and God of Darkness**,  
now we stand before the night.

As the shadows stretch and deepen,  
come and make our darkness bright.

All creation still is groaning  
for the dawning of your might.

When the sun of peace and justice  
fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness,  
still the rich oppress the poor.

Still the earth is bruised and broken  
by the one who still want more.

Come and wake us from our sleeping,  
so our hearts cannot ignore

all your people lost and broken,  
all your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another.

Make us servants strong and true.

Give us all our love of justice,  
so we do what you would do.

Let us call all people holy.

Let us pledge our lives anew.

Make us one with all the lowly.

Let us all be one in you.

You shall be the path that guides us;  
you the light that in us burns.

Shining deep within all people,  
yours the love that we must learn.

# St Peter's Church Phibsborough

For our hearts shall wander restless  
'til they safe to you return.

Finding you in one another,  
we shall all your face discern.

3. **We Come Before You**, with all we have  
the work of our hands.

Broken and poured out sign for the world  
Jesus be with us now, now

Broken you people we who are your own.

Mend us in the shape of your love formed in you

Hearts filled with questions aching to hear your voice  
Acceptance and healing grace, come be our peace

Tables and altars call us all to share.

May there be a place for us all, the weak and the strong

4. **Tree of Life** and awesome mystery,

In your death we are reborn,  
Though you die in all of history,  
still you rise with every morn,  
Still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
May we see ourselves in you,  
If we learn to live your story,  
We may die to rise anew,  
we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth one spoken,  
love passed on through act and word,  
Every person, lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
come inflame our hearts anew,  
We may all your joy inherit,  
if we bear the cross with you,  
if we bear the cross with you.

Christ you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be,  
One with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river you the sea,  
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# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
31 March 2019

## Happy Mothers Day

Fr Joseph Loftus CM

In the warm "Hallmark" version of Mothers Day that we are bombarded with it can be easy to miss the complex challenge that being a mother is, even if one is expecting or have given birth in the happiest of circumstances. Women's difficult pregnancy stories fill the news cycle, adding to stress levels, even if, sad as each case is, they are a tiny fraction of the women who carry children successfully to term every day in this country. Finding oneself to be "with child" is about enduring 9 months of a rollercoaster ride of new and confusing experiences, but with the added complication that when the ride ends, the exit leads only to an even more complicated reality - raising a child.

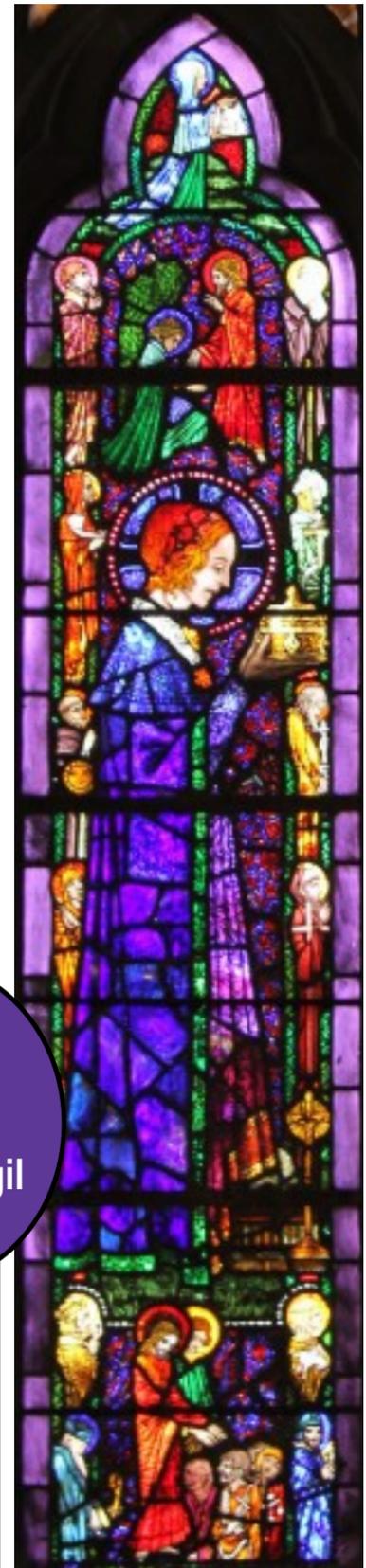
I can only imagine what being a mother involves so I asked the very helpful Cuidiu team to do some market research, and they came up with some wise insights. The things that can catch you from left field as a new mother is the anxiety of a situation where everything is new and there seems to be no skill set to draw on, "have you done the nappy up properly?" sits alongside "she seems warm, is that a fever?" and, the fear is that both will lead to fatal consequences if I don't get it right. There is no normal, it's all a scary new world. Sleep becomes a thing of the past, and constant tiredness the new reality. Focus changes and nothing is more important than what you do for your baby. There are new and unexpected joys as well that only a mother can feel, such as just gazing at your new-born and realising how someone so new and small can make you so in awe and fill your life completely. Or the surprise that there is within you such an extraordinary depth of love for this child you have given birth to.

Another joy is the solidarity you suddenly feel with all the other mums pushing prams through supermarkets when you hardly gave them a glance before.

In Phibsborough there is a further challenge for new or expectant mothers from other countries without their natural support networks to guide them through this scary time. The good news is there is help out there, even in some of the main languages Polish, French and Romanian (see Cuidiu, inside pages, for details).

Mothers Day is a day to honour the women who gave us birth for enduring the rollercoaster that brings us to life and also to support the woman among us who are beginning this scary joyful journey in our midst. Blessings on all of you this day.

20 Days to the Easter Vigil



### Mass Times

Sunday	Weekdays	Holy Days
Vigil (Sat)	Monday	10.30am
6.30pm	10.30am	6.30pm
Morning	7.00pm	
8.00am	Tues - Sat	
10.00am	10.30am	
11.30am		

### Confessions

Saturday
11.00am
or
Parish Office
by arrangement

African Chaplaincy
1st Sunday
2.15pm
Syro Malabar Rite
2nd & 3rd 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

**Exploring Catechism**  
 7.30pm Monday - St Peter's Club

**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 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



*Stewardship*

RECOGNIZING GOD'S GIFTS & GIVING BACK IN GRATITUDE

## FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

### Sunday, 31 March

Stewardship Sunday

### Monday, 1 April

7.30pm Miraculous Medal Lenten Series

### Tuesday, 2 April

11.00am Seeing the Gospel in Lent

7.30pm Seeing the Gospel in Lent

### First Friday, 5 April

7.00am Prayer Breakfast

2.40pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, 6 April

11:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation (two priests available during Lent)

## SPRING FORWARD



Did Fr Joseph confuse you last weekend? Did you remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour this morning?

## IRISH CATHOLIC

This carries news of the Church at home and abroad, and has good analysis of events and important issues (such as the recent Papal visit and World Meeting of Families). Some excellent journalists write in the paper such as Maria Steen, Nuala O'Loan, Breda O'Brien, David Quinn, and reviewer Peter Costello! But if you wish to be sure of a weekly copy you could order in advance, by giving your name to Antoinette in the Parish Office, or to me.

Many thanks.

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

*In Loving Memory*  
**Patricia Garland**  
 (née Reilly)  
 (Rathdown Road)  
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.  
 Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died recently especially...

### Welcome

We welcome into the Catholic Church babies **Hollie Belinda Valentine Collins, Oisín Sean Hanley and Milah Eve Sheila Robinson** who were baptised here in St Peter's last weekend. We wish them every blessing as they take their first steps as new members of our Christian family.

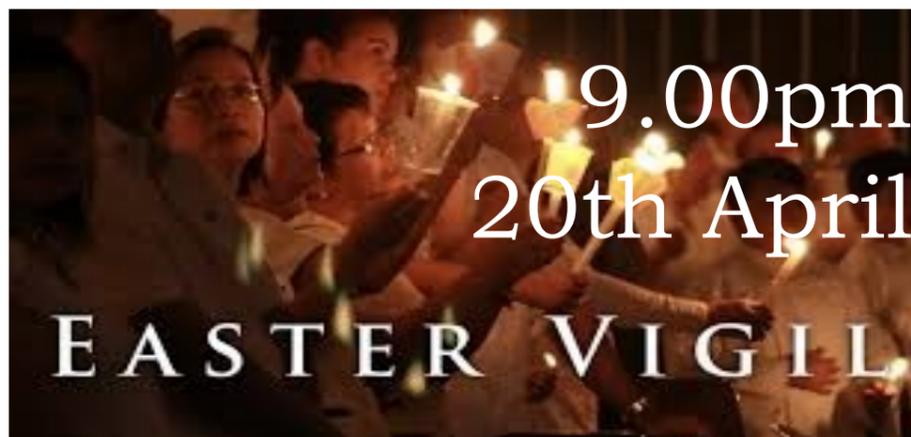
### Fridays in Lent

7.00am Prayer Breakfast

2.40pm - 'The 9th Hour' to 3.00pm Stations of the Cross to end at the hour of Christ's death

7.30pm 'Now it is evening'

Stations of the Cross (with adult orientated meditations from different traditions)



9.00pm  
 20th April  
 EASTER VIGIL

## FAMILY CONCERT

in aid of:  
**St Peter's N.S. Strings Project**

**Time:** 4.00pm  
**Date:** Sunday, 31 March 2019  
**Venue:** St Peter's Church  
**Tickets:** €5.00 / €3.00 (children under 12) available at the door.

With performances by:  
**Offbeat Ensemble**  
**St Peter's N.S. Orchestra**  
**St Peter's Chamber Orchestra**

[offbeat.ensemble.com](http://offbeat.ensemble.com)



### D7 Breastfeeding Support Group

**Time:** 10.00am - 11.30am  
**Date:** Wednesdays (during school term)  
**Venue:** St Peter's Club (car park entrance)  
 Cuidiu is a voluntary parent-to-parent support group, providing information and support for all parents, whether bumps or babes, toddlers or teens. Find us on Facebook @ Cuidiu Dublin North West - Parent Support, Breastfeeding, Antenatal  
 Website: [www.cuidiu.ie](http://www.cuidiu.ie)  
 Dublin 7 Breastfeeding Counsellors  
**Hannah Rebecca Ann**  
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### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare & Stewardship Sunday  
 Mothers Day

### Monday

St Ceallach (Celsus), bishop  
 7.00pm Legion of Mary  
 7.30pm Miraculous Medal Lenten Series  
 Theme: Praying for all who bear children  
 7.30pm Exploring Catechism

### Tuesday

St Francis of Paola, hermit  
 11am & 7.30pm Seeing the Gospel in Lent  
 3.00pm Phibsborough Active Retired

### Wednesday

10.00am Cuidiu  
 7.00pm Legion of Mary

### Thursday

St Isidore, bishop & doctor of the Church  
 11.00am Prayer for Vocations  
 Fall Prevention Classes resume 18 April

### First Friday

St Vincent Ferrer, priest  
 7.00am Prayer Breakfast  
 10.30am Sacred Heart Confraternity  
 2.40pm & 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday

10.30am Children of Mary Sodality  
 11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

St John Baptist de la Salle, priest is not celebrated this year

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### Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:  
 Church (24 Mar) = €1,286.33  
 Share (24 Mar) = € 398.65  
 Thank you very much for your continued support.

### Church Gate Collections

Next week's is in aid of essential Church repairs.

### Easter Dues

Envelopes available in the Church.