

Hymns for September 2019

St Peter's Church Phibsborough



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 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.

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

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.



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Mass Times

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

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/

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.

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 unto 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.

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.

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/.

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

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.