



A Work in Progress

Renovation Update

By Fr. Paschal Scallion CM PP

St Peter's Church at the junction of the North Circular Road and the Cabra Road has been a sanctuary for our community for generations. Today, to say that St Peter's is a work in progress is as true as can be, and the work we are currently undertaking will become an integral part of all that has gone before.

Where the practicalities are concerned, it has been almost a year since the church closed for essential renovations to the floor, heating, and electrics. This project is far more than cosmetic.

While we had hoped to reopen by now, we faced disappointing setbacks when the old flooring was removed. Contractors discovered extensive asbestos from earlier works. Removing this—and a second quantity found later—has added months to our schedule. Based on current projections, we expect to return to the church late next March.

Effectively, the interior of St Peter's Church is being rebuilt from floor to ceiling. When we reopen, parishioners will see a new sanctuary and a new altar. It was a wonderful relief to find that almost all of the original mosaic flooring before the old High Altar was undisturbed; this beautiful feature will be exposed once

again. Furthermore, the shrine to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be restored to its original condition, and the walls and ceiling will be thoroughly refurbished to enhance the sanctuary and shrines.

The nave and transept floors are being completely replaced. Additionally, we are creating a versatile gathering area at the front door, suitable for both formal liturgical introductions and informal community use.

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Beyond the visible changes, crucial hidden renovations are underway. The new underfloor heating system is specifically designed to keep the congregation warm, rather than wasting energy heating the huge space within the vaulted ceiling. We are also replacing and upgrading the light and sound systems, designing these modern installations to be as discreet as possible.

There is much more that will be shared about the renewal of our beautiful church. In the meantime, I thank you for your patience and faith. Keep praying that all will be well.

Fr. Paschal Scallion CM, PP

LEAVE A MESSAGE

During the Renovation the
Parish Office is staffed infrequently.
The best access to information is via the
website, email, telephone, or
in person
between 10:00 am and 11:30 am in the
Mass Centre.

IMPORTANT

If you phone and receive no answer,
LEAVE A MESSAGE,

THE ANSWERING SERVICE IS
CHECKED REGULARLY

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Saint Peter's Church NEWSLETTER



September 2026

Knock

Last chance to
book for Knock
Weekdays
10-11:30am in
person or scan
here



Choir's Return

September sees the return of the regular Choir at the 10:00 Mass. As well as sing in our Mass Centre, they are participating in a Culture Night event in All Saint's Church

Still 2 Minutes off?

You may have noticed the clock is has been reset to the correct time so if you have been depending on those extra two minutes to get to Mass on time.....

Back to School

200 years ago, St. Peter's School opened its doors. Since then countless children have passed through its halls.

Please keep the new students and the dedicated teachers who continue this vital work in your prayers.



Handing on the Key

The Mission continues

Fr Paschal Scallion CM PP

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It's been several weeks since I turned up in St Peter's again and it's been a lovely, gentle re-immersion in life in Phibsborough and among so many familiar, friendly and welcoming faces. Even though I may have imagined I would be quite accustomed to St Peter's, it has been revealing to see and appreciate all that has changed in ten years. All the stumbles and double takes have been my own of course. Thank you for being so kind.

Arriving back in the parish in July has allowed me to take in how St Peter's is getting on and the most obvious feature in the landscape is the arrangement that has been made for the continuing celebration of the liturgy while the church is being refurbished.

The 'Mass Centre' is a tribute to the effort of everyone who worked so hard to ensure that St Peter's could continue to function as a place for worship rather than go into



Generosity in Action

August Update

- Parish
1st Collection, (Cash, Card, Payzone) =
€ 4,571.16
Envelopes (Cash, Payzone) =
€ 1,522.80
- SVP
(Monthly Collection) =
€ 551.27
- Share
(2nd Collection) =
€ 899.70

Thank you for your continued support to the parish and to the Diocese

You can help

It takes many hands and hearts to keep our mission running smoothly! If you are a regular contributor, you can boost your support. By completing a quick form for the **Charitable Donation Scheme**, we can claim back the tax on your gifts. It costs you nothing extra, but hugely helps our parish. Scan the QR code today!



The changing of the guard

suspended animation for the duration of the work on the church. It is a tight space and over the summer it has been very warm, but I have been struck by how many of you turn up every day – not just on Sundays. Please God, in all of this we are in step with Providence and the Holy Spirit is the one keeping us in communion with each other.

Many of you have asked about Fr Devlin. When he and I began to discuss what the future might entail as he came to and passed his six-year appointment as Parish Priest, he spoke about his long-standing wish to work in what he called the ‘Northern Church’. Having spent a number of years living and working in

‘four churches’ in Ireland: the church in Dublin, the church in the country, the church of the young and the church in the North.

Belfast myself, I understood that desire very well. On the Vincentian Mission Team we used to speak about ‘four churches’ in Ireland: the church in Dublin, the church in the country, the church of the young and the church in the North. Each is quite distinct – if not exactly ‘different’ – and in my experience at least, it has been a joy and a privilege to be a priest in each of them at different times. On your behalf and that of his Vincentian confrères, I wish Eamon every blessing and happiness in Sacred Heart Parish in Belfast.

In Christ, in St Peter and St Vincent, Paschal Scallan CM

Could You Drive a Cancer Patient to Their Treatment?

The **Irish Cancer Society** seeks compassionate volunteer drivers to transport patients to their hospital chemotherapy appointments. Gifting your time ensures they receive comfortable, one-on-one transport for lifesaving treatments

The Impact You’ll Make The feedback from patients who rely on this transport service highlights just how vital it is. Your generosity offers much-needed comfort and practical support during a highly challenging time, easing the journey for those impacted by cancer.

How to Get Involved? Contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie for more information or to sign up.

What’s Required?

- Time commitment: Just 2 days per month.
- Essentials: A valid driving licence and a safe, reliable vehicle.
- Preparation: Full training is provided by the Irish Cancer Society before you begin.

This Months Events



10 am Mass, Sundays in September

A reflection on a Vincentian Saint each Sunday



3:00 pm September 12th

The Vincentian Family’s Annual Pilgrimage
Pilgrim’s Bus leaves St. Peter’s 7.45am Sharp

Regular Devotions



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday
6:40pm Rosary
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Novena



Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena

First Friday
10:30am Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart with Novena



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday
11:00am-12:00 noon

Ethnic Chaplaincies



African Chaplaincy

1st Sunday
2:00pm Mass

Sacraments



Mass

Sunday
Saturday Vigil
6.30 pm
Sunday Morning
8.00 am
10.00 am
11.30 am

Monday
10.30 am
7.00 pm

Tuesday to Saturday
10.30 am

Holy Days
10.30 pm
6.30 pm



Penance

Saturday
11:00 am ‘till Noon
Monday
7:00pm ‘till 8pm
or by arrangement
01 8102566



Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday of the Month
1030 am with Mass
or on request
01 8102566



Marriage

By Arrangement



Baptism

4th Sunday of month at 12.30pm



The Church in China

7:00 pm Mass Centre, September 10th

The Chinese Catholic experience today with Fr. Joseph Loftus CM



Harmony in the Heart of the Community

7:30 All Saint’s Church, September 18th

Featuring performances by two local choirs, St. Peter’s Singers & All Saints Church Choir,



Parish Priest’s Installation

11:30 am Mass 27th September 2026

The Installation Fr. Paschal Scallan CM as Parish Priest