



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
24 DECEMBER 2017



Mystery Revealed to Us in the Hay

The story of the birth of Jesus is full of joy in the midst of great conflict and sadness. Jesus' mission is revealed to us, in how he came to us - in poverty and humiliation. There, in the hay, we begin to know. There, in the manger, we begin to understand. Our God is revealed to us by coming in the lowliest of possible places. It is a meditation for our whole lives.

This story is here to bring us light in the midst of any darkness, poverty, rejection, emptiness, sinfulness we experience. By reminding us of where he comes, the Good News is also a revelation of who we are. We are the "people who walk in darkness". We are people who experience parts of our lives as dry and unwelcoming as that hay.

We get our word "manger" from the Latin root, which means simply "to eat". Jesus comes, into the greatest place of our poverty, not only to be "with us" but to nourish us. The manger can be the place we go this Christmas to be fed with the acceptance, love, and peace we need. There is no place of darkness in which we need ever feel alone. There is no situation, no loss, and no tragedy that need ever leave us empty. There is no sin, no matter how selfish that will ever leave us apart from God's love.

Now, our eyes are opened to the wondrous joy of his coming to us in that manger 2,000 years ago, so that we will know and understand his coming to us in our hunger today, and ultimately so that we will long for his final coming to bring us to the banquet that has been prepared, to fill all our longing.

Pope Francis

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Sunday, 24 December

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve - Vigil 9.00pm

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Readings

Is 62:1-5.

Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29, R/ cf v 2.

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25.

Mt 1:1-25 (shorter form 1:18-25)

Monday, 25 December

Christmas Day

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Readings

Is 52:7-10.

Ps 97:1-6, R/ v 3.

Heb 1:1-6.

Jn 1:1-18.

Tuesday, 26 December

St Stephen, first martyr

Bank Holiday

Wednesday, 27 December

St John, apostle & evangelist

Thursday, 28 December

The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

Friday, 29 December

St Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr

Sunday, 31 December

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

St Sylvester, pope is not celebrated this year

Readings - Year B

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3.

Ps 104:1-6, 8-9, R/ vv 7, 8.

Heb 18:11-12, 17-19.

Lk 2:22-40 (shorter form 2:22, 39-40).

Or

Eccles (Sir) 3:2-6, 12-14.

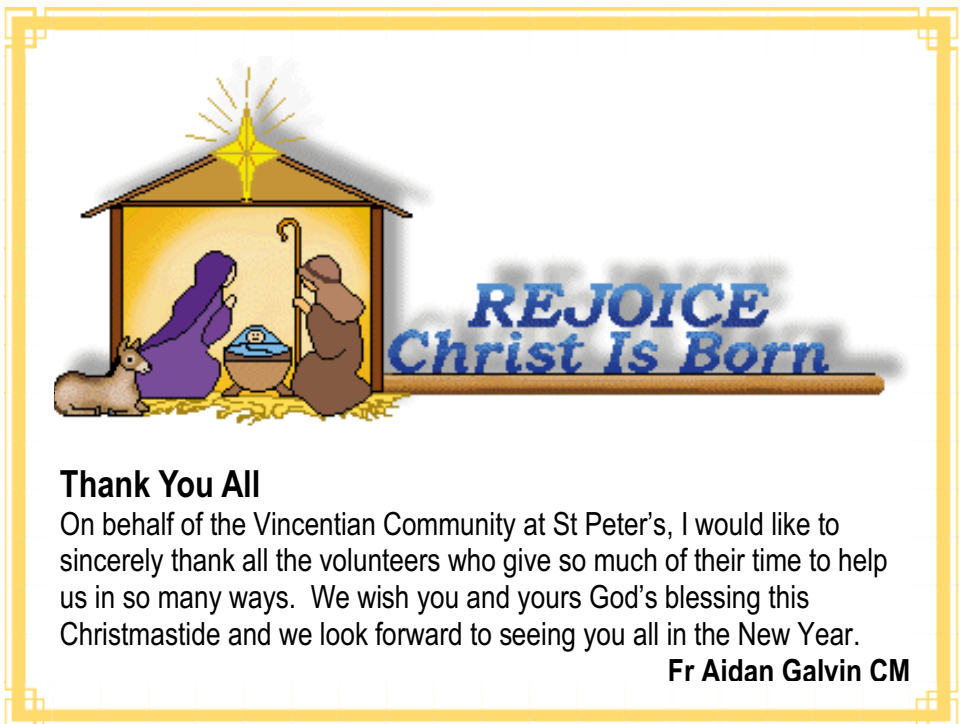
Ps 127:1-5, R/ cf. v 1.

Col 3:12-21.

Lk 2:22-40 (shorter form 2:22, 39-40).



The Vincentian Community at
St Peter's, Phibsborough wish you
Peace & Joy this Christmas &
every Blessing for the New Year



Thank You All

On behalf of the Vincentian Community at St Peter's, I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who give so much of their time to help us in so many ways. We wish you and yours God's blessing this Christmastide and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Fr Aidan Galvin CM

Senior Line

Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10.00am to 10.00pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Our volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. Freephone 1800 804 591. Calls are completely confidential.





Seasons Greetings

Marion McCormack (administrator), Antoinette Dunne (parish secretary), Ecaterina Lungu (parish receptionist) and Kirsten Mahon (pastoral assistant/sacristan) would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a new year full of good health & peace. We look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

Thank You

The proceeds from this year's Christmas Fayre have been finalised and a cheque has been sent to St Peter's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in the amount €1,215.03. We thank you all most sincerely on their behalf for your continued generosity.

Thank You

The Ladies of Charity wish to thank all those who supported them at the **Coffee and Mince Pie Morning** last Sunday at the Cremore Bakery. A total of €300 was raised. Once again we thank you for your generosity.

Monday 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. It resumes on 8 January. All are encouraged to attend.

A Word on the Word

Held on Monday's from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in St Peter's Club (entrance at car park on Cabra Road), the sessions focus on the readings for the following Sunday. It will resume on Monday, 15 January 2018.

Bereavement Counselling

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. For appointments and information contact the Bereavement Counselling Service, Baldoyle, Dublin 13. Tel: 839 1766, Monday - Friday from 9.00am - 1.00pm. For further information please email: bereavement@eircom.net.

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Monday, 1 January

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
World Day of Peace
Bank Holiday

Tuesday, 2 January

Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church

Wednesday, 3 January

The Holy Name of Jesus
St Munchin (Mainchin), bishop
Legion of Mary 7.00pm

Thursday, 4 January

St Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, religious (Vincentian)
Prayer for Vocations directly after Mass

First Friday, 5 January

St Charles of St Andrew, priest
Sacred Heart Confraternity 10.30am

Saturday, 6 January

The Epiphany of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation. Mass: 10.30am
There will be no Children of Mary Sodality or Confessions due to the Holy Day

Sunday, 7 January

The Baptism of the Lord
Bl. Lindalva Justo de Oliveira, virgin & martyr (Vincentian)
& St Raymond of Penyafort, priest are not celebrated this year
Readings - Year B
Is 55:1-11.
Ps Is 12:2-6, R/ v 6.
1 Jn 5:1-9.
Mk 1:7-11.
Or
Is 42:1-4, 6-7.
Ps 28:1-4, 9-10, R/ v 11.
Acts 10:34-38.
Mk 1:7-11.

Weekly Collections

Recent collections amounted to:
Church (17 Dec) = €1,315.39
Share (17 Dec) = € 448.91
Thank you very much for your continued support.

Church Gate Collections

The next Church Gate Collection will take place on Saturday, 6 January / Sunday, 7 January 2018 in aid of essential Church repairs.

Parish of St Peter's, Phibsborough
CHRISTMAS LITURGY 2017

Confessions

Monday 18th December
Cluster Penitential Service 7.30pm
Church of the Most Precious Blood
Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd
11.00am - 12.00pm
Saturday 23rd December
11.00am - 12.30pm



Mass Schedule

Sunday 24th December
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Christmas Eve
8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am. No 6.30pm Mass

Carol Service 8.15pm followed by Christmas Vigil 9.00pm



Monday 25th December
The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am & Indian Mass at 2.30pm
No Evening Mass

Tuesday 26th December
St Stephen, First Martyr
10.30am. Church closes at 12.00pm

Wednesday 27th December
St John, Apostle & Evangelist
10.30am. Church closes at 12.00pm

Thursday 28th December
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
10.30am. Church closes at 12.00pm



Friday 29th December
5th Day in the Octave of Christmas
St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
10.30am. Church closes at 12.00pm

Saturday 30th December
6th Day in the Octave of Christmas
10.30am. Confessions directly after Mass

Sunday 31st December
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - New Year's Eve
Vigil 6.30pm / 8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am. No 6.30pm Mass



Parish Office

The Parish Office will close at 12.30pm on Friday 22nd December.

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NEW YEAR LITURGY 2018

Mass Schedule

Monday 1st January 2018

New Year's Day - World Day of Peace

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10.00am. No Novena, the Church will close directly after Mass

Tuesday 2nd January

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10.30am

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Vigil 6.30pm / 8.00am / 10.00am / 11.30am / 6.30pm

Monday 8th January

10.30am & Miraculous Medal

Novena 7.00pm

Parish Office

Normal opening/closing times resume on Tuesday, 2nd January






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