



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of Easter: 5 May 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 5 May

Bl. Edmund Rice, religious is not celebrated this year

Special Intention

Carmel Strickland (MM)

Kathleen McMahon (BR)

Dr Sheila Mulvey (1st A)

Irene Hartmann (4th A)

Bridie & Paddy Murray (4th A)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 6 May (Bank Holiday)

Sheila Tierney (A)

Tuesday, 7 May

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 8 May

Bl. John Sullivan, priest

John Hallahan (A)

Thursday, 9 May

Holy Souls

Friday, 10 May

St Louise de Marillac, Religious, Co-foundress of the Society of the Daughters of Charity

St John of Avila, priest & doctor of the Church & St Comgall, abbot

Gerry Kernan, son Paul Kernan, grand-

daughter Saskia Byrne (A) & son-in-law

Pat Murphy (RD)

Joseph McGreer (RD)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 11 May

Marion Grehan (SI)

'I know that we all have faults and I more than anyone. However, the support we owe to one another should prevent us from noticing the weaknesses of our sisters, except if we are able to help them.'

Louise de Marillac

As a wife, mother, teacher, nurse, social worker, mentor, spiritual leader, and foundress, St Louise de Marillac stands as a model to all women.



POINTS TO PONDER

We are asked to love those who persecute us, to love those who hate us. And, because Christ gave this to us as his only commandment, we know two things: 1. that it is possible to attain even if difficult, and 2. that it should be at the forefront of all of our life, all of the time.

We expend a great deal of energy on disliking people. We use excuses to dislike people just in the same way as Christ used excuses to forgive and love people.

Yet, just as Christ forgave us, the people who persecuted him, and calls us friends, so we are asked by Jesus to call friends those whom we don't always like. The street beggars, the people who have a different religion or a different skin colour or spoken language or culture, even those who have different ideas to ours. Much of the media — which is nowadays the shop frontage of life — tells us to seek blame. Any news story is first and foremost an exercise in blame. Yet, this is not the Christian way. Christ tells us: *'I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.'*

This is our vocation, then, that our joy may be complete by loving him, by allowing him to love us through everyone around us. Let us with our whole hearts enter into Christ's single commandment to love one another, and ask the Holy Spirit who convinces us of the meaning and the value of the Christian way, to lead us to fullness in him.

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FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS & SEMINARIANS

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS - MAY 2024

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION...

... takes place for the children of 2nd Class in St Peter's NS on Saturday next, 11th May at 11.30am. We pray for the children, their parents and families that their meeting with Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time will be a faith-filled experience of joy and grace.

FEAST OF ST LOUISE DE MARILLAC

Thursday next 9th May we celebrate St Louise who with St Vincent de Paul founded the Company of the Daughters of Charity in 1633. the Sisters devote themselves in community to the service of people who are experiencing poverty.

We pray for the Community of Sisters who live and work in the parish, asking the Lord to bless them in all they do.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 5 May 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. *'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'*

Then Peter addressed them:

'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God.

Peter himself then said,

'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.

Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth
and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St John

My dear people,

let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Eithne Scott (Shandon Drive), Marie Connaughton, Frank Walsh, Joan Loftus (formerly of Phibsborough), Willie Brennan, Melissa Ryan and Noel Kelleher.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

BANK HOLIDAY

As Monday 6th May, is a Bank Holiday

- 1) the Parish Office will be closed
- 2) there will be no evening Mass or Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Everything will resume the following Monday, the 13th May.

MONTHLY COLLECTION

The Society of St Vincent de Paul's monthly collection for the work of St Peter's Conference will take place at all Masses next weekend 11th/12th April, which is the Feast of the Ascension.