



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Ascension of the Lord: 12 May 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12 May

Ss Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs & St Pancras, martyr are not celebrated this year

Noel Kelleher (MM)

Patrick Connaughton (12th A)

Maureen Hartmann (21st A)

Griffith Roberts (A)

Shay (BR) & Jean Barron & Families (D)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 13 May

Our Lady of Fatima

Aleyamm Joseph (SI)

Dr Frank Keane (A)

May Richard (A)

Stephanie Farrell (A)

Tuesday, 14 May

St Matthias, Apostle

Funeral - Patrick (Paddy) Forbes RIP

Wednesday, 15 May

St Carthage, bishop

Benedict, Louis & Ethel Penny (A)

Thursday, 16 May

St Brendan, abbot

Melissa Ryan (MM)

Friday, 17 May

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 18 May

St John I, pope & martyr

Marion Grehan (SI)

Paddy Burke (1st A)

ST PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 26th May, contact 087 294 2465.

CHRIST'S ASCENSION, AND ITS IMPACT ON US NOW

His invisible presence is always powerfully with us

Scripture

A group of some 120 disciples accompanied Jesus on his final short walk in his visible body to the suburbs of Jerusalem (1st Reading, Acts 1). Some asked him to restore the ancient kingdom of Israel but he called them (and us) to a mission into the whole world, in order to establish his kingdom, and the Church everywhere. Then he was raised up and taken out of their sight to Heaven (in accordance with current cosmology). Although now invisible, he says in the Gospel of today (Matthew 28): "I am with you always to the end of time." This wonderful consolation and source of power are always available. The 2nd Reading (Ephesians 1) tells us of Christ in glory giving gifts to humankind. It is he who fills the whole creation.

Reflection

The Ascension account and its doctrine are most inspiring. Here we see the glorification of Christ, his return to the splendour of the Father, the crowning of his mission and work of our salvation. The Ascension of Jesus is a sign and promise of our call to ultimate, endless happiness in Heaven, having lived according to the Gospel. This Feast points us to a new environment of a living faith, a joining of earth to Heaven, a sustained interior life of decisive focus on what existence is all about. Peace ensues from a sustained habit, and flows through people of peace into the world.

The Ascension joy and promise of glory are summed up in these words:

*"This mystery strengthens our faith in the divinity of Christ;
it increases hope by the vision of his glory.*

This stirs us up to observance of the Commandments."

Blessed Columba Marmion (1858-1923)

Benedictine, native of Dublin

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Patrick (Paddy) Forbes (Bradenton Florida, originally Monck Place), Tom Brady (originally Norfolk Road), Eithne Scott, Marie Connaughton 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.**

ST PETER'S CHURCH – REMEDIAL AND RESTORATION WORK

Two meetings will take place (Tuesday 21st May and Sunday 26th May at 7.30pm) in the Church to afford parishioners an opportunity to engage with the design team regarding proposed remedial and restoration work which it is hoped will take place over several months next year.

A plan of the proposed work will be posted in the Church to give us time to reflect and formulate any questions or observations we may have. All are encouraged and are welcome to attend.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 12 May 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised.

'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, *'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'*

He replied, *'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'*

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, *'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'*

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers:

in my name they will cast out devils;

they will have the gift of tongues;

they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven:

here at the right hand of God he took his place,

while they, going out, preached everywhere,

the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS

- Sun 28 April

- Sun 5 May

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)

= €1,272.11

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)

= €1,466.77

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)

= € 403.20

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)

= € 514.70

Lay Ministry (2nd Collection)

= € 478.92

Share (2nd Collection)

= € 318.42

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

MONTHLY PATRICIAN MEETING

Organised by the Legion of Mary, the Patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'Angels'. There will be a brief paper on the topic, then we gather to talk about what we have heard followed by some light refreshments. Everyone is very welcome to come along on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm to St Peter's Club.