



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Easter: 28 April 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 28 April

*St Peter Chanel, priest & martyr & St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, priest are not celebrated this year*

Jack Corbett (MM)  
Kay McCabe (MM)  
Ashling Fitzgerald (BR)  
John Crosby (1st A)  
Michael O'Sullivan (1st A)  
Maggie Reilly (2nd A)  
Liam Paddle (A)  
Colette Brady (A)  
Maura Pender (A)  
Sr Kathleen Harty (A)  
Phyllis Kirk (A)  
Larry O'Sullivan (D)

#### Monday, 29 April

*St Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe*

#### Funeral - Marie Connaughton RIP

John Crosby (1st A)  
Michael O'Sullivan (1st A)  
Anne Murray (7th A)

#### Tuesday, 30 April

*St Pius V, pope*  
Special Intention  
Josie Devlin (A)

#### Wednesday, 1 May

*St Joseph the Worker*  
Mollie O'Loughnan (BR)  
Tom Nash (A)  
Mary & Mick O'Dwyer (D)

#### Thursday, 2 May

*St Athanasius, bishop & doctor of the Church*  
Colette Brady (1st A)  
Dr Sheila Mulvey (1st A)  
Gerry Lattice (9th A)

### POINTS TO PONDER

I have two plants that live in my office. One of them is better than twenty years old. The other is only a few years old. If I do not pay attention to them, they do something that makes them look sad. They droop! They almost look as if they are going to cry.

I think it is fair to say that like our plants we wither from time to time. I am speaking of course about our walk with the Lord. Most people who identify themselves as Christians have very pronounced highs and lows in their journey of faith.

Generally speaking it is because we allow our relationship with Jesus to grow old, or like our plants, we forget to get the kind of nutrition that we need to stay fresh and vital. There are so many people who go to church, sign up for boards or committees, get excited for a week or two, and then everything gets old. For others it takes longer; maybe a couple of months, maybe a year, two years, or maybe even five years.

Like drooping plants our relationship with Christ that was once so vibrant, fresh, and exciting becomes slow, stale, and boring...dry!

The fruit that God desired from Israel was for the people to be more loving, to show obedience to God, and to practice righteousness and justice in how they conducted their lives. When we take that idea and transport it through Jesus, through the disciples, and finally into all of us we begin to see how important it is for us to stay connected to Jesus who is the source of our Christian life.

John W. Clarke

[www.sermonsuite.com](http://www.sermonsuite.com)

(taken from 'Intercom')

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.*

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.*

*Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.*

'Trees' by Joyce Kilmer

[www.abranchinthevine.com](http://www.abranchinthevine.com)

(taken from 'Intercom')

#### Friday, 3 May

*Ss Philip & James, Apostles*  
Redmond Family (SI & D)  
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 4 May

*St Conleth, bishop*  
Marion Grehan (SI)  
Dr Sheila Mulvey (1st A)

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 28 April 2024

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,

declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.'

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our

conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Marie Connaughton (Glasnevin), Willie Brennan (formerly of Phibsborough), Melissa Ryan, Noel Kelleher and Carmel Strickland.

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.**

### COLLECTIONS - Sun 21 April

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,119.82

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 367.40

Share (2nd Collection) = € 380.88

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

### COLLECTION

The Lay Ministry Appeal will take place at all Masses this week-end (27/28 April) and replaces the usual Share collection.