



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 9 June 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 9 June

*St Columba, abbot & missionary, secondary patron of Ireland is not celebrated this year*

Annamarie & Annie Hughes (A)

Bridget Sutton (A)

John & Agnes Kennedy (A)

Sheila, Alice & Lily Lightfoot (A)

Joseph & Mary Hannon (A)

Kathleen McCabe (A)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

#### Monday, 10 June

*St Columba (Colum Cille), abbot & missionary (Transferred Feast)*

*St Ephrem, deacon & doctor of the Church*

Nicola Dunz & Family (SI)

Cillian Redmond (newborn)

Thanksgiving

Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 11 June

*St Barnabas, apostle*

Thomas Abbey (85th BR)

Elizabeth McCormack (A)

#### Wednesday, 12 June

Holy Souls

#### Thursday, 13 June

*St Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor of the Church*

Rosaleen O'Brien (BR)

John Conlon (1st A)

#### Friday, 14 June

*St Davnet, virgin*

Evelyne Gallet (RD)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 15 June

Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)

Lars-Erik Staffans (RD)

A = Anniversary

B = Birthday

BR = Birthday Remembrance

D = Deceased

GW = Get Well

MM = Months Mind

RD = Recently Deceased

SI = Special Intention

W = Wedding

WA = Wedding Anniversary

### GOD'S POWER IN US, RESISTING ALL EVIL FORCES

#### Introduction

In families it is important to show children how to practice virtues, and be good citizens. From the earliest years it is also common to warn children to avoid such things as crossing a busy road, or walking among wild animals. Likewise, in the totality of Catholic life, we cultivate a strong spiritual living, and absolute opposition to all evil and the devil's influence.

#### Today's texts

The story of Adam and Eve and their disobedience to God shows the ruthless trickery of the devil (Genesis 3). The Gospel (Mark 3) paints a scene of Jesus being accused by the Jewish leaders; they say he is possessed by Beelzebul (the devil). Jesus confounds the devil — and his adversaries. Our Church Catechism says that devils are bad angels (led by Satan), who rebelled against God, and seeks to lead the human race away from God to eternal damnation. The 2nd Reading (2 Corinthians 4, 5) gives us the positive treasure of a living faith, esteemed, loved, and practiced. This is secure protection against all evil and sin. The Gospel ends with a most consoling picture of Mary and close disciples of Jesus.

#### Practical reflections

The living reality for each of us in the mutual support of a faith-community is most valuable. We oppose the deceits of Satan. In our doctrine, while we are aware of diabolical activity and are always most cautious, yet we are not obsessed by the evil one. We are careful to avoid the spirits of evil; we avoid superstition, spells, ouija boards, séances, astrology, horoscopes; the first Commandment also forbids us to support pagan rites. God alone is to be worshipped. Only God knows the future, while ordinary science and good observation offer clues which are helpful. We trust God in everything.

Our pure Church teaching gives us the grace of the Holy Trinity and the freedom of truth.

*Resist the devil, strong in faith*

(1 Peter 5, 9)

**Fr Eamon Flanagan CM**

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Ann McGee (née Rochford, formerly of Norfolk Road) & Eamon Dolan (formerly of Phibsboro').

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.**

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 9 June 2024

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. *'Where are you?'* he asked. *'I heard the sound of you in the garden;'* he replied *'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.'* *'Who told you that you were naked?'* he asked. *'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?'* The man replied, *'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.'* Then the Lord God asked the woman, *'What is this you have done?'* The woman replied, *'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'* Then the Lord God said to the serpent, *'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'*

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – *I believed, and therefore I spoke* – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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 Mark

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, *'Beelzebul is in him,'* and, *'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.'*

So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, *'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.'*

This was because they were saying, *'An unclean spirit is in him.'* His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, *'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.'* He replied, *'Who are my mother and my brothers?'* And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, *'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'*

The Gospel of the Lord.

### COLLECTIONS - Sun 2 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,100.57

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 653.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 326.18

Thank you for your support to the parish and Diocese.

### SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION...

... will take place at  
all Masses this week-  
end 8th/9th June.

Be thou a bright flame before me,  
be thou a guiding star above me,  
be thou a smooth path below me,  
be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,  
today, tonight and forever.

*Attributed to St Columba (Colum Cille),  
Abbot & Missionary, Secondary Patron of Ireland  
(521-597 AD)*