



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: 16 June 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 16 June

Day for Life

Gabriel & Eucharua Aliliomu (SI)
Con Collis (50th A)
Dick Collis (50th A)
Claire & Ted Allen (A)
Terence & Margaret Lowen (A)
Rita & Paddy Farrell (A)
Patrick, Mary, Liam & Paddy Forbes (D)
Martin & Nancy Coleman (D)
Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)
John Lawrence (D)
Johnny & Paul Abbey (D)

Monday, 17 June

Simon D'Silva (B)
Austin Brennan (A)
Fatima Gonsalves (D)

Tuesday, 18 June

Silvana Miller (1st A)
Bridie, Eddie & Paul Rourke (A)

Wednesday, 19 June

*St Romuald, abbot, & Bl. Dermot O'Hurley bishop
& Companions, martyrs*
Holy Souls

Thursday, 20 June

The Irish Martyrs
Paddy & Bridie Murray (A)

Friday, 21 June

St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 22 June

St Paulinus of Nola, bishop
Ss John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs
Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)
Peg Skeffington (1st A)

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

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth. Yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all. Mk 4:26

Today's first reading and gospel reading are about growth; the growth of the Kingdom of God in the world and the growth of the Kingdom of God in our hearts and minds. The Kingdom of God grows from tiny insignificant beginnings. The Kingdom is growing even when we do not see it. The Kingdom of God gives shelter to all kinds of people just as the cedar tree and the mustard tree give shelter to the birds.

How growth occurs in nature is a real mystery. A farmer scatters seed on cultivated soil. Having done the preparing and the sowing, all that can be done is wait for the harvest. The cycle of growth follows its own secret rhythm. In the parable it is said of the farmer that '*he does not know*' how all *this happens*. Yet it happens. Even though nothing much seems to be happening, the miracle of growth is taking place all the time.

There is a reassuring, hopeful message here for all of us. We can be tempted to discouragement by the slow progress that the ways of God appear to be making within us and within our world. The spreading of God's reign is ultimately God's work and that work is always under way, even when we do not see it or understand it. Today's gospel parables are an invitation to us to be patient with the growth of God's Kingdom within us and around us.

St John Cardinal Newman said about growth: *Growth is the only evidence of life..... To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.*

The author of the book of Qoheleth or Ecclesiastes expressed it well, '*Just as you do not know how the breath comes into the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything.*' **New life and growth is a great mystery. New life is a precious gift from God.**

Fr Mark Noonan CM

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Sheila O'Neill (Cabra Park), Mary Mitchell (Connaught Street), Patrick (Pat) Gallagher (formerly of Phibsborough) and James (Shay) McManus (formerly of Phibsborough).

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, 16 June 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

SECOND READING

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

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confi-

dence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come'. He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

'DARING TO HOPE' - Irish Religious Sisters Embracing the Unknown (1923 - 2023)

Told through photographs, videos and stories, the portable exhibition reveals how Sisters often worked within a context of poverty, war, racial discrimination, strict religious and social mores, political unrest and grave injustice.

Viatres Christi would like to invite parishioners to view the Exhibition on 22nd and 23rd June at 8 New Cabra Road between 12.00pm & 5.00pm.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 9 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€ 776.31
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 376.60
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 282.32
S.V.P. (Monthly Collection)	=	€ 265.64

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

DAY FOR LIFE

Thank you Lord for the gift of life in all its wonder and beauty: for these little lives of ours, for all your vast creation. Deepen in us respect for life at all stages, give us a heart for all whose lives are diminished by hardship, threatened by violence or disregarded in any way. **Amen.**

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.