



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 7 July 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 7 July

*St Maelruain, bishop & abbot is not celebrated this year*

Fr Joseph Deane (RD)

Sheila O'Neill (MM)

Breda Higgins (MM)

Nano Blake (BR)

Margaret Cavanagh (1st A)

Betty Gill (1st A)

Connie Ennis (A)

Michéal Loughlin (D)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

#### Monday, 8 July

*St Kilian, bishop & martyr*

Lolita Orilla (SI)

Ardy Orilla (SI)

Edwin Reserva (SI)

Ernesto Castro (SI)

Dominador Taborete (SI)

Esperanza Taborete (SI)

Mary Moloney (A)

Mary Twyford (A)

#### Tuesday, 9 July

*St Francis Régis Clet, priest & martyr & Ss Augustine*

*Zhao Rong, priest, & Companions, martyrs*

Mary Mitchell (MM)

Joan McCreevey (1st A)

#### Wednesday, 10 July

Margaret Cavanagh (1st A)

William (Bill) Eugene Cariveau (1st A)

#### Thursday, 11 July

*St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe*

Kathleen McElligott (A)

Liam Jordan (A)

#### Friday, 12 July

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 13 July

*St Henry, Duke of Bavaria (later Emperor), Reformer of the Church*

Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)

Brigid & David Naessens (A)

### ON COMING TO MASS - SOME POINTS TO PONDER

As Catholics we believe that the Mass is the most important experience in our lives. We believe that Jesus Christ is fully present when we as people of faith gather to listen to him speaking to us through his word and to receive him in the Eucharist. When the Church teaches that coming to Mass on Sunday is an obligation the obligation involved arises out of our desire to encounter Jesus in this very real way. How could we not want to? What could be more important?

During COVID-19 the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland removed the obligation of Sunday Mass as a necessary response to a most serious pandemic which was new and volatile, and posed a grave danger to health. The development of the webcam facilitating livestreaming into our homes came as a relief to many and facilitated us to join the celebration in a virtual way. It cannot however be termed participation in the full sense of being present in person in the gathering of the believers. The webcam continues to be a helpful tool for all those who because of limitation through age or illness are unable to come to Mass.

Presence, punctuality and participation are all key and necessary elements if we are to really encounter Jesus Christ who invites us to this deepest of meetings that is the Mass.

**Presence.** I choose to come to Mass, especially on Sunday even though there are other things I'd like to do, things which are useful, enjoyable and fun. My decision to go to Mass is my clearest declaration to God that he is the most important priority in my life. Jesus once asked his disciples: 'will you also go away?' My Sunday decision is my answer and either way it rings loud and clear.

**Punctuality.** We arrive late sometimes for all kinds of activities and for a multitude of reasons. If something is really important for me however I won't be late. If I'm regularly late, unless for a serious reason beyond my control, what does that say to me about the place of Mass in my life?

**Participation.** Mass is not a performance or a show at which I am an onlooker. Neither is it a form of entertainment or a distraction. Mass is a meeting, an encounter with God who speaks, listens, and gives us himself as food for our journey with all its ups and downs. Jesus wants to hear from us, he desires to talk with us, help us find ways forward, discern about our lives, enhance our relationships, enrich our minds and insights, free us from sin and darkness, fill us with grace, bless us and empower us to be people of real faith and hope and overflowing love.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 7 July 2024

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt.

Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.

### SECOND READING

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud!

About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.'

So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.  
The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?'

And they would not accept him.

And Jesus said to them,

'A prophet is only despised- in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Joan Wylde (St Peter's Road), Maureen Connell (Annamoe Drive), Laurence (Jimmy) Brophy (Cherrymount Park), Sheila O'Neill and Mary Mitchell.

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.**

### FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

#### THE POPE'S INTENTIONS - JULY 2024

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

### THE SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION...

... will take place at all Masses next weekend 13th/14th July.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 30 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,241.67

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 381.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 252.86

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

### 'KOINS FOR KIDS IRELAND'

We are a voluntary charity putting all our efforts into the funding of life-saving equipment (a Paediatric MRI Scanner) that will make a big impact on young innocent lives decades into the future. "Koins for Kids Ireland" has a home for any coin or banknote on the planet. No donation is too small and can be left into the Parish Office.