



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 4 August 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 4 August

Gabriel & Echaria Alilicone (SI)
Thomas Brennan (BR)
Erlinda Manos (1st A)
Billy Dowling (A)
Rose Abbey & Abbey Family (D)
Jean & Shay Barron (D)
May Foley (A)
Bobby Kelly (A)

Monday, 5 August

Bank Holiday
Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Tuesday, 6 August

Transfiguration of the Lord
Nicolau Fernandez (2nd A)

Wednesday, 7 August

Ss Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs
St Cajetan, Priest

Thursday, 8 August

St Dominic, Priest
Kathleen Mockler (1st A)
Houston Bryan Chinyama (1st A)

Friday, 9 August

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Fergal McCann (SI)
Cullen Family (D)
Willie King (RD)

Saturday, 10 August

St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr, Feast

A = Anniversary MM = Months Mind
B = Birthday RD = Recently Deceased
BR = Birthday Remembrance SI = Special Intention
D = Deceased W = Wedding
GW = Get Well WA = Wedding Anniversary

On coming in to the Church some thoughts to ponder

Seldom do we see Jesus annoyed, angry even. One such occasion is when He goes into the Temple, makes a whip out of cord and drives out the money changers, toppling over their tables. 'My House will be a house of prayer.' As Catholics who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in the reserved Sacrament of the altar we have the priceless privilege of our God who lives among us, gave Himself for us, gives Himself to us and makes His home with us if we seek Him in sincerity of heart.

On coming in to the Church, the House of God, we enter a house of prayer and our first impulse is to honour the presence of God in body as we bless ourselves slowly deliberately with faith. We express our Faith by genuflecting reverently or bowing low fulfilling the scriptural teaching 'at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.' Having expressed our faith reverently in body we lift our minds and hearts in prayer, kneeling, standing or sitting before the Tabernacle. How we pray, what happens in our prayer, how we feel about, even what happens or does not happen in prayer, none of these are as important as the fact that we come to the Church to pray privately or with our family, leading our children to faith through gentle teaching and prayer, or to join God's people in the supreme act of worship, the Mass. Pray as you can, but do pray. The time you give, the short visit passing by to shop or to fulfil a duty, your Sunday Mass or daily Mass, the time you give is precious to God, more precious still to the one who prays. Through prayer the Spirit of God stirs deeply in us, praying in us and moulding us in ways known only to God into the image of Jesus Himself.

All of this and more unspoken and unspeakable on coming into the Church, the House of God and Tabernacle of Christ the bread come down from Heaven, the bread of angels.

Fr Eamon Devlin, CM

VINCENTIAN FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S SHRINE, KNOCK, CO. MAYO

Saturday 14th September 2024

Cost: €60.00 per person (same price as 2023)
(includes coach fare, tea/coffee & scones on the way and dinner on return journey at the Longford Arms Hotel)

Tickets are now available in the Parish Office, Mon - Fri from 10am - 12pm

Or via the website www.stpetersphibsboro.ie
- **DONATE Button** - St Peters Parish Pilgrimage

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 4 August 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." ' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'For the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over." ' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul's to the Ephesians.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the

way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always'. Jesus answered: I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord

BANK HOLIDAY

As Monday 5th August is a Bank Holiday:

- 1) the Parish Office will be closed.
- 2) there will be no evening Mass or Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Everything resumes the following Monday 12th.

INTERCESSION FOR PRIESTS

The Annual Mass as part of the Intercession for Priests takes place here in St Peter's on Thursday 8th August at 7.00pm. Sr Brieghe McKenna will speak and lead us in intercessory prayer for priests throughout the world.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 28 July

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,232.98
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 340.20
Share (2nd Collection) = € 304.66

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

ADORATION

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Saturday after 10.30am Mass from 11.00am - 12.30pm (except if there is a funeral).