



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 11 August 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 11 August

Sr Angela Doyle DC (MM)
Kathleen Mockler (1st A)
Darren, David & Ryan Doyle (A)
Bridget Sheridan (A)
Teresa Dale (D)
Sr Eithne Doyle (RD)
Maureen Connell (RD)

Monday, 12 August

St Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious

Jude Fernades (B)
Christy Heitman (D)
Anne Gibson (A)
Michael Morgan (RD)

Tuesday, 13 August

SS Potian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Special Intention
Grace Hickey (A)

Wednesday, 14 August

St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Special Intention
Rose McCabe (GW)
Teresa Murphy (A)
Bernie Sharkey (D)

Thursday, 15 August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Mary Connolly (MM)
Veronica Murphy (A)

Friday, 16 August

St Stephen of Hungary

Special Intention
Jimmy Hannon (MM)
Frank McInerney (1st A)

Saturday, 17 August

Emily Sutton (A)
Mark Cox (A)
Michael & Olive Corcoran (D)

Infinite Spiritual Nourishment

Timeless words of scripture speak to us now. Maybe at some time each of us felt very hungry after a long journey, but then someone somehow turned up with a sandwich and a cuppa. A similar gift greeted the hungry prophet Elijah, banished by the wicked king Ahah and his wife Jezebel in the 9th century B.C. (1 Kings 19). Heaven sent bread and water nourished the prophet for forty days and a long journey ahead. This first reading is a sign of the Eucharist.

Jesus in today's gospel from John 6 speaks of the bread from Heaven 'for the life of the world.' this refers to his words of teaching and to his own flesh and blood of the Mass. The second reading (Ephesians 4) highlights Christ's sacrifice, example, and gift of himself to us. All this is centred on the Mass, Eucharist, Holy Communion.

Mass, Blessed Sacrament

The Bread of Life, 'my flesh for the life of the world' is always available in our Churches (so long as we have priests). Great people have grown saintly by the reception of Christ's Body and Blood. I knew a man on my First Friday calls who hungered for Holy Communion. His Faith and holiness were stunning. We can have this power in our living. Regular confession alerts us to greater desire and reverence, in readiness, and seeing the call to purification by God's mercy.

Profound respect calls us to adoration of Christ in his real, full presence in our Churches. St John XXIII spoke of the Church building as a place of prayer and silence. St Alphonsus Liguori used to spend valuable time in prayer before Jesus, when as a young layman he visited the Catholic Churches of Naples.

Some imagery gleaned from the saints and prayer is helpful. One of these images refers to Christ's precious blood as an ocean to be immersed in; and the sacred host is received from an endless harvest crop of Christ's Bread of life. These striking expressions show us the overwhelming truth, riches, power and fulfilment of our central Catholic glory and faith. Here is 'heaven on earth' (Scott Hahn). We can have this joy and sustenance always.

Fr Eamon Flanagan, 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, 11 August 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty A reading from the book of Exodus

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

SECOND READING

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

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

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! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Monday 12th August :

- Evening Mass and novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place at 7pm with the blessing and distribution of medals. Rosary begins at 6.40pm, confessions available from 6.30pm.

Thursday 15th August:

- Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary's body and soul into Heaven. It is a holy day, Masses will be at 10.30am and 6.30pm.

Saturday 17th August

- Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Saturday after 10.30am Mass from 11.00am - 12.30pm **(except in the event of a funeral)**. Confessions 11.00am - 12.30pm

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 4 August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,282.08
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	= € 530.20
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 260.35

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Willie King (former Sacristan).

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.**