



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 18 August 2024

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### Sunday, 18 August

Jimmy Hannon (MM)  
 Tommy Brooks (1st A)  
 Breda McInerney (A)  
 Emily Sutton (A)  
 Joseph & Mary Hannon (D)  
 Niall & Paula Hannon (D)  
 Peter Hannon (D)  
 Mark Hannon (D)  
 Mary Hannon (D)  
 John & Agnes Kennedy (D)  
 Bertha Finneran (RD)  
 Patrick Murphy (RD)

##### Monday, 19 August

*St John Eudes, Priest*

Special Intention

Niall McManus (A)

##### Tuesday, 20 August

*St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor*

Special Intention

Patrick & Elizabeth Glennon (D)

##### Wednesday, 21 August

*St Pius X, Pope*

Rhona Kennedy (1st A)

##### Thursday, 22 August

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, memorial*

Margaret Maguire (BR)

Joan Whelan (A) & Gerard Whelan (D)

Elly Fennell (D)

##### Friday, 23 August

*St Rose of Lima, Virgin*

Elizabeth O'Loughnan (A)

Cullen Family (D)

##### Saturday, 24 August

*Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle*

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

#### The Eucharist

*Jesus said to the crowd: I am the living bread which has come down from Heaven... anyone who eats this bread will live forever and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world. John 6: 51*

For the past few Sundays, the gospel reading at Mass has been from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of St John's Gospel. In this chapter, Jesus is teaching about the Eucharist. He is talking about giving his followers his flesh to eat and his blood to drink. Some people, naturally enough, are finding it impossible to accept. For many it is a step too far. The gospel tells us: *The Jews started arguing with one another: How can this man give us his flesh to eat? They don't understand. We are told later on in that same chapter that some people said: this is a hard saying and who can accept it. The gospel says: Many walked with him no more.*

Jesus gives the people a choice. *Will you also go away? Peter said: Lord to whom shall we go; you have the words of eternal life.*

The real presence of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine in the Eucharist is a great mystery. **John Betjemann**, the English poet Laureate, put it like this in one of his well known poems called *Christmas*.

*No love that in a family dwells,  
 No carolling in frosty air,  
 Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
 Can with this single truth compare-  
 That God was man in Palestine  
 And lives today in bread and wine.*

When we receive the body of Christ, we become part of Christ and Christ becomes part of us. *He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.* Each time we receive the body of Christ in the Eucharist we are being transformed into the likeness of Christ. We become other Christs. Our thinking becomes Christ's thinking. We begin to ask what would Jesus do? What would Jesus say?

**Fr Mark Noonan, 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](http://www.stpetersphibsboro.ie)  
 - **DONATE** Button - St Peters Parish Pilgrimage

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 18 August 2024

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom has built herself a house,  
she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts,  
prepared her wine, she has laid her table.  
She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed  
from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'  
To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine  
I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the  
ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. [R]
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. [R]
3. Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? [R]
4. Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. [R]

### SECOND READING

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

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but

your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who offering and a sacrifice to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

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 John.

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord

### RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

We will soon begin the work of preparation for adults desiring to become Catholics and for those wishing to enter into full communion in the Church. Anyone who is considering this step should contact the parish priest phone 01 8389708 or email: [pp@stpetersphibsboro.ie](mailto:pp@stpetersphibsboro.ie) The program will begin in late September.

### PATRICIAN MEETING

Monthly Patrician meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th August at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club. The theme this month is 'prayer'. All are welcome. Entrance via carpark on Cabra Road. Under the auspices of the Legion of Mary.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 11 August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,093.10
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	= € 530.20
SVP (Monthly Collection)	= € 500.08
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 324.39

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.**