



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: 25 August 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 25 August

Dominic Savio Alex d'Souza (B)  
Cristeta Taborete & Family (Thanksgiving)  
John Holton (A)  
Mary & Paddy Finn (A)  
Michael & Nora Barry (A)  
Felizardo Fernandes (16th A)  
Tom Maughan (19th A)  
Tom Maughan Snr (BR)

#### Monday, 26 August

Sean Maguire (A)

#### Tuesday, 27 August

*St Monica, memorial*

Catherine Maguire (1st A)  
Lorraine Josephine O'Connor (RD)  
Phyllis Long (D)

#### Wednesday, 28 August

*St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor*

Thomas O'Beirne (A)

#### Thursday, 29 August

*The Passion of John the Baptist, memorial*

Special Intention

#### Friday, 30 August

*Blessed Ghebre Michael, Priest & Martyr*

Cullen Family (D)

#### Saturday, 31 August

*Mass of the Blesses Virgin Mary*

Thanksgiving

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

### Points to Ponder

It is not easy to follow Jesus. Sometimes, we can follow not Him, but our own desires and channel them through a thin but insubstantial veil of Christianity. The Jesus we follow is relentlessly loving, not least towards those who hate him, those who spurn him. Can we say the same of ourselves?

Believing doesn't make everything suddenly easy. Belief is not a single-decision way of life. As Christians we must wake up every day and say: yes, today I shall believe. We must renew our belief, renew our devotion to God. Otherwise, we risk what was mentioned at the beginning of this reflection, which is to follow our own desires rather than him. Conversion isn't a one-stop; it must be renewed daily, sometimes hourly.

Many walk away from belief in God because of the demands it asks of us. We are asked to believe in something that, at least on this earth, we are never going to figure out... ever. It is mystery. Yet, with the gift of faith, and a constant renewal of it, we can come to be better followers of Jesus, better emulators of his words and actions.

We pray, then, for the gift of faith, that we may use the gifts that God gives us to walk more wholesomely, more courageously, in his image, to believe where others do not, and to love where others abandon. Amen.

Mount Saint Joseph Abbey

[www.msjsroscree.ie](http://www.msjsroscree.ie) (taken from 'Intercom')

### 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

### 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.

# LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 25 August 2024

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God and serving other gods. Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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.

Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love

himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?' 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Rose McCabe and 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.**

## COLLECTIONS - Sunday 18 August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,288.39
Envelopes (Online/Payzone)	= € 565.20
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 310.95

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

## 'CONVERSION - FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST'

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom Bishop Barron's 6 week film series 'Conversion - Following the Call of Christ', starting on Sunday the **15th of September** from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Bishop Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through Him. To join this free course email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY — 2-5pm St Peter's Church Garden**  
**SUNDAY — Workshops in Villa Bank Garden & Scout Hall**

**14-15 September**

**BUZZFEST**

Phibsboro's Sustainability, Biodiversity & Community Event

**Clothes Swap | Repair Café | Sustainable Energy**  
**Workshops: Pond-building, Sustainable Fashion & Saving Food**

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