



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 8 September 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 8 September

Special Intention

Willie King (MM)

Nora Murphy (A)

Larry & Elizabeth O'Sullivan (A)

Joseph & Gladys Kerrigan (A)

Maureen, Gwen & Michael Magee (A)

Kay O'Sullivan (A)

Michael Quinn (D)

Monday, 9 September

Blessed Frederic Ozanam

James Foley (RD)

Denis Byrne (A)

Tuesday, 10 September

Eddie, Bridie & Paul O'Rourke (A)

Wednesday, 11 September

St John Gabriel Perboyre, Priest & Martyr

Owen Cullen (BR)

Thursday, 12 September

Brigid Haran (MM)

Molly O'Loughnan (A)

Mary & Mick O'Dwyer (D)

Friday, 13 September

St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

Peg Finnegan (A)

Cullen Family (D)

Saturday, 14 September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Patrick Connaughton (BR)

Irene Swords (1st A)

WALK THE CROSS pilgrimage

crossing the country from Clonmacnoise, arrives on the Navan Road (leaving the canal at the Halfway House), processing down the Navan Road to converge at St Peter's Church at about 3.45 - 4pm. From here the procession will become a Eucharistic Procession to Church Street for 5pm Mass. Saturday 14th September. All are welcome and encouraged to join the procession, Walk the Cross.

Realizing the Deep Desire for Human Happiness

Today's scripture show us the way

A man used to call at the presbytery some time ago, and often asked: 'What's wrong with the world?' It's easy enough to see the wrong, but not an easy task to provide remedies. Various efforts have been tried all through history. Today's 1st Reading proposes a bright vision to Jewish exiles in Babylon about 550 BC (Isaiah 35). The gospel (Mark 7) echoes that text, and portrays a newly healed man, restored to sight and healing by Jesus, this is a sign to us to listen, believe and witness to God's truth.

Human wrestling with the mystery of life and happiness

Some great efforts have been made to have a happy human life on earth, such as the Catholic era of the middle ages across the continent of Europe. Other attempts, at earthly utopias have been failures; among the latter is recorded the recent fall of atheistic communism. Today, ideologies and theories of individuals are widespread. Here the believer has to be wary, discerning, and maintain faith and witness in the hope of heaven, key to human happiness. Isaiah's proposition to God's care and mercy flows out upon physical disability, and offers refreshment, strength in the desert. Here there's hope of fruitfulness, peace, and harmony. All this goodness has a perennial effect. Now, each of us ought to accept the love and healing of Jesus, living the full catholic life of our Church. Those will have happiness, even in the midst of suffering. St Rose of Lima sums up life in the Church: 'I want all people to know how wonderful is God's grace, How beautiful and precious are the riches hidden therein, what treasures, what joys, and what delights!'

Fr Eamon Flanagan, CM

FAITH AND THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY

During the month of September a member of the Vincentian Family will reflect on how being a member has helped their faith.

This Sunday a member of The Ladies of Charity (AIC) will speak at the 10am Mass and a Vincentian priest will speak at the 11.30am Mass.

SEPTEMBER 8

Reflections at Sunday Masses during the month of September. St Peter's parish Phibsboro

10AM

11:30AM

AIC
Association Internationale de la Charité (AIC)

Vincentian Father (CMF)

VINCENTIAN ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Some places are still available for our Vincentian Family Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on Saturday 14th September.

Total cost is €60.00 per person (payable in full at time of booking) which includes coach fare, tea/coffee & scones on the way and dinner on return journey at the Longford Arms Hotel.

Bookings through the Parish Office (01) 838 9708, info@stpetersphibsboro.ie Monday - Friday from 10.00am - 12.00pm or via the website www.stpetersphibsboro.ie **DONATE Button** - St Peters Parish Pilgrimage

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 8 September 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord. or Alleluia!

- 1 It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. [R]
- 2 It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. [R]
- 3 The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. [R]

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue,

beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my footrest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

GARDEN PARTY/BUZZFEST

Saturday 14th September from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Donations gratefully accepted: bottles for our bottle stall, cakes, unwanted gifts for bric a brac. All items can be dropped into the parish office or sacristy. Thank you.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Michael Montague (late of Norfolk Road) Mairead Spellman (late of Shandon Park), Brian Duffy (late of Shandon Crescent), 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 1 September

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,282.61
Envelopes (Online/Payzone)	= € 573.20
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 274.33

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



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

Community Foundation Ireland, Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Atha Cliath Dublin City Council, S'EDS ASSOCIATION, CLIMATE CLUB, PHIBSBORO VILLAGE

The poster features two photographs: the top one shows people at a table with various items, and the bottom one shows a group of people, including children, gathered around a table outdoors, possibly participating in a workshop or activity.