



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 15 September 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 15 September

*Our Lady of Sorrows is not celebrated this year*

- Sophia Fernandes (B)
- Michael Flanagan (MM)
- Rose McCabe (MM)
- May & Alice Hughes (A)
- Ernest Hartmann (A)
- Fr J.J. Greely (A)
- Margaret & Paddy Burke (A)
- Leonila Gutierrez (A)
- Matt Murphy (A)
- Eileen & Frank Murray (A)
- Aisling Fitzgerald (A)
- Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

#### Monday, 16 September

*Ss Cornelius, pope & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs*

- Irene Swords (1st A)

#### Tuesday, 17 September

*Ss Robert Bellarmine, bishop & Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctors of the Church*

- Catherine Waldron (RD)
- Patrick Power (A)
- Matt Murphy (A)

#### Wednesday, 18 September

- Rose McCabe (MM)
- Thelma Coppola (1st A)

#### Thursday, 19 September

*St Januarius, bishop & martyr*

#### Friday, 20 September

*Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, & Companions, martyrs*

- Emily Sutton (BR)
- Julie Gilmartin (A)
- Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 21 September

*St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

- Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)
- Michael Power (A)

- 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

*But you he asked: Who do you say that I am? Peter spoke up and said to him: You are the Christ. (Mark 8:27)*

Few of us could risk asking: *Who do people say I am?* Hearing what people say about us or the way they see us has the possibility of being very disturbing. Most of us, if not all of us, would never ask the question. What if none of the answers matches the way we see ourselves? What if none of the answers matches our self understanding? What if the answer turned up an image of ourselves that we didn't like very much?

*But you, he asked: Who do you say I am?* is the question which Jesus directed to his apostles in this Sunday's Gospel. *Peter spoke up and said to him: You are the Christ.* In other words you are the Messiah. You are the saviour promised to generations of Jewish people.

When Jesus received that answer from Peter he immediately started to describe what kind of a Messiah he would be. He would not be a powerful messiah. He would be a lowly humble Messiah and would be rejected by the leaders of Judaism. He would suffer and die and rise on the third day.

The question of Jesus to his apostles: *Who do people say I am?* is directed at each of us on this Sunday - who is Jesus for me? The question is not an easy one to answer. The answer changes depending on our situation in life - sometimes Jesus is the one who challenges us to change our behaviour and way of acting; at other times Jesus is the one who comforts. At other times he is the one who teaches and enlightens. At other times he is the one who guides. At other times he is the one who supports us.

Sometimes Jesus is silent and distant; at other times he is near and relevant; at other times he is a friend and companion. Sometimes Jesus is a Judge; sometimes he is King; sometimes he is Lord. The answer to the question - *who do you say I am* - is a question that is well worth asking. It is important because it directs our attention to the question: Who is Jesus for me?

Fr Mark Noonan, 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 Daughters of Charity will speak at the 10.00am Mass and a member of the SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) will speak at the 11.30am Mass.

**SEPTEMBER 15**

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

10AM Daughters of Charity (DCs)

11:30AM SVP Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 15 September 2024

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him?

If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, *'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,'* without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:

*You say you have faith and I have good deeds;*

*I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'*

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah,' others again, 'one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### CROSSCARE COLLECTION - 14/15 September

Crosscare will hold its Annual Appeal. This will replace the usual Share collection at all Masses. Crosscare delivers a wide range of support to people at various stages of poverty or marginalisation and relies on your generosity to reach as many people as possible. Please support the collection if you can or you can donate online at: [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie).

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 8 September

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,152.98

Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 302.90

Share (2nd Collection) = € 304.84

S.V.P. (Monthly Collection) = € 417.41

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 Michael Flanagan, Michael Montague, Mairead Spellman, Brian Duffy, 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.**