



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 22 September 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 22 September

Michael O'Sullivan (GW)
 Kevin Cogan (A)
 Trea Deeprise (A)
 Johnny Kilkenny (A)
 Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)
 Holy Souls

Monday, 23 September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest
St Eunan (Adomnán) abbot
 Thomas & Kathleen Somers (A)

Tuesday, 24 September

Jacinta Smith (1st A)

Wednesday, 25 September

St Finbarr, bishop
 Sheila Dunne (A)

Thursday, 26 September

Ss Cosmas & Damian, martyrs
 Kathleen & Jack Lonergan (A)
 Anne Murray (D)

Friday, 27 September

St Vincent de Paul, priest, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission and of the Daughters of Charity
 Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 28 September

St Wenceslaus, martyr
Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, martyrs
 Marion Grehan (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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

We reflect on the ministry of safeguarding in our parish, an ongoing and vital aspect of all our ministry. Safeguarding includes ministry with children and adults who may be vulnerable and is the responsibility of all of us. We recommit ourselves to this work.

The Feast of the Holy Cross celebrates three events:

1. The discovery of the True Cross of Jesus by Queen Helena in 326 AD;
2. The recovery of the Cross of Jesus by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 630 after it had been stolen by the Persians in 614;
3. The way we may triumph through our own crosses.

St Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went on pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 325 AD to find and restore the places connected with Jesus' life:

The birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem,
 Calvary where Jesus was crucified and died;
 The empty Tomb of the Resurrection

These places were known by the local inhabitants for two reasons:

First, Christians had continuously venerated these places from the time of Jesus. Second, the Roman Emperor Hadrian, following a Jewish rebellion in AD 132, to stop Christians from venerating these sites, built a pagan temple over each one. Without realizing it, Hadrian perfectly preserved our most important holy sites and that is why they are accessible today.

When Queen Helena arrived, she ordered the pagan temples removed. Underneath she found Calvary, the Empty tomb of Jesus, his birthplace in Bethlehem.

Over Calvary and the tomb of Jesus she built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; at his birthplace in Bethlehem she built the Church of the Nativity; and on the Mount of Olives she constructed the Church Eleona.

"The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, they will put him to death, and three days after he will rise again," (Today's Gospel)

*But I have God for my help,
 The Lord upholds my life.
 I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
 and praise your name for it is good. (Resp. Psalm)*

Fr Padraig Regan, 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 Holy Faith Sisters (CHF) will speak at the 10.00am Mass and a member of Depaul (a charity helping people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless) will speak at the 11.30am Mass.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 22 September 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies:

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own

elves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force.

Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee;

and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them,

'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.'

But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them,

'What were you arguing about on the road?'

They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said,

'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'

He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them,

'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 15 September

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,287.41

Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 590.20

Crosscare (2nd Collection) = € 988.30

Buzzfest / Garden Party = €1,330.95

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 Hilary Smith (Swilly Road), Kathleen Heffernan (Shandon Crescent), Michael Montague, Mairead Spellman and Brian Duffy.

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.**