



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 29 September 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 29 September

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels are not celebrated this year

O'Sullivan Family (SI)

Brian Duffy (MM)

Julie Gilmartin (A)

Shaughnessy Family (A)

Nuala & John Spillane (A)

Jimmy Hannon (RD)

Joe & Claire Somers (D)

Finbarr Meagher (D)

Frank Hale (D)

Ernie Hale (D)

Derek Hale (D)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 30 September

St Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church, Patron of Librarians

Mairead Spellman (MM)

Shay & Pat Murphy (A)

Peter McEvoy (A)

Tuesday, 1 October

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, dedicated a doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Patron of missions, florists, aviators & France.

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 2 October

We venerate the Guardian Angels, seeking their constant protection.

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Thursday, 3 October

Bl. Columba Marmion, priest

Holy Souls

First Friday, 4 October

St Francis of Assisi, Patron of Ecologists

Suzanne Miller (SI)

Michael Montague (MM)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 5 October

St Faustina Kowalska, virgin, inspired the movement dedicated to proclaiming & imploring Divine Mercy throughout the world.

Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

How we treat Migrants and Refugees is a highly relevant issue for us here in Ireland today. We are only too well aware of the current tensions in our society. There are protests and loud voices calling for a stop to the inflow of migrants to our country, others telling us that these people are not our concern. Thankfully there are others, who are reaching out to help and welcome them as Christ would.

Today's Gospel offers us a pertinent insight into the minds of the disciples. They have just witnessed an exorcism performed by someone they do not know. Not only that, but the stranger performed the exorcism in Jesus' name. There is an air of intolerance about the disciples: only they should be allowed to perform such miracles.

The disciples are jealous that this man is functioning where they failed and they hope that Jesus will refuse to recognize him and even condemn him. It is as if their own self-esteem will be reinforced if the outsider is rejected. But Jesus will have none of it; he does not try to limit the doing of good but invites his disciples to a wider vision, to a recognition of God's goodness no matter where it is to be found.

Let us not be too judgemental of the disciples, as often it is we who are the ones seeking to put limits on God's love. We can do this through narrow-minded attitudes that deny the presence of the Spirit in those who are different to us.

Christ told the disciples: *'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'* Thus, He taught them to work and act in his name.

So, in terms of today's spotlight, where in our lives, do we act in his name? Or, rather more pertinently, where do we not act in his name? Where do we choose to look the other way, to abandon our discipleship because we prefer to say 'they are not our problem'?

When we say there is no room in our country, when we begin showing racist intolerance, then we are complicit in the world view and not living as Christ has asked us.

The Holy Family were themselves refugees. They were in flight, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Are we going to find a place for them in our world, our world where we are not at risk of being bombed or crucified on a street corner, our world where we do not subjugate women and other margin groups simply for being who they are? Or are we going to look the other way? For, if you do this to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me.

Fr Kevin O'Shea, 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 Association of the Miraculous Medal (AMM) will speak at the 10.00am Mass and a member of the Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM) will speak at the 11.30am Mass.



TAIZÉ PRAYER...

... will take place on Friday Oct 4th and every First Friday of the month till May 2025 (except January) at the Holy Faith Convent Chapel, Glasnevin from 7.30pm - 8.30pm. All welcome. See flyer displayed.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 29 September 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on these seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest.

These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days.

Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content.

It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus,
'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.'

But Jesus said,

'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck.

And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2024

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

FIRST FRIDAY

The parish elderly, infirm and housebound will be attended to with the sacraments during this coming week.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 22 September

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,262.91
Envelopes (Online/Payzone)	= € 367.70
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 260.98

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese is developing two Adoration Lay Committees in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

You are welcome to and Information Meeting, 8.00pm - 9.30pm in one of three locations:

Mon 14 Oct Holy Child Centre, Whitehall

Wed 16 Oct Parish Centre, Kilmacud

Thu 17 Oct Holy Redeemer Hall, Bray

See poster in the church for further details of how to attend.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Hilary Smith, Kathleen Heffernan, 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.**