



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: 6 October 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 6 October

St Bruno, priest is not celebrated this year

Gabriel, Eucharia & Family (T)

Joe Qarraj (A)

Betty & Ralph Murphy (A)

Mary Jane Kelly (A)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Eamon & Ethel Somers (D)

Monday, 7 October

Our Lady of the Rosary

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 8 October

Jim Devlin (A)

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 9 October

Bl. John Henry Newman, priest

Ss Denis, bishop & Companions, martyrs

St John Leonardi, priest

Holy Souls

Thursday, 10 October

Eamon Peters (BR)

Friday, 11 October

St John XXIII, pope & St Canice, abbot

Suzanne Miller (SI)

Conor Murphy (RD)

Maura Lynch (RD)

Stella Quinn (RD)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 12 October

Blessed Virgin Mary

Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)

Jimmy Hannon (BR)

Joseph & Mary Hannon (A)

MARRIAGE - A HIGH IDEAL

The Lord puts a high ideal before us in the Gospel. His ideal for marriage is placed before us in both the first reading and the Gospel reading today. Jesus communicates God's vision of two lives becoming one life in marriage, of two people bound by a love that is faithful and generous, a reflection of God's love for his people. This is a high ideal, and it can be difficult to live this ideal.

But it is not only married people who have such a challenging calling. The Lord calls on all of us, married or single, to love one another as he has loved us. The Gospel is challenging for us all. The call of the Gospel brings home to us our need of God. We know that we cannot live the Gospel without God's help. We need God's Spirit to live God's way. If we are to keep following in his way, we need to come before the Lord with open hearts, asking, begging, for the help that only the Lord can give. We need that childlike openness that Jesus refers to in the Gospel reading to receive from the Lord the strength we need to keep reaching for the ideal he puts before us. Even if we don't always attain that ideal, it is the reaching for it that is important - not in an overly strenuous way, but in the power of the Spirit that the Lord will give to those who ask for it out of their need. We will fall short of the Gospel call, many times, but the important thing is not to give up on it. The Lord certainly never gives up on us, and if we are open and receptive to him, like children, we will receive from him all we need to keep on pursuing his vision for our lives.

Fr Martin Hogan, Clontarf

www.frmartinshomiliesandreflections

(Taken from 'Intercom')

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Monday 7th October, memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, why not start again if you've given it up or take it up if you've not yet done so. The Rosary is a prayer that invites us to find the mysteries of our own lives reflected in the mysteries of the life of Jesus and so to find there renewal and hope.

FOR A SHARED MISSION

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 2024

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

SVP COLLECTION

St Peter's Conference of the Society of St Vincent De Paul will have their monthly collection at all Masses next weekend, 12th/13th October.

ST BERNADETTE – RELIC PILGRIMAGE

The Relics of St Bernadette will visit:

Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, Oct 23-24, and

Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, Oct 25-26.

For more information, visit: www.stbernadette.ie.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 6 October 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God said,

'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.'

So from the soil the Lord fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him.

So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man.

The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! by the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to

their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, *'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?'* They were testing him.

He answered them,

'What did Moses command you?'

'Moses allowed us' they said *'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.'*

Then Jesus said to them,

'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you.

But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.

This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body.

They are no longer two, therefore, but one body.

So then, what God has united, man must not divide.'

Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them,

'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her.

And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she too is guilty of adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away,

but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, *'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*

I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'

Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessings.

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Austin Lynch (former weekday reader St Peter's), Hilary Smith and Kathleen Heffernan.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Two Adoration Lay Committees are being developed in order to increase the practice throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to an 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.