



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Advent: 1 December 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 1 December

Richard & Kathleen Holbrook (A)
Tom & Niall Naughton (A)
Tommy McCabe (A)
Fr Robert Whiteside (A)
Patti Swan (A)
James Barron (A)
Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 2 December

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 3 December

St Francis Xavier, priest
Bridget Boyd (Retirement)
Henry Hamilton (BR)
Laurence O'Sullivan (MM)

Wednesday, 4 December

St John Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church
Marie Mills (1st A)

Thursday, 5 December

Holy Souls

Friday, 6 December

St Nicholas, bishop
Suzanne Miller (SI)
May Foley (BR)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 7 December

St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church
Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)
May Foley (BR)
Paddy Gilheaney (A)

ADVENT — WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE

The Church begins again its liturgical life, waiting and watching for Christ our Saviour, born in time, to come again in glory. To help us prepare to welcome Jesus with hearts and minds renewed, the following moments alongside our regular life of Masses, confessions, adoration, novena

- Wednesday 4th December, Christmas tree lights will be switched on at 6.30pm with the choir leading us in prayer.
- Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during 10.30am Mass on Saturday 7th December.
- Parish Retreat - silent - open to everyone - on Saturday 14th December beginning at 3.00pm in the Church.
- Monday 16th December: 8.00pm St Peter's Choir and the Offbeat Ensemble concert in the church with donations to this year's parish charity, supporting families with children who have additional educational needs.
- Reconciliation Services in the Parish Partnership:
 - ◇ Monday 16th December at 7.30pm in Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Rd.
 - ◇ Saturday 21st December at 10.30am in Christ the King Church, Cabra.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM PP

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 to be a Jubilee or Holy Year.

The Holy Father writes:

For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope.

God's word helps us to find reasons for that hope.

St Paul says 'Hope does not disappoint' Rom 5:5.

The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and a climate crisis.

FOR PILGRIMS OF LOVE

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS DECEMBER 2024

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

ADVENTUS (Latin) = COMING (English)
ADVENT = Coming of Christ

1st Sunday (nearest 30th of Nov)	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	Christmas Eve or Christmas Day
 Prophecy Candle	 Bethlehem Candle	 Shepherd's Candle	 Angel's Candle	 Christ Candle
Hope	Love	Joy	Peace	Life of Christ that came into the World

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LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 1 December 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practice honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called: the Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it.

You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves;

men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Annual Christmas Appeal takes place at all Masses next weekend 7th/8th December and replaces Share. One of the Conference members will make a short appeal at each of the Masses. Envelopes are available in the Church and can be returned to the Parish Office or in the secure box beside our

Lady's Shrine in the Church.



FOOD APPEAL

This year we repeat our annual Food Appeal. SVP staff are trying to keep up with the demand from food banks as Christmas approaches – particularly for families in need. Types of food urgently needed:

breakfast cereals, rice/pasta, fruit juice, tea/coffee, soup, sugar, powdered milk, tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit/veg, packaged desserts, biscuits etc... Please bring your **non-perishable** food items to any of the Masses next weekend.

'HOME VISIT'

Families, homes may have the statue of Mary of the Miraculous Medal for some time. This may be arranged by contacting Fr Eamon Flanagan at St Peter's, giving your address etc...

(This ministry is entrusted to and undertaken by Our Lady's Association of the Miraculous Medal - AMM).

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 24th November

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,279.64

Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 598.20

Sick & Indigent Roomkeepers (2nd Collection) = € 777.43

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

Mass Bouquets €10.00

Novena Cards €5.00

SVP (pack of 10) €5.00

2025 Calendars €2.50

Available from the Parish Office and the Repository

