



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Advent: 22 December 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 22 December

Betty & Michael Gill & Family (SI)  
Nestor Family (SI)  
Rose Kelleher (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
John Stedmon (A)  
Mollie & Sinan Haugh (A)  
Rose & Martin Burke (A)  
Paddy (A) & Winnie Keogh (D)  
Mick Breslin (D)  
Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)  
Lillie & Mai O'Sullivan (D)  
Ann Buckley (RD)  
Myles Breslin (RD)  
Holy Souls

#### Monday, 23 December

*St John of Kanty, priest*  
Rose Kelleher (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
Jimmy Hannon (D)  
Bertha Finneran (D)  
Joseph & Mary Hannon (D)  
John & Agnes Kennedy (D)  
Peter Hannon (D)  
Niall & Paula Hannon (D)

#### Tuesday, 24 December

Lisha & Family (SI)  
Anessa & Family (SI)  
Angel & Family (SI)  
Lisa & Family (SI)  
Alphosa & Family (SI)  
Thomas & Kathleen Somers (A)  
Eamonn & Ethel Somers (A)  
Somers Family (D)

#### Wednesday, 25 December

*The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

#### Thursday, 26 December

*St Stephen, First Martyr*  
James Walsh (A)  
James & Mary Breen (A)  
Jimmy Kelly (A)  
John & Nora Sheehan (D)

### A CHRISTMAS STORY

Among John Shea's poetry, one finds a little piece entitled:

#### *Sharon's Christmas Prayer*

She was five sure of the facts  
and recited them with slow solemnity  
convinced every word was revelation.

She said they were so poor  
they had only peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to eat  
and they went a long way from home without getting lost.  
The lady rode a donkey, the man walked, and the baby  
was inside the lady.

They had to stay in a stable  
with an ox and an ass (hee-hee)  
but the Three Rich Men found them  
because a star lited the roof.

Shepherds came and you could  
pet the sheep but not feed them.

Then the baby was borned.

And do you know who he was?

Her quarter eyes inflated to silver dollars.

The baby was God !

God loved you so much that he sent his Son (Jesus) to live and die for you.

Fr Padraig Regan CM

The Vincentian Community at St Peter's  
wish you Peace & Joy this Christmas  
& every Blessing for the New Year

Billy & Molly Burke (D)  
John & Elizabeth Tyrrell (D)

Kathleen, John & David  
Cullen (D)

#### Friday, 27 December

*St John, Apostle & Evangelist*  
Eamon & Loretta Bolton (SI)  
Suzanne Miller (SI)  
Áine Ní Briain (A)  
Patrick Hussey (A)

#### Saturday, 28 December

*The Holy Innocents, martyrs*  
Marion Grehan (T)  
Brendan Neville (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
Sean & Katty McNamara (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

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 22 December 2024

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Micah

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.  
The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: *You who*

*wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'*

Notice that he says first:

*You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.*

He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.  
The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, *'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy.'*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Albert O'Brien (Munster Street).

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.**

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 15th December

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,474.55
Envelopes (Online/Payzone)	= € 764.00
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 380.08

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

