



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 26 January 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 26th January

Sean Eustace (1st A)
Mary Murphy (A)
Maureen Martin (A)
Brendan Deering (A)

Monday, 27th January

St Angela Merici, virgin
Brendan Deering (A)
Toohey Family (SI & D)
O'Connor Family (SI & D)

Tuesday, 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church
Teresa Quigley (1st A)
Tommy Maughan (A)
Joseph & Mary Hannon (A)

Wednesday, 29th January

Marty Maughan (BR)

Thursday, 30th January

St Aidan, bishop, Bl. Margaret Ball and Francis Taylor, martyrs
Mick Punch (A)
Jim Gallagher (1st A)

Friday, 31st January

St John Bosco, priest
Cullen Family (D)

Saturday, 1st February

St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland

A = Anniversary	MM = Months Mind
B = Birthday	RD = Recently Deceased
BR = Birthday Remembrance	SI = Special Intention
D = Deceased	W = Wedding
GW = Get Well	WA = Wedding Anniversary

GOOD NEWS FOR HUMANITY

The Jews were Exiles in Babylon for 70 years (586-518)
When they returned to Jerusalem Esra was their leader.
He had found the lost the Book of the Law.

And on the rubble that had been the Temple (reminder of Gaza?) he read that Book to the people. The reading went on a long time. The people listened joyfully and wept for joy. It gave meaning and direction to their broken temple, broken city and broken lives.

Luke's gospel, is the gospel we read throughout this year.

After his baptism, Jesus "with power of the Spirit" returned to Nazareth.
On the Sabbath, in the synagogue, he "was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah"
He unrolled the scroll until he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he sent me to bring good news to the poor".

That was the meaning and mission of Jesus' life.

What is the Good News?

A way of living which **celebrates life** and **makes sense of sin and suffering**.

- 1. Celebration of life:** At creation, God looked and saw world was "very good".
Jesus celebrated life; God wants people to live life as fully as possible.
Jesus' first miracle: he turned water into wine so a wedding celebration could go on.
Jesus loved being with people, eating and celebrating life with them.
Delicious food, drinking wine, enjoyment of life, these are part of God's plan.

2. Jesus makes sense of sin and suffering.

People came to Jesus laden with pain, sickness and guilt;
broken minds, hearts, addicted bodies.

To Mary Magdalen kneeling at his feet Jesus said "you love much, you're OK";
To a leper seeking a cure; Jesus touched him; "you're OK, and cured him";
To the woman taken in adultery; the Samaritan woman with 5 husbands, and the noisy children irritating his disciples, Jesus said: "You're welcome, you're OK";
To Peter, his betrayer, on meeting Jesus after the resurrection not knowing what to expect: Jesus says: "I know you love me, you're OK".

The **Good News: Jesus makes sense of sin and suffering. In our lives too.**

That is the Good News which **celebrates life** and **makes sense of sin and suffering**.

I can't think of any news of a better way to live life.

Fr Pdraig Reagan CM

TEA / COFFEE

On Wednesday next, 29th January, tea & coffee will be available in the Chapel of Adoration after the 10.30am Mass.
All are welcome to attend.



THIS WEEK

Monday 27 January

- The weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place on Monday evening at 7.00pm and includes the blessing of medals, and the procession to Our Lady's Altar. Rosary begins at 6.40pm, confessions are available from 6.30pm.

Saturday 1 February

- Feast of St Brigid Mass at 10.30am

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 26 January 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised,

Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 19th January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,440.66
Envelopes (Online/Payzone)	= € 549.48
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 309.99
SVP (Christmas Annual Appeal - final amount)	= € 7,595.00

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

"Opening the Bible"

A free six-part video introduction to the Bible organised by St Patrick's College Maynooth for those interested in Scripture, and those unsure where to begin. Available from January 26th at: www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

DATE FOR DIARY

Child Safeguarding & Best Practice training for all our volunteers & staff will take place on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 7.00pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Navan Road. This training takes place every three years and is for all in any kind of ministry in our parish. All 4 parishes in our Partnership will attend.