



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Presentation of the Lord: 2 February 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 2nd February

Geraghty Family (SI)
Frank & Eileen Murray (A)
May & Paddy Kenny (A)
Marian Murray (A)
Bridie Sheridan (BR)

Monday, 3rd February

Bank Holiday
St Blaise, bishop & martyr
Mulligan Family (SI) & (D)
McMahon Family (SI) & (D)
Niall & Paula Hannon (A)
Catherine & Ellen Hanlon (A)
Tom Hanlon (A)
Joe & Ellen Ward (WA Remembrance)

Tuesday, 4th February

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 5th February

St Agatha, virgin & martyr
Frank McMahon (A)
Rosaleen O'Brien (A)

Thursday, 6th February

Ss Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs
Nell Blaney (A)
Willie McArdle (A)

Friday, 7th February

First Friday
St Mel, bishop
Catherine (Rennie) Cowman (BR)
Elizabeth (Lil) Moore (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)
Ellen & Joe Ward (A)

Saturday, 8th February

Blessed Virgin Mary
Catherine McMahon (A)
Kate Mongan (70th BR)

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

St Peter's Church - Remedial Work

The planned remedial work on the Church is scheduled to begin at the end of May/ beginning of June this year. The essential aspect of this work will be the insertion of a strong underfloor damp proof which will include underfloor heating. This will require lifting the entire floor space of the Church necessitating the closure of the Church for a period of nine or more months. It is planned also to rewire the building to enhance lighting and sound systems. Other works will include the removal of the present wooden sanctuary platform and restoration of a stone sanctuary and altar; cleaning of the stonework of the interior of the Church, completion of a quiet room in the former Chapel of Adoration, ramps to improve access from the Church to the sacristy area, the removal of some benches at the rear of the Church to allow for a gathering space near the main entrance, the restoration of the Harry Clarke window, Adoration of the Sacred Heart, to its former position at the present Sacred Heart Altar.

During the period of the work St Peter's Club will be used as a Mass centre for weekday and weekend Masses. I hope to conclude arrangements for funerals, weddings, baptisms in the coming weeks and will advise about same soon.

Thankyou in advance for your patience and understanding. Please keep this project in your prayers.

Fr Eamon Devlin, CM

This Week

- This weekend we celebrate St Brigid (1st February). As Monday is a Bank Holiday in honour of Brigid, secondary patron of Ireland, there will be NO evening Mass and novena.
- Monday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise, blessing of throats will take place during 10.30am Mass.
- Friday next 7th February is the first Friday of the month. The elderly infirm and housebound of the parish will be attended with the Sacraments.
- St Peter's Conference SVP will have their monthly collection at Masses next weekend 8/9 February.

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.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 2 February 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Who is the king of glory?
He, the Lord, he is the king of glory.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 26th January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online/Payzone) = €1,433.42
Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 461.70
Share (2nd Collection) = € 234.45

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

ADORATION

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Saturday after 10.30am Mass from 11.00am - 12.30pm **(except if there is a funeral)**.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Preparation meetings take place on Sundays at 9am in the Frank Duff Room. Access is via the Sacristy corridor from the Church