



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2 March 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 2nd March

Maureen Nolan (MM)
Nora Roberts (A)
Nuala Lardner (A)
John Finnegan (RD)

Monday, 3rd March

Martin O'Rourke (RD)
Dolores Dunne (A)
Michael McCormack (A)

Shrove Tuesday, 4th March

Marie Noone (D)

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday, 5th March

Day of Fast & Abstinence
Richard Haugh (D)

Thursday, 6th March

Holy Souls

Friday, 7th March

First Friday
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 8th March

Beginning Again

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March, just as the Spring season begins to take hold in the fields and gardens around us. It is a time of hope and beginning again, a time of grace when the Holy Spirit seeks to draw us like Jesus into the desert place, a quiet space to be with God, to be with our real selves, to let the Spirit touch our hearts and test our spirits. Jesus' forty days in the desert were characterised by prayer that tested him in facing temptations. It is a time for us too to face some of the temptations that trouble us and to stay with Jesus in prayer, quiet and trust until His grace empowers us to choose God's will, the way to truth and freedom over our own will and whims that in the end only serve to enslave us.

Lent teaches us a hopeful lesson. It is on the wilderness, when we feel alone, lost, unsure of ourselves that the Lord takes hold of our deepest self and reveals to us our deepest desire. As the Spring season all around us assures us of new life and beginning again, so may this Lenten season see the Spirit of God rising within us to restore the joy of our youth by the grace of God that brings all good things.

Mass times this week:

Monday - 10.30am and 7pm

Tuesday - 10.3am

Ash Wednesday - 10.30am and 6.30pm (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Thursday - 10.30am and 6.30pm

Friday - 10.30am and 6.30pm (Stations of the Cross after 6.30pm Mass)

Saturday - 10.30am and 6.30pm (vigil)

Fr Eamon Devlin, CM

This Week

- **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
- On Monday the weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place at 7.00pm.
- Wednesday - Trocaire Lenten Campaign begins - Lenten boxes available from the Church.
- First Confessions take place for children from St Peter's National School on Thursday at 6.30pm.
- Friday next 7th March is the first Friday of the month. The elderly infirm and housebound of the parish will be attended with the Sacraments.
- Saturday - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place after 10.30am Mass from 11.00am - 12.30pm.
- St Peter's Conference SVP will have their monthly collection at Masses next weekend 8/9 March.

LENTEN TALKS

Lent is a time to reflect on the profound meaning of Christian pilgrimage through the lives of St Vincent de Paul and St Louise de Marillac.

WEEK 1 - THE DESERT EXPERIENCE



LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 2 March 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

SECOND READING

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and
when this mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come true:
Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your

victory? Death, where is your sting?

Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain..

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples,
'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher.

Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?

How can you say to your brother, "*Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye*", when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles.

A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Join and celebrate with us for this year's world day of prayer on
Friday, 7th March in St Peter's Church at 11.10am (directly after 10.30am Mass)

The order of service has been prepared by the Churches of the Cook Islands,
with its theme "***I Made You Wonderful.***" All are welcome.



COLLECTIONS - Sunday 23rd February

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online/Payzone) = €2,212.68

Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone) = € 532.00

Share (2nd Collection) = € 347.01

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Edward (Teddy) Whelan (formerly of Cabra Park).
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.