



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 9 February 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 9th February

Mary Rose O'Connor (MM)
John Griffin (A)
Catherine McManus (A)
Larry O'Sullivan (3rd A)
Mary Ann Dowling (A)
Margaret O'Reilly (A)
Gabriel & Eucharia Allionu & Family (SI)

Monday, 10th February

St Scholastica, virgin
Nora McGonigle (MM)
Joseph & Kathleen Murphy (A)
Celia Godinho (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes
St Gonnait, virgin
Gabrielle Moran (A)
Dillie & John Heaslip (WA)

Wednesday, 12th February

Thursday, 13th February

Catherine Heaslip (B)
Mary Punch (A)

Friday, 14th February

SS Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop,
Patrons of Europe
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 15th February

Blessed Virgin Mary
Marie Punch (A)

God Chooses Each One Of Us

We, each one has a vocation

Imagine!

Someone tells you: 'you're on the phone, the Pope wants to speak with you'. You need to sit down to absorb the moment of shock. Then the Holy Father says: 'I want you to play a part in great work to renew the Church, and with some people of goodwill, to renew the world'. What's to say in reply? I, at least, would hesitate, alleging I'm unable, not worthy. 'Am I trustworthy?' The Pope would say: 'God will give you grace and strength to go on to the end'. Then I hope I would accept the call: 'I will go forward, with the help of God', as priests say at Ordination.

The Scriptures speak

Reading 1 (Isaiah 6) recounts Isaiah's call to be God's prophet (c.740 BC) The prophet is reluctant, but purified and encouraged, he says: 'send me' St Paul in Reading 2 (1 Corinthians 15) speaks of the foundation: Christ's life - death - resurrection - and adds that he himself is proclaiming that message. Today's Gospel (Luke 5) tells of the miraculous haul of fish and the vocation of the apostles, not least of Peter, first Pope.

Diverse vocations are found daily in our lives.

Throughout history people of all kinds, all races and cultures have been called by God through Baptism, to live the full life of the Church. They lived and loved their call, and millions still do, following the full teaching of Christ. There have been, for example: an Empress St Helena and an ex-slave, St Patrick; St Albert, a genius, and St Benedict Labre, a beggar; St Teresa, great mystic, and St Catherin Tekakwitha, a native Indian-tribe girl of the US; St Maria Goretti, martyr of love and chastity and just now, Blessed Carlo Acutis (d. 2006).

Here we see the Catholic extent of totality, and of the call to all peoples. The glory of vocations, all from God, shows the Church is a sign of God's goodness, an attraction to multitudes.

Each vocation, all vocations lived and cherished, show forth the luminosity of Heaven on earth.

Fr Eamon Flanagan, CM

This Week

- On Monday the weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place at 7.00pm.
- Baptism Preparation Meeting - Monday @ 7pm in the Frank Duff Room (entrance via the Sacristy corridor from the Church)
- Sacrament of the Sick - Tuesday next 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and world day of prayer for those who are sick. Anointing of the sick will take place at 10.30am Mass on Tuesday.
- Tea/Coffee - On Tuesday, 11th February, tea & coffee will be available in the Chapel of Adoration after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday 12th February 7.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Christ the King Church, Cabra.
- Saturday - Adoration takes place in St Peter's each Saturday from 11am to 12.30pm

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 9 February 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

SECOND READING

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he ap-

peared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Maureen Nolan.

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.

ACCORD

The Annual Collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family will be made at all Masses next weekend 15/16 February. ACCORD, Dublin offers: 1. Marriage Preparation courses, 2. Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in relationships, 3. Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 2nd February

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online/Payzone) = €1,359.30

Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 927.00

Share (2nd Collection) = € 278.63

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Monday 17th February in the Dominican Chapel at St Dominic's College Cabra, parish music groups are invited to Songs of Praise organised by the Diocese Music Office. Please arrive for 7.30pm.