



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 16 February 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 16th February

Joseph Hayes (A)

Monday, 17th February

St Fintan, abbot
Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Brigid & John Penston (A)

Tuesday, 18th February

Special Intention

Wednesday, 19th February

Maureen Dalton (1st A)

Rita O'Riordan (2nd A)

Nellie Delaney (A)

Henry Hamilton (A)

Thursday, 20th February

Sean Boyne (RD)

Friday, 21st February

St Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 22nd February

The Chair of St Peter, apostle

Roma Condren (D)

Martin O'Donnell (15th A)

James & Alice Keappock (A)

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

Then he fixed his eyes on his disciples he said: How happy are you who are poor, yours is the Kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now you shall laugh. Lk 6:17

The Sermon on the Mount is a collection of sayings and teachings of Jesus in chapter 5 and 6 of St Mathews Gospel. In Luke, chapter 6 and 7 the same teachings are called the Sermon on the Plain. This morning's gospel is Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon on the Mount is a charter for living as a follower of Christ. It is an invitation to live like Jesus. The beatitudes are a charter for holiness.

The nine short sayings of Jesus at the start of chapter 5 of Matthew and Chapter 6 of Luke are called the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes literally means the beatitudes. The Blessed Attitudes. They are the attitudes of Jesus to different people, those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are meek, those who suffer persecution for justice sake, those who are gentle, those who are peace makers. They are attitudes to life which are the way of Jesus for us-the plan of God for each of us and for the church. Jesus lived all the things and did all the things that the beatitudes enumerate. And living the Beatitudes brought him to the cross, and beyond the cross to the resurrection.

The beatitudes describe the character of God or the way of God better than anything else in the bible. You can say without fear of contradiction that God is like this.

The beatitudes go against the normal way of looking at life and people. The world would say: Blessed are the strong, blessed are the powerful, blessed are the rich. The beatitudes turn that kind of thinking on its head. Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the peacemakers

Fr Mark Noonan, CM

This Week

- ACCORD, Dublin Marriage Advisory organisation will have their annual collection at Masses this weekend.
- On Monday the weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place at 7.00pm.
- 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.
- Tuesday 18th February at 7.30pm - St Peter's Club. Patrician on 'St Valentine'. The patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is '**St Valentine**'. There will be a brief paper on the topic, and then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard. We have a cup of tea and light refreshments mid-way. Everyone is very welcome to come along. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.
- Saturday - Adoration takes place in St Peter's each Saturday from 11am to 12.30pm

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 16 February 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows
not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

SECOND READING

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached,
how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of

the dead?

For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins.

And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished.

If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. Alas for you when the world speaks well of you!

This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 9th February

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online/Payzone)	= €1,165.98
Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone)	= € 393.00
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 247.56
SVP (Monthly Collection)	= € 646.40

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

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.



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.

