



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 30 June 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 30 June

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church are not celebrated this year

Joseph Hayes (BR)
Rosaleen Murphy (BR)
Maureen Sinclair (A)
Mary Donnelly (A)
John Hunter (A)
Tom Martin (A)
Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)
Teresa McKenna Murphy (D)

Monday, 1 July

St Oliver Plunkett, bishop & martyr

Liver Organ Donor (SI)
Maria Luisa Bente (SI)
Edward Sheridan Sr (SI)
Filomena Sheridan (SI)
Thomas Flanagan (SI)
Rose Flanagan (SI)
Bon Ker Bargayo (SI)

Tuesday, 2 July

Special Intention
Thanksgiving
Holy Souls

Wednesday, 3 July

St Thomas, Apostle

Special Intention
Thanksgiving
Holy Souls

Thursday, 4 July

St Elizabeth of Portugal

Tucker, Annie & Anmarie Hughes (A)

First Friday, 5 July

St Anthony Zaccaria, priest

Betty Gill (1st A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 6 July

St Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr
St Moninne of Killeavy, virgin

Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)

“DO NOT BE AFRAID, ONLY HAVE FAITH”

In today's Gospel reading Jesus shows himself to be the Lord of life and death – healing the woman 'who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years,' and bringing back to life the young daughter of Jairus.

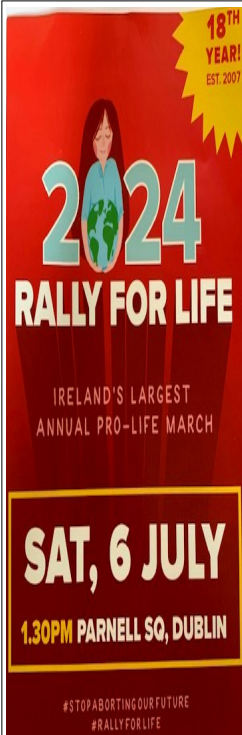
Socially, Jairus and the woman are poles apart and have little in common, yet, in both cases, it is their faith that leads them to seek help from Jesus. Their actions invite us to reflect on our own faith.

When we are threatened by a terminal illness, or trapped in a hopeless situation; or when we feel that there is nothing to live for, then for us Christians, there is only one direction to look toward and that is towards God. Like the woman suffering from a haemorrhage, we must seek out Jesus, and acknowledge that it is He alone who can help us. *“If only I can touch his garment”*

Like Jairus, our faith calls us to mediate on behalf of others. When we support someone who is terminally ill, by our care, concern, and prayerful presence, we share in Christ's healing mission, enabling them to experience through us the love, compassion, and mercy of Jesus. *“Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.”* - St Teresa of Ávila

Every night on our televisions, we witness the awful tragedy of so many parents in Gaza weeping for their dead children. We are also aware of many parents, within our own circle, who mourn the loss of a child. To Jesus, these children are asleep in death. As the risen Lord he will come to awaken them. That is our faith. That is why the words "Do not be afraid; only have faith," are addressed to all of us.

Fr Kevin O'Shea CM



- Bishops release excellent short film on care of people with a terminal illness
- From unplanned pregnancy to mother's "dream come true"
- Abortions in NI rise by almost 25% in one year
- Gino Kenny introduces new assisted suicide / euthanasia Bill
- Tickets now available for the 8th annual Ceiliúradh Cois Life Dinner for Pro-Life Education which will take place on Friday, 20th September 2024 at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin
- LoveBoth LifeLines Tour / Join the Pro-Life Outreach Programme!
- LoveBoth Summer Fundraisers / Get involved and help us aid new and pregnant mothers in need
- Join us in spreading truth and saving lives!

Go to: <https://mailchi.mp/prolifecampaign.ie/march-for-life-highlights-press-coverage-and-more-510857?e=1b79327969> for more details of the above events.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 30 June 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment;
his favour through life.

At night there are tears,
but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,

O Lord my God,

I will thank you for ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for

yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life,
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, '*My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.*'

Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, '*Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?*' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, '*Do not be afraid; only have faith.*' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, '*Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.*' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, '*Talitha, kum!*' which means, '*Little girl I tell you to get up.*' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 23 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,214.48

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 600.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 311.46

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 Áine Archer (formerly of Shandon Road), Sheila O'Neill and Mary Mitchell.

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.**