



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 17 November 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 17 November

World Day of the Poor

St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious is not celebrated this year

NOVEMBER LIST

- Don Thornbury (MM)
- Richard & Kathleen Conroy (A)
- Larry, Frances, Paul & Joan Kinsella (A)
- Sean (A) & Maureen Heron (D)
- Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)
- Alcock & Sidley Families (D)

Monday, 18 November

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul

NOVEMBER LIST

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 19 November

NOVEMBER LIST

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 20 November

NOVEMBER LIST

Holy Souls

Thursday, 21 November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NOVEMBER LIST

- Lorraine Josephine O'Connor (50th BR)
- Paul Heaslip (A)
- Holy Souls

Friday, 22 November

St Cecilia, virgin & martyr

Suzanne Miller (SI)

NOVEMBER LIST

- Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)
- Holy Souls

Saturday, 23 November

St Clement I, pope & martyr

St Columban, abbot & missionary

Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)

NOVEMBER LIST

Holy Souls

There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. Daniel 12:1-3

We are coming to the end of the Church's liturgical year. Next Sunday is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year. On the following Sunday, in two weeks time, we start a new cycle with the first Sunday of Advent. So it is not surprising that the readings for this Sunday are about endings, the last times, the last judgement and the ending of the world.

Our lives are full of endings and new beginnings. None of us like endings. Most of us find endings difficult and unsettling. An end means a change of direction, an end to former securities, a moving out into the unknown. For most of us an ending means an unsettling time or a time of distress.

We all react differently to times of distress. Trust is very important in times of distress. One way of dealing with a time of distress is to trust that *all will be well and all manner of things will be well.* (St Julian of Norwich) Trust that God is guiding all things wisely.

Another way of dealing with times of distress is to believe that every crisis is an opportunity for growth. Every ending is a new beginning. The possibility of new life is present in most endings. In every ending there is hope for better times, even if we can't see it at the time.

Irish poet Brendan Kennelly puts the hope for new life like this:

*Though we live in a world that dreams of ending
that always seems about to give in
something that will not acknowledge conclusion
insists that we forever begin.*

So we reflect today on the ending of the Church's liturgical year; the end of the world; the end of our lives; all our different endings in our journey of life. We are assured of God's loving presence with us. We are also assured that in every ending lies the hope of a new beginning.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



DAILY PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Absolve, we beseech you Lord, the souls of the faithful departed, our brothers and sisters who have died. Grant that, being dead to this world, they may live to you and whatever sins they committed in this life through human weakness, we ask you to forgive, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 17 November 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people.

There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book.

Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away.

Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples:

'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

'And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Laurence O'Sullivan.

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.**

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 10th November

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,327.95

Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 675.00

SVP (monthly Collection) = € 642.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 222.93

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

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The annual SVP Christmas collection will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of December.



'FORGIVENESS'

The Patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is Forgiveness. There will be a brief paper on the topic, and then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard followed by a cup of tea and light refreshments mid-way. Everyone is very welcome to come along on Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

DATE FOR DIARY

Child Safeguarding and Best Practice training for all our volunteers and staff will take place on Tuesday 11th 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.

SICK & INDIGENT ROOMKEEPERS SOCIETY...

... will have a special collection at Masses on 23rd and 24th November by permission of the Archbishop. This is Dublin's oldest charity which targets assistance to people experiencing temporary difficulties and who need once-off help to restructure their lives and achieve self-sufficiency. It replaces the usual Share collection.

ACN IRELAND: November 17th - 24th

Week of Witness for persecuted Christians

During this week we express our solidarity with Christians who are being persecuted for their faith in many places throughout the world. Please give some time of prayer for all who are experiencing suffering and persecution for their faith and consider giving a donation to the work of ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) which provides direct assistance to parishes and Churches in many parts of the world where there is persecution.

LADIES 40+

Feel Wonderful - Stretch / Tone Classes, Saturday afternoons at 4.00pm in St Peter's Club (car park entrance, Cabra Road).

