



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: 23 February 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 23rd February

Mick Breslin (BR)
Eddie & Colette Bergin (A)

Monday, 24th February

Holy Souls
Jamie Harrington (MM)
Mary McCann (A)

Tuesday, 25th February

Maura Maloney (1st A)

Wednesday, 26th February

Martin & Frances Ryan (A)

Thursday, 27th February

St Gregory of Narek, abbot and doctor of the Church

Sr Ann Haugh (A)
Delia Pierce (3rd A)
Biddy Mongan (5th A)
John Maughan (D)
Annie Maughan (D)
Meanie Mongan (D)

Friday, 28th February

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 1st March

St David, bishop
Blessed Virgin Mary
Maureen Nolan (MM)

A = Anniversary
B = Birthday
BR = Birthday Remembrance
D = Deceased
GW = Get Well
MM = Months Mind
RD = Recently Deceased
SI = Special Intention
W = Wedding
WA = Wedding Anniversary

TEA / COFFEE

On Wednesday next, 26th February, tea & coffee will be available in the Chapel of Adoration after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to attend.



BIG HEARTS vs MEAN SPIRITS

King Saul saw young David's victory over the giant, Goliath. He was consumed by jealousy and attempted to kill David. The story today tells how David had an opportunity to eliminate Saul. But he would not harm his King.

"I will not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed" (1 Samuel 26).

David's attitude was **magnanimous** (*magnus animus* = big soul/heart).

In the gospel Jesus speaks about non-violence and forgiveness:

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you" (Luke 6,27).

And when he was crucified:

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23,34).

Christians are motivated by Jesus' **magnanimity**, His big heart.

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939) neurologist and founder of psychoanalysis had a bleak view of humanity. Two drivers, he believed, are relentlessly active in our unconscious minds: aggression and libido.

He wrote: *"Our neighbour tempts us to satisfy our aggressiveness, to exploit him, to use him sexually, to seize his possessions, to humiliate him, to torture and to kill him"*

(Civilization and its Discontents).

Freud, a lapsed Jew and atheist activist, has significant influence on how we think today.

Which teacher do you wish to follow?

Jesus and his example of big-hearted magnanimity?

or

Freud and his pinched, mean-spirited heart?

Fr Padraig Regan, 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.
- Parish Pastoral Council meeting takes place on Thursday next 27th February at 7pm in the Frank Duff Room
- Saturday - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Saturday after 10.30am Mass from 11.00am - 12.30pm

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 23 February 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Prophet Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. Soon in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David,

Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear.

One stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.'

David answered Abishai,

'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?'

David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off.

No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off;

there was a wide space between them. David then called out, **'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it.**

The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty.

Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

SECOND READING

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit.

That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit.

The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven.

As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven.

And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'But I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly.

To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too;

to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic.

Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you.

Treat others as you would like them to treat you.

If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect?

Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned.

Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 16th February

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online/Payzone) = €1,315.74

Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone) = € 447.30

ACCORD (2nd Collection - replaces Share) = € 515.51

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.

