



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Easter: 2 May 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

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Special Intention

Gerry Lettice (A)

Eamon Finnegan (A)

Monday, 3 May

Ss Philip & James, Apostles

Special Intention

Kathleen Humphries (MM)

Phyllis Mills (BR)

Eamon Finnegan (A)

Mary Finn (D)

Tuesday, 4 May

St Conleth, bishop

Irene Hartmann (1st A)

Bridie Murray (1st A)

Kathleen McMahan (BR)

Wednesday, 5 May

Bl. Edmund Rice, religious

Special Intention

Thursday, 6 May

Sheila Tierney (A)

Friday, 7 May

John & Emily Sutton (D)

Saturday, 8 May

Bl. John Sullivan, priest

Special Intention

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

FATHERS AND SONS

The relationship between fathers and sons has concentrated the minds of authors and playwrights for centuries. It is typically regarded as being fraught and tense with layers of fall out generation after generation. In today's gospel Jesus alludes to His relationship with His Father indirectly yet incisively.

Though we are the branches needing to be pruned He is the vine that sustains those branches. The Father as vinedresser prunes the vine, it is that tough love that every gardener knows to be necessary for fresh and fertile new growth to take place. Jesus as the true vine supports and sustains us, His life flows through us in the sacraments, giving us strength and courage to grow. The prunings of life, in particular those which bring us to our senses and focus our minds and hearts on the things that really matter, may be God's way of foreseeing and setting in train that growth that is from God, for others and the fruit of real goodness that springs from tough love. Jesus' relationship with His Father gives us much food for reflection and offers a helpful insight into one of the many mysteries that make up family life, fathers and their sons.

Eamon Devlin CM PP

"GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER"

Practical charity is a vital expression of our Christian living. During Lent it becomes an expression of concern for those in need through some personal sacrifice and self-denial. This year we directed our efforts to assist the work of Trócaire in South Sudan, a relatively new country which is experiencing much hardship and poverty.

Closer to home we continued to support the work of the local St Peter's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society. During Holy Week many gifts of non perishable foodstuffs were left at the Shrine to Ss Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac and Bl. Frédéric Ozanam in the Church. Donations to the work of the Conference were also received.

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to Trócaire and/or the SVP. Your offerings have now been passed on to the various charities and the foodstuffs have been distributed to families and individuals experiencing hardship in the local area.

Trócaire = €1,400

St Peter's Conference SVP = €1,350

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Attracta O'Callaghan (St Peter's Conference of the SVP), Monica Barr née Larkin (Rathdown Road), Marcella Rosaleen Boughton née Bolger (Connaught Parade), James Caffrey (Great Western Square) and Margaret O'Connell (Charleville Road).

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.

LITURGICAL READING FOR: Sunday, 2 May 2021

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit

he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes

to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away

– he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,

and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

SAINTS, SCHOLARS, HEROES (by Fr Eamon Flanagan CM)

Copies of this book will be left in the Adoration Chapel. Anyone may pick up a copy, place €5.00 in an envelope marked 'For Book' and deposit it in the 'Donations Box' at Our Lady's Altar. For facilitation and information, you may contact Fr Flanagan at 086 358 1185. Many thanks, and have a good read!

WELCOME BACK TO MASS

FROM MONDAY 10 MAY

Mass Times: Monday: 10.30am & 7.00pm (Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal)

Tuesday to Saturday: 10.30am

FROM SUNDAY 16 MAY

Mass Times: Sunday: vigil 6.30pm (Sat), 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am

Restricted numbers continue to apply (max 50 people per Mass)

All services online at: www.churchservices.tv/phibsboro or www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/live-stream

FROM SATURDAY 15 MAY

Confessions: Saturday 11.00am - 12.30pm and at any other time on request

THE PARISH OFFICE IS STILL CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

We are working behind closed doors on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 11.00am – 1.00pm.

For Mass Cards etc... please ring (01) 838 9708. Otherwise email: info@stpetersphibsboro.ie.