

St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: 13 June 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 13 June

Paul Kernan (MM) Josie Donnellan (MM) Edgar Cordova (D) Paul Magee (A) Clare & Joe Somers (A)

Monday, 14 June

St Davnet Holy Souls James Woods (D) Mills Family (D) Somers Family (D)

Tuesday, 15 June Sean McKeogh & Family (A)

Wednesday, 16 June Moira Ryan (MM)

Thursday, 17 June

Rosaleen Fitzgerald (MM) Austin Brennan (A)

Friday, 18 June

Redmond Family (SI)
Angela Buckley (10th A)
Joseph McDonnell (40th A)
Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke (A)
Mary & Mable Roberts (A)

Saturday, 19 June

St Romuald, abbot Bl. Dermot O'Hurley, bishop, and companions, martyrs Mary Cave (A) Holy Souls

'After this our exile.....

show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb Jesus.' Limitation, of one kind or another, is part and parcel of our 'in body' human experience. The baby kicking in the womb, or in the buggy throwing out soother, teddy and all.... the ten year old weaving wheelies on bike or scooter... the teenager somersaulting on springboard and swerving on rollerboard, the athlete, mountaineer, deep sea diver, all in their own way push out the limits in search of freedom and experiences where mind and spirit transcend the body. At the other end of the spectrum as age and stage take their toll we strive to hold back all that would limit the freedoms we cherish - sticks, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing and visual aids - not to mention detox, botox and related therapies!

Something in our faith tradition encourages us to push out our limits, something in it tells us to learn to accept gracefully the limits time and change impose on us, and something in us calls to prayer for the wisdom to know the difference '.... Whether we are living in the body of exiled from it..." (second reading)

Eamon Devlin, CM

DISCERNING A NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The term of office of our previous pastoral council expired last autumn. On behalf of all in the parish I express gratitude to the members for their efforts and initiatives to stimulate and promote the pastoral life of the parish. You may recall that their last initiative was the very successful parish exhibition in which up to forty groups associated with parish set out their stalls throughout the Church. Each group/society/ministry expressed their activity in word and symbol, with photos and handouts, and advertised for new members to continue their work. Most groups reported some success in this latter aim. Alongside our exhibition the shadow of an unexpected visitor loomed over proceedings, talk of a new and worrying flu virus in the Far East just arrived in Italy. The rest is as we know now.

The purpose of a parish pastoral is a simple one: to consider ways that might strengthen the pastoral wellbeing of parishioners. Some parishes select the members by election, others by a nomination process, others still by drawing from members of existing groups associated with the parish. Although our active cohort is relatively small in terms of regular Church attendance, a significant proportion of these come from outside the parish area. The makeup of parishioners is very diverse in terms of culture and nationality, people do not in general know each other well. These factors militate against most of the accepted methods of choosing parish council members.

I would like to propose a period of discernment during which you are welcome and encouraged to reflect on one or two people you might recommend, speak with them if possible and ask if he/she would allow you to put their name forward. Names of proposed members can be sent in by email, phone, text, or letter throughout June and July.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eamon Devlin, CM

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 13 June 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the first Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

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

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in

the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PHIBSBOROUGH (PANAMA) SCOUTS

As part of a heritage project and website for the 19th/36th Phibsborough Scout Group anyone with items of memorabilia (including old photographs, souvenirs, old uniforms, badges etc...) are invited to contact Vincent Cahill at: 1936heritage@gmail.com.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 6 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = €805.03 Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = €592.20 Share (2nd Collection) = €157.37

Thank you for your continued support.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently. 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.**

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday – Thursday from 10.00am – 12.30pm (01) 838 9708 or email: info@stpetersphibsboro.ie Please note the office will be closed Friday

MASS TIMES

Sunday: vigil 6.30pm (Sat), 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am Monday: 10.30am & 7.00pm (Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal) Tuesday to Saturday: 10.30am

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

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

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