



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 4 July 2021**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 4 July

Tucker, Annie & Annemarie Hughes (A)  
Tommy & Mary Donnelly (A)  
Leo Donnell & Family (A)  
Larry Donovan (D)  
Bonkerr Bagago (D)  
Rose Marie Martin (RD)  
Thomas Moonan (RD)  
Chrissy Donovan (RD)

#### Monday, 5 July

*St Anthony Zaccaria*  
Shay Murphy (1st A)  
Thanksgiving

#### Tuesday, 6 July

*St Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr*  
*St Moninne of Killeavy, virgin*  
Johannes De Hann (D)  
Tommy O'Reilly (A)

#### Wednesday, 7 July

*St Maelruain, bishop and abbot*  
Maura Wyer (A)

#### Thursday, 8 July

*St Kilian, bishop and martyr*  
Mary & Patrick Maloney (A)

#### Friday, 9 July

*Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and Companions, martyrs*  
PJ Cunningham (D)

#### Saturday, 10 July

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

### CREATURES OF HABIT

Most of us, most of the time, are creatures of habit. Our lives, responsibilities, work impose schedule; our personalities and our need to be in control reinforce ways of thinking, judging and acting. Maybe that's why weekends, bank holidays and holidays in general are so important, breaking with routine, affording mind and body some respite, from the habit of routine.

'Creatures of habit'; add to that another thought, 'familiarity breeds contempt' and we see the dilemma Jesus faced in the gospel account of his visit home. His own people are unimpressed even though they're fully aware of the impact his miracles and preaching are having in neighbouring towns and villages. They know him too well, or so they think, they know his family and relations also, and they're plain ordinary 'Joe soaps' like the rest of us.

The story raises interesting and challenging thoughts. Could it be that my relationship with God is so embedded in routine, some time, some prayers, some 'just do it, get it done and dusted approach'. Habit, routine, nothing more. So much so that it has lost meaning, relevance, real connection?

A more troubling question still..... could it be that I have boxed God in and consigned Him to a place in my life where there is little or no openness to the God of surprises? How about giving God a break, a holiday by doing something different to let fresh air blow through my relationship with Him these summer days?

**Eamon Devlin, CM**

### PARISH FINANCES

The Parish Finance Committee met this week to review the parish finance statements for 2019 and 2020. As the Church was closed for several months (during the first lockdown, March till end of June) and as public Masses did not take place during this period and the second lockdown (August to 1 December), the decision was taken not to publish financial statements for 2019 as many people might not be able to avail of them. The statements for 2020 will reflect the serious impact of the pandemic on our financial situation, and the stark contrast between 2019 and 2020 will allow us to compare and contrast as we reflect on the reality of this situation which reflects of course the difficulties so many have had to cope with in their personal and employment realities.

I would like to express my profound gratitude to all of you for your loyalty and support to the parish throughout this period in spite of much uncertainty in your own circumstances. Thank you also for all the ways in which you continue to support the parish.

The parish finance statements for 2019 and 2020 will be available with the Parish newsletter next weekend.

**Eamon Devlin, CM**

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 4 July 2021

### FIRST READING

#### *A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The Word of the Lord

### SECOND READING

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness'. So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of

Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL

#### *A reading from the Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith

The Gospel of the Lord.

### NORTHSIDE HOME CARERS, MEALS ON WHEELS

This seven day service delivers meals **Monday to Friday**, to clients in their homes. Would you like us to deliver a meal to a family member or neighbour that could benefit from a nutritious meal and a dessert for €5 per day. Contact Catherine @ 01 805 8574

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 27 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = €1,071.49

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = €2,637.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 233.98

Thank you for your continued support.

The annual **Peter's Pence** collection will take place this weekend **3/4 July** replacing SHARE

### FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

The 'walking together in hope' initiative will be launched on 25 August 2021 at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The Archdiocese will provide some simple ideas for families and parishes beginning in September. This project aims to help families to support and strengthen their Family Faith, by focussing on and celebrating times of hope and joy in family life. Resources will be provided which will reflect how family lives today.

### VINCENTIAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

While it is not certain that a pilgrimage to Knock will be possible this year as we await the further easing of restrictions, we are hopeful that a pilgrimage will take place on the second **Saturday (10th) of September**. In the meantime it would be good to know what level of interest there would be. Please contact the Parish Office or Repository or speak to one of the priests so that we can get a sense of numbers considering, wishing or sure to go. Thank you.

### OPENING TIMES

**CHURCH:** Mon: 9.00am - 7.30pm, Tues - Fri: 9.00am - 6.00pm, Sat: 9.00am - 7.30pm, Sun: 7.30am - 6.00pm

**PARISH OFFICE:** Monday – Friday: 10.00am – 12.30pm (01) 838 9708 or email: [info@stpetersphibsboro.ie](mailto:info@stpetersphibsboro.ie)

**REPOSITORY:** Open most mornings before and after daily Mass

### 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 also available online at: [www.churchservices.tv/phibsboro](http://www.churchservices.tv/phibsboro) or [www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/live-stream](http://www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/live-stream)

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