



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 August 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 1 August

William Robert Dowling (A)
Felix Gallogly (A)
Bobby Kelly (A)
Michael Claffey (A)
Tom Ward (D)
Deceased members of Reynolds family

Monday, 2 August

Bank Holiday
St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop
St Peter Julian Eymard, priest
Felix Gallogly (A)

Tuesday, 3 August

William Robert Dowling (A)

Wednesday, 4 August

St John Mary Vianney, priest
Catherine Dowdall (A)

Thursday, 5 August

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Friday, 6 August

First Friday, The Transfiguration of the Lord
Jack Finn (A)
Rose Abbey (A)
Paul, Johnny, Catherine, Joe Abbey (D)
Grace Smyth (D)
Shay Barron (D)
Kay & Dave Robertson (D)

Saturday, 7 August

Ss Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs

What do you want from Jesus?

What do you want from Jesus? It isn't an impertinent question. In a number of encounters in the gospels Jesus makes the same challenge. So, really, when you pray, when you put on your miraculous medal or take up your rosary beads, when you bless yourself, what do you think you are doing?

In the passage in St John's gospel (chapter 6) in which Jesus first feeds thousands of people and calms a storm and walks on water, the people who are following him and marvelling at him want him to be their saviour. That is, they want him to provide for them and protect them so they never go hungry again or be knocked about by the storms life throws up and against which they have little or no protection.

Jesus understands this. His compassion is fathomless – in all the senses we use the word – but he wants people to go further. He wants us to go further and to grasp why he does what he does and who it is who is doing the things we wonder at and cause us to hope that the difficulties of life which sometimes overwhelm us, may not be the end of us. Jesus wants us to know that in him, the One who created us walks with us. He himself is food for the journey and company on the way. He is our inspiration; he is our breath itself. God in Christ, the fullness of everything, asks us to live that life of discipleship, companionship, partnership, to live what love is.

All our beads, all our medals, all our words bring us deeper into the life Christ asks of us. May the Lord bless us and protect us. May the Lord give us joy and may others see in us God's own joy and smile upon the world.

Paschal Scallan CM

EXPOSITION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place after 10.30am Mass on Saturday's until 12.30pm (unless a Funeral is taking place). This is an opportunity for some quiet time with the Lord present among us and delighting in the gift of our time.

Bank Holiday 2nd of August

Due to Bank Holiday the Novena Mass will not take place Monday 2nd of August and Parish Office will be close.

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

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 1 August 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15
I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:17.20-24
Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,

It was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me
will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 25 July

Total amount received for collections last weekend will be printed in next week's newsletter. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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

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

African Chaplaincy Mass the 1st Sunday of the month : 2.15 pm

Syro-Malabar Indian Community Mass the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday of the month: 2.00 pm

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

All services also available 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