



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 8 August 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 8 August

*St Dominic, priest is not celebrated this year*

Tommy Brennan (BR)

John Rackley (A)

John Coffey (A)

Martin Conroy (D)

#### Monday, 9 August

*St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin & martyr, patron of Europe*

Kathleen Munroe (1st A)

#### Tuesday, 10 August

*St Lawrence, deacon & martyr*

John Morrissey (BR)

Mary Coogan (A)

#### Wednesday, 11 August

*St Clare, virgin*

Jackie (McCormack) Murphy (RD)

John Rackley (1st A)

#### Thursday, 12 August

*Ss Jane Frances de Chantal, religious, Muredach, bishop, Attracta, virgin & Lelia, virgin*

O'Connell Family (SI)

Keane Family (SI)

Melly Family (SI)

Sr Rose Melly (GW)

Padraig O'Sullivan (MM)

Kathleen Melly (A)

#### Friday, 13 August

*Ss Pontian, pope, & Hippolytus, priest, martyrs St Fachtna, bishop*

Grace Hickey (A)

#### Saturday, 14 August

*St Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr*

Muriel O'Brien (MM)

Pamela Hurley (A)

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

### TOO MUCH TO ASK

So the people in Jesus' time dismissed him. They believed in the bread that came down from heaven to feed their ancestors in the desert. They believed that Jesus multiplied the five barley loaves and fed them in a multitude. They believed that to touch just the hem of his clothes brought healing. To believe that he is the bread of Heaven, bread of angels, bread of life is too much to ask, however. Why? Perhaps because then, as now, the consequences are too much to bear. What does Jesus as the bread of the Eucharist in Holy Communion require of me if I believe? Too much to ask. A response too costly to contemplate. Costing not less than everything.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

For the last two months or so we've been encouraged to give consideration to the establishment of a new parish pastoral council. As its title suggests the task will be to promote the pastoral welfare of the parish community. As mentioned previously this task will take the form of some practical projects and initiatives which aim to enrich our living of the faith in 21st Century Ireland. We do not know if or how our efforts will succeed but at least we will have tried, and trust that the Lord will bless our efforts.

I invite you now to nominate someone you believe will be willing to serve on the PPC. Please do so by email: [pp@stpetersphibsboro.ie](mailto:pp@stpetersphibsboro.ie), by letter or note which can be deposited in the metal box for donations at the shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Nominations should be made before the end of August after which it is hoped that a group of parish counsellors can be convened.

Thank you to all who have participated in this process thus far, for your suggestions, ideas, queries and insights, all of which are being collated as material for consideration by the PPC when it meets in September.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

### KNOCK POSTPONED

The organising committee for the annual Vincentian Family Pilgrimage to Knock have announced that this year's pilgrimage will not take place due to the ongoing restrictions with regard to Covid 19. It would not yet be possible to assemble in large numbers in the Basilica for Mass which is the central aspect of this event. While this is a disappointment to many we trust that the need to keep people safe remains our priority. Please God we will be able to resume next year.

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR - Sunday, 8 August 2021

### FIRST READING

#### *A reading from the second book of Kings*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The Word of the Lord

### SECOND READING

#### *A reading from the letter of St Paul's to the Ephesians*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves and follow Christ by loving as he loved

you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL

#### *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### EXPOSITION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place after the 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.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially May Foley (Rathdown Road), Tim Hartigan, Maura Darcy (Great Western Villas), Michael Fitzmaurice (Shandon Gardens), Johnny Abbey, Padraig O'Sullivan and Muriel O'Brien (Munster Street). 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.**

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 25 July / 1 August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) €887.35 / €971.97

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) €1,995.20 / €668.20

Share (2nd Collection) €262.67 / €296.09

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](mailto:info@stpetersphibsboro.ie)

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

### MASS TIMES

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

African Chaplaincy - 1st Sunday of the month at 2.15pm

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

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