



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 15 August 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 15 August

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Padraig O'Sullivan (MM)

Muriel O'Brien (MM)

Desmond Garrity (1st A)

Thomas Mills (A)

Veronica Murphy (A)

Mossy O'Connor (A)

Emily Sutton (A)

Ned Ward (D)

#### Monday, 16 August

*St Stephen of Hungary, Patron Saint*

Sigita Jeneviciene & Family (SI)

Mary O'Halloran (RD)

Frank Caffrey (A)

Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 17 August

*Our Lady of Knock*

Mary O'Halloran (RD)

Pete Devlin (A)

Emily Sutton (A)

#### Wednesday, 18 August

Mary O'Halloran (RD)

Breda McInerney (A)

Holy Souls

#### Thursday, 19 August

*St John Eudes, priest*

Jackie (McCormack) Murphy (RD)

Niall McManus (1st A)

#### Friday, 20 August

*St Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church*

Holy Souls

#### Saturday, 21 August

*St Pius X, pope*

Jim Daly (A)

Anne Byrne (A)

Murphy Family (D)

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

### GRACE AND GLORY, THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

St Alphonsus, writing about the Assumption of Our Lady has this to say:

'As death came about because of sin, it might have been fitting that the Mother of God should have been spared from it. But it pleased God to have Mary resemble Jesus in all things, and so he willed that even she should die, but by a good and happy death. There are three things that tend to make death bitter: attachment to the world, remorse for one's sins, and the uncertainty of one's salvation. Mary's death was entirely free from these causes of bitterness. She was totally detached from earthly goods and completely united to God. She could have no remorse of conscience since she was free of all sin. She also has the fullest certainty of possessing divine grace and the gift of heaven. Death to Mary was happy since it united her fully to God by an eternal bond.'

After Jesus' Ascension, Mary remained on earth and the disciples had recourse to her; she resolved their doubts, comforted and encouraged them.'

St Anselm says that the Redeemer ascended into heaven before his mother so that he might render her entry into heaven more glorious as would become the one who was his mother. All the saints in paradise came to welcome her, and salute her as their Queen. In each of the saints there were different graces but Mary, being filled with every grace, surpassed each saint in every virtue.

St Alphonsus concludes: 'Let us then rejoice with Mary that God has exalted her to so high a throne in heaven; let us rejoice also on our own account, for in her affection she is always with us and is now better able to assist us.'

Fr Eamon Devlin CM PP

### REPAIRING THE CRESTING ON THE SOUTH TRANSEPT OF THE CHURCH

As you are aware, the cresting on the apex of the north transept of the Church (Our Lady's side, next to the Cabra Rd) was completely repaired and restored earlier this year. Work will now begin on the south transept (Sacred Heart side, next to NCR) beginning next week. This is essential work as much of the ironwork in the cresting has rusted, some of the supporting aprons have fallen away and pigeons have intruded under the slates adjoining the apron supports. The workmen will access the roof with scaffolding erected in the Church garden so there will be no impediments on the street or pavement.

Thank you for your continuing generous support to the renovation of our Church.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM PP

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Maureen McEneaney (Leinster Street), May Foley (Rathdown Road), Maura Darcy (Great Western Villas), Michael Fitzmaurice (Shandon Gardens), Tim Hartigan and Johnny Abbey. 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 READINGS FOR - Sunday, 15 August 2021

### FIRST READING

#### A reading from the Book of Apocalypse

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the Ark of the Covenant could be seen inside it. Then came flashes of lightning, peals of thunder and an earthquake, and violent hail. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth.

Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready, for her to be looked after in the twelve hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ', now that the persecutor, who accused our brothers day and night before our God, has been brought down.

The Word of the Lord.

### SECOND READING

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah.

She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord*

*and my spirit exults in God my saviour;*

*because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.*

*Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,*

*for the Almighty has done great things for me.*

*Holy is his name,*

*and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.*

*He has shown the power of his arm,*

*he has routed the proud of heart.*

*He has pulled down princes from their thrones*

*and exalted the lowly.*

*The hungry he has filled with good things,*

*the rich sent empty away.*

*He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy*

*according to the promise he made to our ancestors-*

*of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'*

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 8 August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) €1,356.20

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) € 968.70

Share (2nd Collection) € 283.09

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### 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.

### 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