



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 18 July 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 18 July

Keith Sheridan (1st A)
Nicholas O'Toole (2nd A)
Paddy Mills (A)
Tom Corcoran (D)
Jim McKee & McKee Family (D)

Monday, 19 July

Michael McCormack (BR)
John & Brigid Penston (BR) & (A)
Nicholas O'Toole (2nd A)
Johnny Abbey - Funeral

Tuesday, 20 July

St Apollinaris, bishop and martyr
John Heaslip (BR)
Keith Sheridan (1st A)
Mia Delaney (D)

Wednesday, 21 July

St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church
Nance Hehir (D)
Paddy & Phyllis Mills (A)

Thursday, 22 July

St Mary Magdalene

Friday, 23 July

St Brigid of Sweden, religious, Patron of Europe
Harrie King (A)

Saturday, 24 July

St Declan, bishop
Blessed Virgin Mary
Marie Cahill (1st A)

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

SHEPHERDS AND GROWING FLOCKS

Today, we can see shepherds on the mountains of Ireland, in the wide plains, and on TV.

Jeremiah (Reading.1) soon after 600 BC, speaks of wicked rulers, but then predicts a great shepherd, Jesus Christ. In Reading.2 St Paul refers to Jesus as bringing us freedom and salvation by shedding his blood for us.

The Gospel tells of great crowds following Jesus around Lake Galilee; they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. Jesus embraces their weariness and broken spirits.

Later, Christ dialogues with St Peter, who is to be his chief shepherd and first Pope. He asks for Peter's loyalty and says to him; 'Feed my lambs, Tend my sheep; Feed my sheep'. (John21:15-17). The words 'feed' and 'tend' are different, but similar; they show the wide range of serving the faithful, which is the role of priests today.

Since my youth I've always found great and diligent priests. As flocks have sometimes strayed in the mist, so have some shepherds. This is something we deeply regret and repent for the falls. Now, priests work side by side with all the people. They feed with the Eucharist, with words of life in preaching, with wisdom of the Church and Scripture light, and with science of the Saints. Priests tend and care for the faithful in the Sacraments, not least in Confession, for which I see queues of people almost daily in Dublin Churches. The Curé of Ars, St John Vianney, drew up to 80,000 people for Confession every year to his village. The same Curé spent long hours in prayer, and bore sufferings for the triumph in Christ among his flock. His example stirs idealism in every heart.

Eamon Flanagan, CM

A NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.... STILL REFLECTING....

Thank you for your thoughts, suggestions and proposals as part of the process of setting up a parish council. There is some feeling among us that being a member of a parish council is a demanding task. I would like to reassure you that the plan for the parish council is straightforward and will not be burdensome. We hope to plan for some events and projects to help us as a people of Faith and to try to support us in growing in our Faith. Examples might be occasional novenas, short retreats, a pilgrimage from time to time, some gatherings to socialise and reach out to different groups in the parish area, the elderly, infirm and housebound, young families, people moving in to the area etc. We hope to do things which will be practical, helpful and encouraging. If some efforts succeed well and good, thanks be to God, if they don't, no harm done, we may try other things.

In short, the parish pastoral council will be a group of people planning some events or projects for the parish with the simple and straightforward goal of enriching our living of the faith in the times in which we live.

Please keep your thinking caps on and feel welcome to put forward your thoughts and proposals.

Eamon Devlin, CM

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 18 July 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

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

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken

down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them.

So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Padraig O'Sullivan late of Rathdown Road, Reggie Deaton formerly of Cabra, Maureen McEneaney late of Leinster Street and Muriel O'Brien late of 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 11 July

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = € 920.43

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 966.70

Share (2nd Collection) = € 305.64

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

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