



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 25 July 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 25 July

Margaret & Gerry Crosbie (A)  
James Irwin (A)  
Michael Swan (A)  
Gerard Byrne (A)  
Mollie Haugh (D)  
Bernie McDonagh (D)

#### Monday, 26 July

*Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Holy Souls  
Charles & Kathleen Gallagher (A)

#### Tuesday, 27 July

Peggy Gallagher (B)  
Declan Hughes (1st A)

#### Wednesday, 28 July

John Francis Mullan (A)

#### Thursday, 29 July

*St Martha*  
Lily Power (A)

#### Friday, 30 July

*St Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church*

#### Saturday, 31 July

*St Ignatius of Loyola*  
Amir Rajput (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

### MORE THAN ENOUGH

Wild fires raging in California, deluges in Belgium and Germany, all bring destruction and devastation. We've become used to such stories. There is however an ominous note to these events. They have occurred in countries where a highly developed infrastructure might suggest that their effects could have been lessened. Nothing it seems can withstand nature's force 'red in tooth and claw'.

Climate change and global warming are now spoken of as realities to be managed, no longer prevented. A bit like coronavirus, we must learn to live with and adapt to these new forces at work in the world. It would be a great pity and a mistake if we allow ourselves to drift into a state of helpless resignation about the situation of the planet.

Today's readings point out a way forward which while apparently modest, has great potential for a profound change of behaviour which restores power to each of us in making a difference. Jesus asks the disciples to gather up the leftovers. Why? One of the lessons of the multiplication of the six barley loaves and the two fish is that there is more than enough for everyone. It is a simple but nutritious meal.

God's Providence has seen to it that nature can provide for all. The answer lies in the avoidance of waste which is the surest sign that some still insist on having more than they need, more than enough. Enough is all we need. Could it become the word that will work a change of heart beginning with myself?

Eamon Devlin, CM

### SILVER THREADS AMONG THE GOLD

What did you miss most during lockdown? 'Seeing the grandchildren... hearing children at play... the energy and life they bring...' Grandparents and older relatives and neighbours seem unanimous in their response. Children and young people restore the joy of their youth.

These summer days are a good time to show appreciation for grandparents and older people who by the gift of their time, sharing of their experience, and their unique role, are so central to family life.

Please take a prayer card to fill in and give or send to a grandparent or an elderly relative, neighbour or friend who is dear to you and your family. You might like to bring one to family members for them to fill in and pass on. Some might like to take one in memory of a grandparent who has died or a neighbour who died during the last year and a half.

Eamon Devlin, CM

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 25 July 2021

### FIRST READING

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

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'For the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord

### SECOND READING

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

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one

The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL

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

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hamper with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world'. Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself

The Gospel of the Lord.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Johnny Abbey, Muriel O'Brien, Maureen McEaney and Pdraig O'Sullivan. 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 18 July

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online)	= € 852.35
Weekly Envelopes (incl. online)	= € 742.70
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 311.61
Church Repairs	= €1,020.00
St Vincent de Paul	= € 150.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### 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.

### 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