



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 29 August 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 29 August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

Michael Fitzmaurice (MM)
Maura Darcy (MM)
May Foley (RD) James Foley (A)
Paddy Conroy (D)
Margaret & Sean Maguire (D)
Catherine McMahon (A)

Monday, 30 August

Jackie Murphy (MM)
Jack Redmond (BR)
John Maughan (D)
Bridie Bannon (A)
Holy Souls

Tuesday, 31 August

St Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary

Dillie Heaslip (BR)
May Foley (RD) James Foley (A)
Deirdre Kelleher Dowling (1st A)
Holy Souls

Wednesday, 1 September

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Peter Browne (RD)
Catherine (Rennie) Cowman (A)
Holy Souls

Thursday, 2 September

Danny Gleeson (RD)
Holy Souls

Friday, 3 September

First Friday,

Patrick Flood (BR)
Bebe Drumm (1st A)

Saturday, 4 September

Bernie Cornyn (SI)
May Foley (MM)
David Lee (RD)
Elizabeth Cornyn (A)
Joseph & Gladys Kerrigan (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

SANITISING HANDS AND HEAD AND HEART

Today's gospel has always perplexed listeners. All these laws about washing hands and arms as far as the elbow and washing on coming in from the market place, seem odd and a bit over the top. In light of our experience of the last year and a half these laws seem less strange. The washing of hands, carefully and thoroughly, the wiping and cleansing of all kinds of accessories (keys, mobiles, glasses, pens etc) is now accepted, even expected. The people of the Old and New Testament times inhabited a world where plague and disease were commonplace and cleanliness was cop-perfastened in being associated with godliness.

Jesus highlights his awareness that the externals, the appearances, don't mirror the interior state of mind and heart. Appearances have become ends in themselves and keeping up appearances while concealing the inner reality is hypocrisy. The result is disease as disastrous as any plague, disease of mind and heart where evil intentions and selfish motives hold sway and wreak all kinds of havoc as they seep out or burst forth in word and action. We are fortunate in having very reliable testing to identify the presence of virus and illness. How though do we pinpoint the root of those interior diseases of the mind and heart? The Lord Himself offers a reliable health check: 'This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.' To put it another way 'wherever my treasure is there will my heart be too.'

Eamon Devlin, CM PP

RELAXING RESTRICTIONS

Parish services and activities are gradually returning to normal.

- Sunday and weekday Masses take place with continued observance of social distancing, wearing of face coverings, hand sanitising and restricted movement. In regard to the latter Holy Communion continues for the time being to be distributed at the end of Mass (people are welcome to return to their seats to make their thanksgiving). Sunday collections are not taken during Mass, people now put their offerings in the containers or use the tap'n'go card machine provided at either side of the Sanctuary as they leave the Church after Mass (alternatively people can text Peter to 50300 to donate €4 from their seat).
- Confessions are available on Saturday from 11am - 12.30pm and at any other time on request. A full confessional screen is provided in the reconciliation room.
- Baptisms, catering for one family at a time, have resumed. Baptismal preparation resumes for parents all protocols being fully implemented.
- First Holy Communion for the year 2021 will be celebrated on Saturday 2 October with two sessions to cater for social distancing.
- The Parish Office is now open from 9.30am until 12.30pm Mon - Fri and the Repository most days before or after Mass

It is hoped the other activities will resume from mid to late September.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 29 August 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoil religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they

need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Maureen McEneaney (Leinster Street), May Foley (Rathdown Road), Tim Hartigan and Jackie Murphy. 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 22 August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = €1,499.64

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 676.00

Share (2nd Collection) = € 280.60

Thank you for your continued support, your donations help keep the parish running.

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: 9.30am – 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 - 1st Sunday of the month : 2.15 pm

Syro-Malabar Indian Community Mass - 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