



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 5 September 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 5 September

Desmond O'Reilly (A)
May Foley (MM)
Patricia Garland (BR)
Bernie Mongan (D)
Patrick, Mary Ellen Scollan (D)

Monday, 6 September

Ann Heagney (D)
Heagney family (D)
William Murphy (D)
Denis Byrne (A)
Holy Souls

Tuesday, 7 September

Fionn Cullen (BR)
Maura Ferguson (SI)

Wednesday, 8 September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mary McCarthy (B)
Carmel Byrne (A)
Holy Souls

Thursday, 9 September

Emmet Dalton (RD)
Theresa Gavin Lowe (RD)

Friday, 10 September

St Peter Claver, priest
Eddie, Bridie & Paul O'Rourke (A)
Holy Souls

Saturday, 11 September

Blessed Virgin Mary
Owen Cullen (BR)

How odd is God....

Two things in today's gospel may seem somewhat odd.

First, it says that this deaf man had "an impediment in his speech".

One deaf from birth hasn't any speech. (At that time there were no Special Needs schools.)

Second, after the man's hearing and speech were miraculously "restored", Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone.

Could he really expect them to keep silent about such an extraordinary happening?

No explanations are provided for these oddities.

Perhaps our questions have a purpose.

The purpose and style of the story may be to focus attention on the meaning of what happened;

good things happen in the presence of Jesus.

In Jesus' presence humanity is made whole and free and new.

In communion with Jesus our damaged humanity is healed.

Do you notice the location of the miracle? East of the river Jordan was pagan territory.

It tells us that Gentiles, previously deaf and dumb to God, can now respond to him.

Jesus, the Christ, is here for all, not just for a chosen few.

Padraig Regan, CM.

LAUNCH OF VINCENTIAN FAMILY WEBSITE....

Will take place in the Church immediately after 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th September. Several branches of the Vincentian Family are active in the parish. It is very fitting that the office of the Vincentian Family Council is located in St Paeer's where, as our Church so beautifully records, the work of St Vincent de Paul, St Louise de Marillac, St Catherine Laboure, St John Gabriel Perboyne and Blessed Frederic Ozanam are celebrated in stone and stained glass.

Sr Claire McKiernan DC, co-ordinator of the Vincentian Family Council will introduce a video presentation which will include interviews with representatives of each of the members of the Vincentians Family. All are welcome to remain behind after Mass to attend the launch.

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

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 5 September 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10
Response

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Response

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Response

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

1Sam 3:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently. 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 29 August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = €962.03

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 657.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 316.02

Thank you for your continued support.

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