



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 17 October 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr is not celebrated this year

Kathleen Mangan (BR)
Anna & Paddy Mulcahy (A)
John Cummins (A)
Walter & Kathleen Murphy (A)
Patrick Kelleher (A)
Eamon Peters (RD)
Tom Maughan (D)

Monday, 18 October

St Luke, Evangelist

Joseph Hannon (A)
Holy Souls

Tuesday, 19 October

Ss John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, priests, & Companions, martyrs & St Paul of the Cross, priest

Ansy Varghese & Family (SI)
Anna & Paddy Mulcahy (A)

Wednesday 20 October

Mary Breen (D)
Holy Souls

Thursday, 21 October

Julia Hehir (D)

Friday, 22 October

St John Paul II, pope

Kathleen & Patrick Twyford (A)
Hugh & Ann Curran (D)
Mary & Sean Quigley (D)
Holy Souls

Saturday, 23 October

St John of Capistrano, priest

Máirín McDonnell (MM)
Breda Egan (1st A)
Francie Brooks (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

SAVED BY SUFFERING

'The Lord has been pleased to crush him with suffering' (First Reading). One of the most strident objections to Christianity centres on this phrase and others like it in the scriptures. 'What kind of God is this?' A God, seemingly, with masochistic leanings who finds satisfaction in inflicting suffering. A God who demands retribution for offences and who requires blood payment even from his only Son. It is both harrowing and horrific to contemplate and our nature recoils from such thoughts.

Suffering, however, is stitched into the fabric of our world and our humanity. Our existence is fragile, accidents happen, illness occurs, change has decay as part of its armoury. Then there is the suffering we cause and sometimes inflict on others. Nature itself is 'red in tooth and claw.'

God in Jesus enters into the reality of our existence, not to ignore or be outside of our experience but to embrace it, suffering included. He suffers as one innocent of all wrongdoing though his suffering embraces all wrongdoers. As God among us in our human condition Jesus plumbs the depths of our humanity and knows our sorrows, sufferings and sicknesses. He does this in love, the boundless love of God for us and accepting all for love of us, brings good out of evil, new life out of death. God in Jesus does all for love, Jesus reveals to us the face of God as all tenderness and compassion - the distinction between Father and Son is in the working out of God's plan to save us, but the Father is one with Jesus as the Lord Himself declares: 'Whoever sees me sees the Father, the Father and I are One' (John 10:30, 12:45).

Eamon Devlin CM PP

THIS WEEK

Monday 18 October:

7.00pm (in the Church). Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal with Rosary at 6.40pm and Confessions available in Reconciliation Room. Petitions and thanksgiving for favours received. Medals blessed and distributed.

Tuesday 19 October:

7.00pm (in St Peter's Club, entrance via pedestrian gate at garden entrance on Cabra Road). Fourth Seminar on Archbishop Farrell's Pastoral 'The Cry of the Earth - The Cry of the Poor'. It is not essential to have attended previous seminars. Some copies of the Pastoral Letter are still available in the Parish Office.

7.30pm (in the Church). Choir Practice (please contact the Parish Office to register interest).

Sunday 24 October:

World Mission Sunday. 'We cannot remain silent - we cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20). Reflecting on Jesus' first public words in the synagogue in Nazareth. 'He sent me to bring good news to the poor'. We remember and pray for all missionaries. A collection for Missio Ireland will replace the Share Collection. Envelopes will also be available for collection in the Church.

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LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 17 October 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the

throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord:
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

or

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus called his disciples to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

TAX RELIEF DONATIONS

As a registered charity St Peter's Parish can claim tax relief on donations of €250 or more in any one year at a rate of 31% (no matter what rate of tax you pay). It applies to all cheque/cash and online donations which are made in instalments over the year or as one donation during that time. We are later than usual this year, but if you are eligible and have donated to any or all of the following* for **2020** please fill in a CHY 4 Cert available from the Church, Parish Office or online at: www.stpetersphibsboro.ie

*Weekly Envelopes / Easter or Christmas Dues / Church Gate for essential Church Repairs or Online (easypayments/standing orders). Thank you for all your support.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Paul Carroll (formerly Connaught Street), Máirín McDonnell (formerly Cherrymount Park), Pauline Johnston (formerly Avondale Ave), and sisters Angela Mullen and Ann Kelliher (both née Bartley, formerly Great Western Square). 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 10 October

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = € 913.80

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 608.70

Share (2nd Collection) = € 256.46

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the parish and diocese each week.