



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: 22 August 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 22 August

Margaret Maguire (BR)

John Rackley (A)

Eily Fennell (A)

Henry Falconer (A)

Joan & Gerard Whelan (A)

#### Monday, 23 August

*St Rose of Lima, virgin & St Eugene, bishop*

Thomas & Elizabeth O'Loughnan (A)

Ann Kelleher Nee Barkley (RD)

Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 24 August

*St Bartholomew, Apostle*

McCann Family (SI)

Gerard Giblin (B)

May Downes (A)

Mary, James & Delie Durr (A)

#### Wednesday, 25 August

*St Louis of France & St Joseph Calasanz, priest*

Michael Fitzmaurice (MM)

Maura Darcy (MM)

John Holton (A)

Philip Murray (A)

#### Thursday, 26 August

Sean Maguire (A)

Kathleen Rackley (A)

#### Friday, 27 August

*St Monica, patron saint of mothers*

Redmond Family (SI)

Denis Harvison (A)

#### Saturday, 28 August

*St Augustine, bishop & doctor of the Church*

Priests & Parishioners of S Peters (SI)

Thomas O'Beirne (A)

### HOSPITALITY

With the return to indoor dining in restaurants, cafes and hotels, many people are enjoying a much missed experience. As one patron expressed it succinctly on radio recently "the tea and toast served to you tastes better than the tea and toast you made at home." Something about being served, having it handed to you, makes a difference it seems. The hospitality industry, emphasis on "hospitality", has rediscovered its most lasting appeal, that action or interaction with the public that fulfils a simple social need, the gift and grace of human contact.

Grace builds on nature and so the Old Testament people, asked to choose, opt wholeheartedly to serve the God who has so graciously and generously served them, so long, and though thick and thin. Was it not the Lord our God who brought us out of Egypt, who worked those great wonders..? Their descendants, the people Jesus encounters in today's gospel, and ourselves by extension perhaps, are less amenable. They and we have been richly served, the gift of God Himself, the bread of angels and food that nourishes unto eternal life. Something in them, in we too however, balks at such potential. Why is that? Why does the Eucharist leave us largely cold, untouched and unchanged? Something to do with service perhaps; where God is concerned, we prefer self-service, no complication, nor commitment to follow through.

"What about you, do you want to go away too?" The Lord's question echoes down the centuries as many leave him and walk no longer with him. How each of us answers the question will depend much on our own personal awareness and appreciation of the divine hospitality expressed so simply in the words of consecration at the heart of every Mass — "Take this all of you and eat of it, for this is my Body given for you."

### FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

The 'walking together in hope' initiative will be launched on 25 August 2021 at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The Archdiocese will provide some simple ideas for families and parishes beginning in September. This project aims to help families to support and strengthen their Family Faith, by focussing on and celebrating times of hope and joy in family life. Resources will be provided which will reflect how family lives today.

A part-time secretarial position has become available in St John's Education Centre, Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin. Interested persons should apply with C.V. to: stjohnseducationcentre@gmail.com.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Jackie Murphy, Maureen McEaney, May Foley, Tim Hartigan, Johnny Abbey, Michael Fitzmaurice and Maura Darcy. 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.**

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

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR - Sunday, 22 August 2021

### FIRST READING

#### A reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: *'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'*

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord.

### SECOND READING

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one

body.

This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

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

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, *'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'*

*'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.*

*The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.*

*'But there are some of you who do not believe.'* For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, *'this is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.'*

After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve,

*'What about you, do you want to go away too?'*

Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 15 August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) €1, 047.19

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) € 339.35

Share (2nd Collection) € 864.05

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### EXPOSITION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place after the 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 Mass

### MASS TIMES

Sunday: vigil 6.30pm (Sat), 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am

African Chaplaincy - 1st Sunday of the month at 2.15pm

Syro-Malabar Indian Community - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday of the month at 2.00pm

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