



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Solemnity of St Laurence O'Toole: 14 November 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 14 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

Ellen Ward (BR)

Thomas Sheridan (BR)

Lily Connell (A)

Patrick Harrington (A)

Ann Hallahan (A)

Willie McDonagh (D)

#### Monday, 15 November

St Albert the Great, bishop & doctor of the Church

Richard Conroy (A)

Mills Family (D)

Nora & Michael Moran (D)

Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 16 November

St Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude, virgin

Special Intention

Frances, Mary & Thomas Hughes (A)

Kathleen Conroy (A)

Maureen Kelly (D)

#### Wednesday, 17 November

St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Special Intention

Catherine McBride & Family (SI)

Muriel Kavanagh (1st A)

Christy Quinlan (D)

#### Thursday, 18 November

Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul

Special Intention

Nuala Walsh (D)

O'Connor Family (D)

#### Friday, 19 November

Colm Birkett (RD)

Fitzmaurice Family (D)

#### Saturday, 20 November

Peg Finnegan (100th BR)

Finucane Family (D)

### SOLEMNITY OF ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE - 14 November

Archbishop of Dublin (1125-1180). He became abbot of the monastery at Glendalough in 1150 and was renowned for the spirit of prayer he restored there, and for his generosity to all in need. Appointed archbishop of Dublin in 1161 he worked tirelessly for peace between the kings of Ireland and England and within the Church itself.

**Prayer:** Glendalough gave him a hunger and thirst for prayer. In Dublin, his days were filled with business but the night belonged to God. He would spend long hours in the old cathedral of Christ Church pouring out his heart to the Lord, and some of those who overheard him swore that they heard a second voice answering him. Whenever he had a little free time, he would spend it in solitude in a hermitage in Glendalough. It was prayer that guided him and fuelled him in all he did.

**Pity:** As abbot of Glendalough he was known for his generosity to the poor, especially during times of famine. When the monastery supplies were exhausted, he bought food from outside, using all the monastery's resources along with his own inheritance. In Dublin, in a city ravaged by war and hunger and disease, his generosity was tested to the limits. He fed the poor of the city at his table every day and opened his house to orphaned and abandoned children. At the height of the troubles, there were 200 abandoned children depending on him for food, clothing and lodging.

**Peace:** He knew at first hand the suffering that war was bringing to his countrymen. He spent the last ten years of his life in an endless succession of peace missions, travelling from one armed camp to another in Ireland and often making the wearisome and dangerous journey to the court of the English King. It was his defence of his people's rights before Henry II that led to his exile and his lonely death.

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 15th November

7.00pm - Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal with blessing and distribution of medals. Rosary at 6.40pm. Confessions available before and during Novena.

#### Tuesday 16th November

11.15am - Scripture reflection on the readings for next Sunday's Mass, led by Fr Mark Noonan, will take place in St Peter's Club. Scripture texts will be provided. Meeting will last 30 - 45 minutes. All welcome.

8.00pm - Choir Practice (entrance via hall door on Cabra Road)

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

This group met on Tuesday 9th November and finalised arrangements for the distribution of the boxes of envelopes for the beginning of the new Church year, Sunday 28th November, the First Sunday of Advent. It is hoped that more people will avail of the envelopes in making their offerings for the support of the parish and upkeep of the Church.

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, 14 November 2021

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: "I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land. I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God." The Word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called to-

gether as parts of one body. Always be thankful.  
The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep, and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father." The Gospel of the Lord.

### SPECIAL MASS IN MEMORY

On Sunday 14 November at 3.00pm, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. The bishops will concelebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families, they will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic. This Mass will be live-streamed on: [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel and online.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 31 Oct / 7 Nov

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = €904.00 / €845.77

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = €726.70 / €840.90

Share (2nd Collection) = €311.88 / €266.56

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

Envelopes for the new Church year, beginning Sunday 28th November, may be collected from the parish office, Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Anne-Marie McDonnell (Cherrymount Park), Kathleen Cullen (Shandon Crescent), Lily Kearns (North King Street), Mary Grace (formerly of Shandon Drive), Paul Carroll (formerly of Connaught Street) and Catherine (Pat) Leddy (formerly of Phibsborough). 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.**