



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: 31 October 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 31 October

Bl. Dominic Collins is not celebrated this year

Pauline Kenny (A)

John Joyce (D)

Monday, 1 November

All Saints

Betty Crawley (BR)

Carmel Gallagher & Jim Tully (A)

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 2 November

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Kathleen Mongan (1st A)

Brigid Hunter (A)

Wednesday, 3 November

St Malachy, bishop

Hugh Gillespie (A)

Robert Dunne (D)

Thursday, 4 November

St Charles Borromeo, bishop

David Crane (A)

Joan Brady (D)

First Friday, 5 November

St Martin de Porres, religious

Eamon, Pat & Marc Murphy (D)

Catherine Dowdall (D)

Saturday, 6 November

All the Saints of Ireland

Bl. Fortunato Velasco Tobar, Vicente Queralt Lloret, José Fernández Sánchez, priest, Melchora Adoración Cortés Bueno, Josefa Martínez Pérez, virg. & Companions, martyrs

Edward & Dolores Dunne (D)

Thomas & Ellen Hickey (D)

SAINTS AND SINNERS

'Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future.' The feasts of All Saints (Nov 1st) and All Souls (Nov 2nd) are the feasts of the anonymous people of God, unmarked on calendars of the saints and unremembered by all but God himself. These are the feasts of our own people, our ancestors: many who kept the faith in season and out of season expressed in love and service ordinary and extraordinary who now keep timeless days of joy in the communion of saints; many more who wander still in the shadow of darkness and may not gain love's high reward till love is purified, the souls in purgatory.

These are our own feasts for one day we will join the saints and sinners and by God's grace and through the prayers of God's people, the Church, reach at last the end of our pilgrimage. In November we remember our own beloved dead and all those no one remembers. Our prayers for them are simply part and parcel of following through on our belonging to each other as members of Christ's Mystical Body on earth and his risen body, becoming the communion of saints.

Monday 1st November, All Saints Day is a holy day, Mass at 10.30am and 7.00pm (including weekly Novena).

Tuesday 2nd November, All Soul's Day, three Masses for the Souls of the Faithful Departed at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 6.00pm.

ANNUAL MASS TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

This will take place at 6.30pm on Saturday 13th November. Family and friends are welcome to attend, candles will be lit for each of the deceased and carried by a family member to the garden of remembering and prayer during the Mass.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM PP

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The parish council met on Tuesday last 26th October. Members reviewed the parish structures, reflecting on ministries and activities that have resumed post lockdown. There are still a number of activities that have yet to start up again. We also considered a large number of suggestions and proposals received from parishioners and council members undertook to work on these for the next meeting. The parish safeguarding representative spoke about developments in safeguarding in the parish context.

The parish council was unanimous in inviting future proposals and ideas from anyone who wishes to do so.

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CROSSCARE - THANK YOU

The CEO of Crosscare, Mr Conor Hickey, has written on behalf of the organisation to express thanks for the very generous collection received from the parish on the occasion of their annual collection 18/19 September. Please see letter on noticeboards.

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, 31 October 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson.

Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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!

or

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, *'Which is the first of all the commandments?'*

Jesus replied,

'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'

The scribe said to him,

'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.'

Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said,

'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'

And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

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 Lily Kearns (retired employee of St Peter's and mother of our community cook Noleen Murray), Mary Grace (formerly Shandon Drive), Paul Carroll (formerly Connaught Street) and Pauline Johnston (formerly Avondale Avenue). 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 24 October

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = € 909.05

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 526.70

For the Missions = €1,616.87

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