



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Advent: 5 December 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 5 December

Audrey Boudren (BR)
Mary Foley (BR)
Teresa Brooks (A)
Jimmy Regan (A)
Richard & Kathleen Holbrook (A)
Anthony Brady & Marie Casey (A)
John, Mary & Kevin Daly (A)
Bernie McDonagh (D)

Monday, 6 December

St Nicholas, bishop

Thanksgiving
John Boyle (A)
Majella & Seamus's Friends (D)
Holy Souls

Tuesday, 7 December

St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church

Special Intention
Paddy Gilheany (A)
William Murphy & Brother (D)

Wednesday, 8 December

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Betty Murphy (SI)
Paul Martin (SI)
Dolores Dunne (BR)
Laura King (BR)
Holy Souls

Thursday, 9 December

St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Special Intention
Eileen Harvison (A)
Mick & Bridget Maloney (D)

Friday, 10 December

Our Lady of Loreto

Bl. Mark Anthony Durando, priest

Special Intention
Edward & Marie Maloney (D)

Saturday, 11 December

St Damasus I, pope

Special Intention
Joe & Maureen Maloney (D)
Holy Souls

'HOPE CHANGES EVERYTHING'

In Advent, we proclaim and celebrate our hope and our trust that our God is faithful: that the Lord will come again and again to rescue us, to heal us, to console us, to be with all that he has called into life. Our prayer this Advent and always is, therefore, shaped by that hope. Christian hope is not naive. It does not give rise to nostalgia, denial or conformity. Rather it is realistic in its faithfulness and bold in its imagination. Pope Francis tells us that hope 'is able to see a tomorrow; hope is the door that opens onto the future.' Hope changes everything. It was to build hope that, some months ago, I established a Task Force to develop a pastoral strategy to support parish communities of faith to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity, while enabling the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead. It is my intention to invite the whole diocesan family, and every parish, to begin the process of discussion and discernment early in the New Year, and to provide guidelines and suggestions to support this journey, which will be, in itself, an expression of the synodal path on which the Church has embarked. I am inviting the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin to use this season of Advent as a time of prayer and reflection to prepare ourselves spiritually for the challenge of renewal. Our prayer must be, above all, to be open to the Spirit to guide us in our mission as bearers of light and carriers of good news to the people of our time. In Advent we begin the Liturgical Year preparing for the coming of the Lord. Our diocesan theme this year is 'Be Still', waiting for the Lord, preparing ourselves for the year ahead with Him. We need to 'be still' during Advent, and mark time a little with the Lord, as we set out on a year of prayer, reflection and planning. I am asking each parish community to pray for conversion of heart so that we may be effective missionaries. I ask that the Synod prayer be prayed every day during Advent, especially during our celebrations of the Eucharist. In the season of Advent, we unite ourselves with our Blessed Mother Mary, whose own preparation models for us the spirit of hope and faith that brings the light of Christ to life.

Let us pray: *Ever faithful God, You sent your son into the darkness of human history to fulfil your will, and guide your people home to you. Fill our hearts with the hope of your coming that we may draw close to all our sisters and brothers especially those who bear the cross of Jesus in the heart of our world. May the Light of His victory over darkness and death, guide our feet on the way of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of Him who came and will come again, Jesus, our Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.*

+Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

Evening Masses from 6th - 8th December

Mon 6th Dec	7.00pm	Queen conceived without sin
Tue 7th Dec	6.00pm	Vigil (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)
Wed 8th Dec	10.30am	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day)	& 6.00pm	

THIS WEEK

Monday 6th December

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

Tuesday 7th December

11.15am - Reflection on the scriptures for Sunday in St Peter's Club.

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, 5 December 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Baruch
Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under
heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to
the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remem-
bered them.

Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering
how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day
you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that

the One who began this good work in you will see that it is fin-
ished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how
much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you.
My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more
and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deep-
ening your perception. so that you can always recognise what is
best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and
prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the per-
fect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory
and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
*In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius
Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his
brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and
Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in
the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district pro-
claiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as
it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:*

A voice cries in the wilderness:

*Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

*Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.*

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

S.V.P. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The local St Peter's Conference of the Society
of St Vincent de Paul will launch their annual
appeal at all Masses next weekend 11th/12th
December. This appeal will replace the Share
collection. Envelopes will also be available in
the Church for those wishing to contribute
around this time. The Conference members
are very grateful for the support received from
the parish and thank you in anticipation for
your ongoing generous support.

V.L.M. (VINCENTIAN LAY MISSIONARIES)

The Vincentian Lay
Missionaries are running
a Christmas Raffle in sup-
port of their mission in
Africa. For further details
please see the notice in
the Church porch.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

Mass Bouquets €10.00, Novena Cards
€5.00 and Church Art Calendars €2.00
are now available from the Parish
Office and Repository.

CHRISTMAS DUES

Christmas Dues Envelopes will be
available at the Church doors. Please
return them to the Parish Office.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 28 Nov

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online)	=	€ 983.09
Weekly Envelopes (incl. online)	=	€1,233.20
Sick & Indigent Roomkeepers	=	€ 576.52

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

Envelopes for the new Church year, beginning Sunday 5th
December, may be collected from the parish office.