



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 16 January 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 16 January

St Fursa, abbot & missionary is not celebrated this year

- Marion Murray (MM)
- Noel Lawlor (A)
- John & Michael O'Connor (A)
- Una O'Sullivan & Patrick Lillis (A)
- Peggy O'Sullivan (A)
- Desmond Garrity (A)
- John Deegan (A)

Monday, 17 January

St Anthony, abbot

- Evelyn Hudson (Funeral 10.30am)
- Nuala Daly (A)
- James & Kathleen Mangan (A)
- Mary Devine (A)

Tuesday, 18 January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 Jan

- Christine Clarke (1st A)
- Patrick & Elizabeth Cornyn (A)

Wednesday, 19 January

- Gerry Hayes (A)
- Kathleen McMahan (A)
- Mary O'Dwyer (D)

Thursday, 20 January

St Fabian, pope & martyr

St Sebastian, martyr

- Thanksgiving
- Michael Grehan (A)
- Timmy & May Mahoney (D)

Friday, 21 January

St Agnes, virgin & martyr

- Brian & May Darcy (D)
- Elizabeth (B) & Michael (BR) Gill

Saturday, 22 January

St Vincent, deacon & martyr

- Frank O'Keeffe (1st A)
- Fitzmaurice Family (D)

- 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

'UT UNUM SINT', 'THAT THEY MAY BE ONE' (Jn 17:21)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th - 25th January)

One of the many responses to the outdoor crib at the front of the Church was the arrival, in the spirit of the Magi, of members of other Churches and faiths to visit, reflect and pray. From the East in particular came members of the Orthodox Church, Romanian, Russian, Greek and Ukrainian. Members of the Maronite Church from Lebanon and the Coptic Church from Egypt also arrived. As some of these Churches celebrate Christmas later and longer than us it seems appropriate to leave our outdoor crib in place in solidarity with all those who look to Jesus Christ as the light of the world and the Saviour of all peoples. This week we dedicate ourselves to the annual period of prayer for unity among Christians in fidelity to the Lord's deep desire expressed in his priestly prayer before the Passion, "that they may all be one." (Jn 17:21)

Unity has been a struggle throughout the Christian centuries. The Acts of the Apostles recounts the First Council of the Church of Jerusalem (Acts 15:5FF) to settle the question of how non Jewish believers were to be welcomed into the early Church which at first consisted only of Jewish converts (ie the disciples of Jesus and others in Galilee and Palestine who became the first believers). Paul is regarded as the Apostle of the Gentiles while Peter led the early Church from its first moments in Judaism.

Throughout this week of prayer a single candle will burn on the altars of Ss Peter and Paul (to left and right of the Sanctuary) as a reminder and call to prayer to each of us to work towards the desire of the heart of Jesus for unity among his disciples. Please take a few moments to join your prayer to that of the Lord at the altars of these two great pillars of the Christian faith.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

THIS WEEK

Monday 17th January

7.00pm - Novena Mass in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal with blessing and distribution of medals and procession to Our Lady's Shrine presenting petitions and thanksgiving. Rosary at 6.40pm. Confessions also available from 6.30pm.

7.45pm - Monthly meeting of the AMM (Association of the Miraculous Medal) in the Frank Duff Room.

Thursday 20 January

6.30pm - Confirmation candidates from 5th and 6th classes in St Peter's NS will celebrate the Ceremony of Light with their parents and teachers.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Saturday from 11.00am - 12.30pm (except in the case of a funeral or wedding). Confessions are also available throughout this period of prayer.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 16 January 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah
About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour
in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',

but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';

for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
among all the peoples.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit;

and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine'. Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said; 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now'.

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 9 January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = € 705.76

Share (2nd Collection) = € 265.14

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 917.20

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Robert McKee (Norfolk Road), Evelyn Hudson (Annamoe Drive) and Christopher Wall (Cabra Road). 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.**