



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 23 January 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 23 January

*Sunday of the Word of God*

*Catholic Schools Week begins today*

Florence Greene (MM)

Frank O'Keeffe (1st A)

Betty & Michael Kenny (A)

May Kenny (A)

Frank & Eileen Murray (A)

Jack Bruen (A)

Mary McDonagh (D)

#### Monday, 24 January

*St Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor of the Church*

Daniel, Eoin & Nathanael Redmond (SI)

Fr Paddy Hughes CM (A)

Dorothy & Jack Redmond (D)

Anne & Pauline Redmond (D)

Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 25 January

*Conversion of St Paul the Apostle, Anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation of the Mission*

Eugene Tracey (A)

Mary Murphy (A)

#### Wednesday, 26 January

*Ss Timothy & Titus, bishops*

Michael Sherry (A)

Dan Gibbons (BR)

#### Thursday, 27 January

*St Angela Merici, virgin & religious*

Bernadette Egan (RD)

#### Friday, 28 January

*St Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church*

Christopher Wall (MM)

Fr Charles Sinnott CM (A)

Jim Fennell (A)

Brian & May Darcy (D)

#### Saturday, 29 January

Austin Moore (A)

Barry 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

### FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL Tuesday 25 January

This feast brings to a close the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Paul's conversion to the cause of Christ is one of the most significant events in the New Testament, setting in motion the missionary outreach of the new faith into the vast expanses of the Roman Empire which was for the most part non Jewish. It was on this day also that the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) began in the events of a mission sermon given by Vincent de Paul in 1625 which led to the need to gather a group of priests to minister reconciliation and to catechise.

The spirit that filled Paul, the same spirit that impelled Vincent de Paul, is the spirit we too call on today. May the Holy Spirit lead us to conversion and use us to bring Christ to others in the charism of St Vincent, seeking, seeing and serving the Lord in those who hunger for meaning and hope.

**Fr Eamon Devlin CM**

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 24th 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.

#### Tuesday 25 January

**7.00pm** - Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council in the Frank Duff Room.

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.

### THANK YOU

I would like to express the gratitude of the parish and the Vincentian Community to Gerard Maguire who has retired from the role of Church Sacristan. Gerry has fulfilled this office with diligence and distinction, bringing to his work an enthusiastic and encouraging outlook. We are delighted that Gerry will continue his ministry in Church as soloist at the vigil Mass on Saturday evenings at 6.30pm and the weekly Novena Mass in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Monday evenings at 7.00pm.

**Fr Eamon Devlin CM**

### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 23 January 2022

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose; in full view of all the people—since he stood higher than all the people—Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, *'Amen! Amen!'*; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then (Nehemiah—His Excellency—and) Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, *'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.'* For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, *'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'*

The Word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock!

### SECOND READING (shorter form)

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

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.* He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, *'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'*

The Gospel of the Lord.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 16 January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online)	=	€ 845.26
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 302.14
Weekly Envelopes (incl. online)	=	€ 453.70

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), Christopher Wall (New Cabra Road) and David Crawford (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.**