



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 30 January 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 30 January

*St Aidan, abbot, Bl. Margaret Ball & Francis Taylor, martyrs are not celebrated this year*

Michael Deegan (RD)

Mary Murphy (A)

Kevin Cahill (A)

Paddy, Mary & Liam Forbes (D)

Martin & Nancy Coleman (D)

#### Monday, 31 January

*St John Bosco, priest*

Annie McKeogh (BR)

Doris McKeogh (BR)

Phyllis Maguire (A)

Dalton Family (D)

McKeogh Family (D)

Bryan Family (D)

#### Tuesday, 1 February

*St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland*

**Bl. Mary Ann Vaillot & Odile Baumgarten, virgins & martyrs**

Mary Finn (A)

#### Wednesday, 2 February

*The Presentation of the Lord*

*World Day for Consecrated Life*

Frank Ecock (A)

#### Thursday, 3 February

*St Blaise, bishop & martyr & St Ansgar, bishop*

**Bl. Josephine Nicoli, virgin**

Ellen & Joe Ward (WA remembrance)

Tom Mongan (A)

Jimmy Finnegan (A)

Holy Souls

#### First Friday, 4 February

Brian & May Darcy (D)

#### Saturday, 5 February

*St Agatha, virgin & martyr*

Catherine McMahon (A)

Stenson 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

### THE SYNODAL PATHWAY - FIRST STEPS

Pope Francis is encouraging us to experience the Synod as a journey together, a journey on which we encounter others, listen closely to their story and then discern what the Lord is saying to us and how we are being called to be Church differently. **ENCOUNTER, LISTEN, DISCERN.**

As a first stage on this journey please begin short conversations within your home or with a friend, colleague or neighbour. Include the different generations in your family. Encourage in particular those whose experience or outlook on faith and religion is different to yours. **WHAT WILL WE TALK ABOUT?** Joy and sadness is a good place to begin. What gives you joy in life, in faith, in Church? What makes you sad also? Our journey together is not a debate to be won or lost, it is not about convincing others, not even about finding answers. It is the listening that is open, attentive and respectful. We are connected through our common humanity, recent events in our world remind us that we are all in it together... a global pandemic, climate change are threats to all but also opportunities.

On this first stage of our Synodal Path please decide to reach out to another or others, including family members or friends who have lost their joy in faith or in God, those who see things very differently, those who don't believe, those who feel hurt or hostile to religion, they too have their story to tell and through our attentive and mutual listening we will, by God's grace, discern what the Lord is saying to us as Church today.

Finally, pray the Synod prayer each day if you can, so that everything will be steeped in prayer and enfolded in the action of the Spirit of God.

The success of the universal Synod will depend on whether or not each of us engages in it. Don't leave it to others, don't convince yourself you have nothing to offer, don't put it on the long finger. Most of all don't give in to the inner voice that says it's not worth the effort. Remember we will be poorer for each one who opts out.

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.**

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 31st 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.

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, 30th January 2022

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

*'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.  
So now brace yourself for action.  
Stand up and tell them all I command you.  
Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.  
I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land:  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.  
They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
for I am with you to deliver you –  
it is the Lord who speaks.'*

The Word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: My lips will tell of your help.

### SECOND READING (Shorter form)

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

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me.

Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, *'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'*.

And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips

They said,

*'This is Joseph's son, surely?'*

But he replied,

*'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me,*

*"We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside".*

And he went on,

*'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'*

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged.

They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 23 January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = € 842.53

Share (2nd Collection) = € 264.35

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 543.70

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 Alacoque Gunning, Robert McKee and Evelyn Hudson. 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.

### SITUATION VACANT

St Peter's Parish is currently recruiting for a part-time sacristan. Please see details on the notice board at the Cabra Road entrance and on our website at: [www.stpetersphibsboro.ie](http://www.stpetersphibsboro.ie).