



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: 20th February 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 20 February

Aoife Donegan Kennedy (RD)
Padraig Mc Dermott (RD)
John O'Neill (RD)
Larry O'Sullivan (RD)
Keith Fay (RD)
Alacoque Gunning (MM)
Angie Keogh (MM)
Rosaleen Boughton (1st A)
Carmel Flanagan (A)
Ronald Butler (A)
P.J. McDonagh (A)
Maggie Ward (D)

Monday, 21 February

St Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the Church
Betty Murphy (SI)
Rose Gibbons (RD)
Gretta Edmonds (A)
Bernie Ward (D)

Tuesday, 22 February

The Chair of St Peter, Apostle
Brendan Coffey (1st A)
Roma Condren (A)
James Devine (A)
Martin Ward (D)
Holy Souls

Wednesday, 23 February

St Polycarp, bishop & martyr
Thanksgiving
Bernard Hickey (A)
Julie Ward (D)

Thursday, 24 February

Priests & Parishioners of St Peter's (SI)
Mary McCann (A)
Paddy Ward (D)

Friday, 25 February

International Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse
Brian & May Darcy (D)
Biddy Ward (D)
Holy Souls

Saturday, 26 February

Redmond Family (SI)
Francie Conroy (D)
Holy Souls

IN FORGIVING, WE ARE FORGIVEN (Prayer of St Francis)

At school once my teacher was lenient, and forgave me for an exercise that was inferior. I was very grateful to him, and his pupil did better work from then on! Forgiveness and mercy are highlighted in today's readings. 'God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked' (Gospel). The first reading portrays amazing forgiveness by David towards Saul, who was waging a war against him. The second reading shows us Christ (the second Adam) bringing us a new life, including God's pardon; this we experience in a special way now in confession.

We are called to forgive. We know it's not always easy. We need to pray for it, as in the Our Father: 'Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive'. Forgiving is not naïve. It does not condone wrong done to us, but overlooks it. Forgiving may at times invite us to help the offender to change for the better. It is good to pray for those who harm us (Gospel). Forgiving sets us free.

Fr Eamon Flanagan 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 21st February

6.00pm - Legion of Mary Praesidium meeting in Frank Duff room.

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 bringing our petitions and thanksgiving for favours received. Rosary 6.40pm & confessions from 6.30pm.

7.45pm - Monthly meeting of the AMM in the Frank Duff Room

Tuesday 22nd February

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

8.00pm - Choir practice in the Church.

Saturday 26th February

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Padraig McDermott (The Bohemian Bar), Aoife Donegan Kennedy (teacher, St Peter's NS), Larry O'Sullivan (Shandon Gardens) and John O'Neill (NCR). 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.**

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 20th February 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Prophet Samuel
Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, *Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.*

David answered Abishai, *'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?*

David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David answered, *'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.*

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

SECOND READING

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

'But I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Yes, I know what plans I have in mind for you, Yahweh declares, plans for peace, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. When you call to me and come and pray to me, I shall listen to you.' (Jeremiah 29:11-12)

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. In March every year, women in over 170 countries join together in a common Day of Prayer. Throughout the year, we come closer in fellowship, understanding and action.

This year it will take place in All Saints Church, Phibsborough Road (beside the Fire Station) on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.