



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent: 13th March 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 13 March

Anniversary of the election in 2013 of Pope Francis as Supreme Pastor of the Church

Aoife Donegan Kennedy (MM)

Mick Breslin (1st A)

Michael Ryan (A)

Mary Ellen Mooney (A)

Pal Qarraj (A)

John Gargan (A)

Caroline Corcoran Ward (RD)

Alcock & Sidley Families (D)

Monday, 14 March

Pauline Roxburgh (1st A)

Niall Jordan (A)

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 15 March

Frank Sullivan (1st A)

John Sutton (A)

Wednesday, 16 March

Daniel, Eoin & Nathanael Redmond (SI)

Franco Brooks (A)

John Kelly (A)

Charles & Kathleen Gallagher (A)

Thursday, 17 March

St Patrick, bishop, principal patron of Ireland

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving (B)

Patrick Casey (A)

Friday, 18 March

St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church

Rita McLynn (Special Occasion)

Rita McCabe (A)

Brian & May Darcy (D)

Saturday, 19 March

St Joseph, husband of the blessed Virgin Mary

Anne Murphy (B)

P.K. Emmanuel (A)

Josephine Manscier (BR)

Paddy Murray (BR)

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

TRANSFIGURATION - CHANGING HEARTS AND ALL OF LIFE

I sometimes wonder, what if many people perhaps including me, were to imagine in faith and realise fully the sublime gifts and supreme consolation of our Church (Christ's Body). Then, there would be a vast throng filling our local churches, and a huge impact on society. The event told in today's Gospel is one of those powerful signs of the living truth of Christ who died to save us, and has given us on earth the deep, lasting joy of following his way of life in our Catholic faith-community. Today's story of Christ's Transfiguration is strong encouragement, a burning torch of divine love, life, and power. This wonderful occasion shows Christ's glory as God and Man; it depicts symbolically the Holy Spirit by way of the bright cloud; the words of God, the Father witness to the mission of Jesus Christ, his Son, whom we are called to obey: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him" (Gospel). This revelation boosts the faith of the three Apostles, future leaders, who would face testing times ahead. We too see the treasures of God "sheltered under the skin of our days" (St John Paul II).

The first reading recalls the glory of God revealed to Abram, man of faith. St Paul in the second reading raises our sights to heaven; we have a foretaste of this in daily life now. Old Testament figures talking to Jesus on the mountain show us a seamless transition from them to Christ and our Church for all time. Today's scripture texts invite us to experience (not without human limitations) the abundance of our Church life everyday.

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

THIS WEEK

Monday 14 March

7.00pm - Miraculous Medal Novena Mass with blessing and distribution of medals and procession to Our Lady's Shrine with petitions and acts of thanksgiving for favours received. Rosary at 6.40pm and confessions from 6.30pm.

Wednesday 16 March

6.00pm - Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Patrick.

Thursday 17 March

10.30am - St Patrick's Day Mass. There will be no evening Mass.

Friday 18 March

6.30pm - Stations of the Cross, led by the parish choir, after 6.00pm Mass.

There will be a 2nd Mass each day from Tuesday - Friday in Lent at 6.00pm.

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.**

DANCE & SINGING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Saturdays in All Saints Church, Phibsborough Road (beside Fire Station). For more details contact Miss Eileene at 087 961 4933.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 13th March 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said,

'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants'

he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord, he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.'

'My Lord the Lord,' Abram replied, how am I to know that I shall inherit it?'

He said to him,

'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.'

He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves.

That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: *'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'*

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

SECOND READING

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

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ !

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard

This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ !

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, *'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'*

– He did not know what he was saying.

As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying,

'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 6th Mar

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = €1,029.93

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 492.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 309.48

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 Elizabeth Jean Caird (Cherrymount Park), Anthony White and the Very Rev Patrick Canon Carroll (former PP of Christ the King).

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.**