



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent: 20th March 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 20 March

Natalia Iriso (GW)  
Fr Aidan McGing CM (A)  
Carmel Madden (A)  
Dick, Lucy, Con & Tony Collis (A)  
Paul Deegan (A)  
Johnny & Rose Deegan & Babs Moss (A)  
Cora & Christy Campbell (A)  
Maria Carroll (A)  
John Maughan (D)

#### Monday, 21 March

*St Enda, abbot*

Natalia Iriso (GW)  
Christy Heitman (A)  
Nora Scully (A)  
Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 22 March

Natalia Iriso (GW)  
Redmond Family (SI)  
Bridget & Martin Duffy (A)  
Bridget & Wyeburn Powell (D)

#### Wednesday, 23 March

*St Turibius of Mongrovejo, bishop*

Natalia Iriso (GW)  
Rosily Joseph (BR)  
T.L. Peter (BR)  
Eamon Finnegan (A)  
Sheila O'Beirne (A)

#### Thursday, 24 March

*St Macartan, bishop*

Natalia Iriso (GW)  
Gerard & Jackie Naughton (SI)  
Emily Dale (RD)

#### Friday, 25 March

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

Henry Butler (A)  
Madge O'Hehir (A)  
Mamie Wyatt (A)  
Brian & May Darcy (D)

#### Saturday, 26 March

Sean Corey & Family (SI)  
Sr Gonzaga (A)

### FORGIVE, LORD, THE SIN THAT CLINGS

One of the saints of the early Church felt the need to offer something worthwhile to God and so prayed 'Lord, I offer you my life.' God however replied, 'It was I who gave you that. Your life is mine already.' 'True, Lord, then I offer you my heart and all its love.' 'It was I who gave you those as well. Why don't you give me your sins? They are all your own!'

We may have become so desensitised to sin in us that we don't see sin as anything special or to worry about. We may even have convinced ourselves that we have no real sin in our lives, not serious anyway and certainly not as bad as those of others and the evils of our world. God, we estimate, has enough to deal with in the world and in others, and our 'few' sins probably don't bother Him that much anyway. And so on it goes, our wonderful ability to rationalise our way out of trouble and the reality and seriousness of sin.

In today's readings the Lord strikes a cautionary note. The Chosen people, in spite of their privileged position, litter the desert as corpses through their preference for forbidden things over a right relationship with God. And the consequences of sin in the life of each of us ripples outwards and onwards socially, globally and in the end in our relationship with God Himself because we end by not needing Him as the one who saves us from our sins. Would Christ have come if sin were trivial? Would He have died? 'This is my blood poured out for you and for many ... for the forgiveness of sins'. Might my best prayer be for repentance?

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 21 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.

#### Friday 25 March

6.30pm - Stations of the Cross, led by the Daughters of Charity, 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.**

### OLDER PEOPLE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending Service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit: [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 20th March 2022

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up.

*'I must go and look at this strange sight,'*

*Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.'*

*Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush.*

*'Moses, Moses!'*

*he said.*

*'Here I am' he answered.*

*'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground.*

*I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.'*

*At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.*

And the Lord said,

*'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites. After you have led the people out of Egypt, you are to offer worship to God on this mountain.'*

Then Moses said to God,

*'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?'*

And God said to Moses,

*'I Am who I Am. 'This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."'*

And God also said to Moses,

*'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "the Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you."*

This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

The Word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

### SECOND READING

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

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea.

They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

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### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, *'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem?'*

*They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'*

He told this parable:

*'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."*

The Gospel of the Lord

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 13th Mar

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = € 694.56

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 577.70

Share (2nd Collection) = € 244.94

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 Aidan King, Tony 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.**