



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Lent: 27th March 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 27 March

Laetare Sunday or Rejoice Sunday

Mother's Day

Stase & Romualdas (SI)

Ieva (SI)

Egle Flood (SI)

Baltrusiu Family (alive & deceased)

Michael Moore (WA)

Michael Gill (A)

Patrick Maloney (A)

Patricia Garland (A)

Antony (A)

John, Teresa & Alan Dooley (D)

Meanie Maughan (D)

Monday, 28 March

Sadie Callaghan (90th B)

Mary Grehan (A)

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 29 March

Thanksgiving

Mary Culkeen (RD)

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 30 March

Thanksgiving

Mary Colgan (SI)

William Twyford (A)

Holy Souls

Thursday, 31 March

Thanksgiving

Paula Ronayne (SI)

Wilson Family (D)

Holy Souls

Friday, 1 April

St Ceallach (Celsus), bishop

Aidan Lenehan (RD)

Brian & May Darcy (D)

Holy Souls

Saturday, 2 April

St Francis of Paola, hermit

Mulligan Family (SI)

Laura Keane (Confirmation)

Tony White (MM)

Holy Souls

BE RECONCILED TO GOD

"God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, ... and he has entrusted to us the news that we are reconciled". (1st Reading)

Do we get that? It appears we do not! Our failure to get it is well-expressed in the Anglican C. of E. 39 Articles; (Art. 2):

"Christ, very God, and very Man; truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins".

Notice the difference? Many of us Catholics grew up with that mis-understanding. We missed what Jesus taught in the Parable of the Prodigal Son: God reconciling humanity to Himself. We are one or other of those two sons: either rebellious or childish. We went off; walked out in a hissy huff. God (Father) sent Jesus to reconcile us to himself, to call us home again. The story of the Prodigal Son makes this crystal clear.

"So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God".

Lent is the time to allow God to draw us closer to Himself. It is the season for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God, in Jesus, is appealing to you: "Be reconciled to God"! Get it now?

Fr Padraig Regan CM

THIS WEEK

Monday 28 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.

Thursday 31 March

7.00pm - Important meeting for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist in the Church.

Friday 1 April

6.30pm - Stations of the Cross led by the SVP (St Peter's Conference), 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.**

UKRAINE REFUGEES APPEAL

A sincere thank you to all concerned for the very generous response to the appeal for assistance to people fleeing from Ukraine due to the war there. The of €2133.63 has been forwarded to Trocaire to be sent on to Caritas Poland which is well placed to assess the needs of families and individuals requiring assistance.

THE PARISH OFFICE & REPOSITORY ARE MOVING

From Monday 28 March the Repository will relocate to the Parish Office, Monday to Friday. At weekends it will continue at the back of the Church.

The new Parish Office will also relocate and can be accessed through the new Repository.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 27th March 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua,

'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

SECOND READING

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say:

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners, meanwhile, were all seeking his company to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained.

'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. "When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.'

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.'

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 20th Mar

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) = € 868.11

Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) = € 784.00

Share (2nd Collection) = € 200.30

Ukraine = €2,133.63

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the parish and diocese each week.

SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACK

Did you remember to put your clock forward one hour this morning?

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Denis White (formerly of Monck Place), Fr Jim McCormack CM, Aidan King and Tony White.

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.**

