



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Lent: 3rd April 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 3 April

Molly Galligan (RD)  
Patrick Lynch (RD)  
Kathleen Humphries (1st A)  
Edward, Colette & Brian Bergin (A)  
Martin Joyce (D)

#### Monday, 4 April

*St Isidore, bishop & doctor of the Church*

Noel (SI)  
Sr Clare Murphy (BR)  
Fr Joseph Haugh (A)  
Teresa Flaherty (D)  
Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 5 April

*St Vincent Ferrer, priest*

Noel (SI)  
Martin Burke (RD)  
John Paul Brennan (A)

#### Wednesday, 6 April

May & Eamon Cunningham (A)  
Holy Souls

#### Thursday, 7 April

*St John Baptist de la Salle, priest*

Special Intention  
Gary Boylan (SI)

#### Friday, 8 April

Emer & Adam Dunne (1st WA)  
Eamon Murphy (A)  
Margaret Maguire (A)  
Brian & May Darcy (D)

#### Saturday, 9 April

McMahon Family (SI)  
Aidan King (MM)  
Catherine Farrell (A)

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

### DON'T LOOK BACK

'No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed...'  
(Isaiah 43:18-19)

'All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead...'  
(Phil 3:13)

These poignant words taken from today's first and second readings provide the perfect preamble to our dramatic Gospel reading. Perhaps the line that is most often quoted from the story of the woman caught in adultery is Jesus' challenge to the crowd who bring her before them: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' It is a challenge to all of us to look inward before we 'cast stones' to judge others.

But there is another equally powerful statement here by Jesus, this time to the woman herself. It is delivered quietly, when she is left alone with Jesus after her accusers have drifted away: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go away, and don't sin any more.' We notice that Jesus doesn't rake over the woman's past. He doesn't ask her about the claims of her accusers. He does not condemn or criticise her. Instead he accepts her, loves her, treats her with the respect and dignity that was so lacking in the mob, and gently nudges her forward into a new way of living.

**Triona Doherty**  
(taken from '*Intercom*')

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 4 April

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 8 April

6.30pm - Stations of the Cross, led by the Parish Pastoral Council, after 6.00pm Mass.

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

### PRAYER ... PRAISE ... MUSIC ... COMMUNITY

Youth 2000 Leinster Retreat in Ashbourne Community College on the 8th-10th of April. This retreat is for age 16-35 and all the information can be found on: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).

### 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.**

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 3rd April 2022

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

*Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.  
The Word of the Lord.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

### SECOND READING

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from

the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
Seek good and not evil so that you may live,  
and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Or

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –  
come back to me with all your heart,  
for I am all tenderness and compassion.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,

'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?'

They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him.

But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger.

As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said,

*'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.'*

Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there.

He looked up and said,

*'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'*

*'No one, sir'* she replied.

*'Neither do I condemn you,'* said Jesus *'go away, and don't sin any more.'*

The Gospel of the Lord.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 27th Mar

Parish (1st Collection, incl. online)	= € 962.63
Weekly Envelopes (incl. online)	= € 495.90
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 282.58

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 Martin Burke (Connaught Street), Myra Wall (Cabra Road) and Vladimir Cotorobai (father of Ecaterina Lungu, our Sacristan).

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.**