



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 17 July 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 17 July

Sr Mary Corbally DC (MM)
 Denis Snr, Anne & Denis Jnr Mulcahy (A)
 Ellen & Christopher McMahon (A)
 Tom & Rose Sheridan (A)
 Maura Fitzpatrick (A)
 Eugene Fitzpatrick (A)
 Bridget & John Penston (A)
 Kathleen & Thomas Somers (D)

Monday, 18 July

Jim & Siobhan McCauley (SI)
 Michael Flynn (RD)
 McCaffrey Family (D)

Tuesday, 19 July

Special Intention
 Nicholas O'Toole (A)
 K.M. George (A)

Wednesday, 20 July

St Apollinaris, bishop & martyr
 Alice, Lily & Sheila Lightfoot (A)
 John & Agnes Kennedy (A)
 John Heaslip (BR)
 John & Emma Dale (D)
 Nellie Rutledge (D)

Thursday, 21 July

St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor of the Church
 Paddy Mills (A)
 Liam Jordan (A)
 Maurice Lynam (A)

Friday, 22 July

St Mary Magdalene
 Kathleen Day (MM)
 Brian & May Darcy (D)
 Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 23 July

St Bridget of Sweden, religious, Patron of Europe
 Maureen & Jack Naughton (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

In the 15th century a Russian, Andrei Rublev painted an icon of the first reading of today's Mass. He called it The Trinity. The Trinity depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre. The story of God coming among his people disguised as a traveller occurs in many religious traditions. The first reading of today's Mass is this story from the Jewish tradition.

Rublev's icon is full of symbolism. It is interpreted as an icon of the Holy, probably Father, Son and Spirit. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility.

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day (Genesis 18:1).

Then Abraham saw three men standing near him. Abraham ran to meet the visitors and bowed to the ground. Abraham recognised that he was in the presence of the divine. He invited the strangers to stay for a meal. In showing hospitality to the strangers, he found God and was promised a son within a year.

Only the best was good enough for the heavenly visitors. Then there is an impression of much activity. Abraham ran from the entrance to the tent when he saw them. Abraham hastened to the tent to find his wife, Sarah. The servant hurried to prepare the meal. Abraham, running to the cattle took a fine and tender calf. Interestingly Abraham didn't sit down and eat with the strangers. He stood near them under a tree. He was not the same as them. God is different to us.

Abraham, after all the activity of preparing a meal, remained standing quietly near the strangers under a tree while they were having their meal. Presumably he was in contemplation of the divine. Notice that the Lord initially appeared to Abraham while he was sitting by the entrance to his tent. He was resting. There is something about resting as a prerequisite for a relationship with the divine. It is only when we are quiet and silent and at ease that we can communicate with the divine. It is only when we are quiet and silent and at ease that we can pray.

Silence and being at rest is essential if we are to find God. Becoming aware is so vital in our relationship with God. When we become aware of the presence of God with us, we have to welcome God into our lives as Abraham did.

Fr Mark Noonan CM



The Trinity or The Hospitality of Abraham
 Andrei Rublev, XV century

MASS TIMES:

Monday: 10.30am & 7.00pm (Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal)

Tuesday to Saturday: 10.30am

Sunday: vigil 6.30pm (Sat), 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am

Saturday 11.00am - 12.30pm and at any other time on request
 Monday from 6.30pm onwards

CONFESSIONS:

REPOSITORY:

(in Office) Monday to Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm

(in Church) Mon evening, Fri morning, Sat evening, Sun morning

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 17 July 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed to the ground.

'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.'
They replied 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.

'Hurry', he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?', they asked him.

'She is in the tent', he replied.

Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

SECOND READING

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

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints.

It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are those who with a noble and generous heart have heard the word and take it to themselves
and yield a harvest through their perseverance.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.'

But the Lord answered:

'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one.'

It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

VINCENTIAN FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Saturday, 10 September 2022

Anyone interested in travelling by coach on the pilgrimage is requested to give names to the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can gauge numbers and make bookings in good time. The pilgrimage will include a tea/coffee break en-route and a meal on the way back. All protocols with regard to health will be in place in keeping with HSE guidelines at the time.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Mary Fahy (formerly of Phibsborough), Rosaleen Preston (formerly of Phibsborough), John Francis Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Day, Sr Veronica O'Doherty and Sr Gerard Egan.

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.**