



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: 21 August 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 21 August

St Pius X, pope is not celebrated this year

Special Intention

Thomas Crawley (BR)

Brian Lawrence (RD)

Monday, 22 August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

Maria Rogers (B)

Margaret Maguire (BR)

Brian Lawrence (RD)

Kathleen, John & Peter Hoolahan (A)

Joan & Gerard Whelan (A)

Eily Fennell (A)

Kevin Bannon (D)

Tuesday, 23 August

St Rose of Lima, virgin & St Eugene, bishop

Christy Heitman (BR)

Brian Lawrence (RD)

Elizabeth O'Loughnan (A)

Rosaleen Grehan (D)

Wednesday, 24 August

St Bartholomew, Apostle

Special Intention

May Downes (A)

Holy Souls

Thursday, 25 August

St Louis of France & St Joseph Calasanz, priest

Joseph Kirby & Family (SI)

Brendan Swords (MM)

Friday, 26 August

Kathleen Rackley (A)

Sean Maguire (A)

Brian & May Darcy (D)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 27 August

St Monica, patron saint of mothers.

Catherine Duggan (B)

Nickson Fernandes (B)

Frances Devine (MM)

Denis Harvison (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

WILL THERE BE ONLY A FEW SAVED?

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem.. Someone said to him: Sir, will there be only a few saved? He said to them try your best to enter the narrow door because I tell you many will try to enter and will not succeed. Luke 13:22

Jesus is asked many questions in the gospels. John the Baptist's disciples questioned Jesus about why Jesus and His disciples weren't fasting (Matthew 9:14). The chief priests and elders questioned Jesus about His authority (Matthew 21:23). A Pharisee asked Jesus about the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36). The Pharisees asked Jesus about healing on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:10).

We have an example of such questioning in this morning's gospel. **Sir! Will there be only a few saved.** Luke 13:22. Jesus has been proclaiming the Kingdom of God. This man was wondering if only a select few would enter his Kingdom. Is the Kingdom of God for the few or the many? It was one of the many questions that the Jews debated.

When Jesus is asked questions in the gospel, he doesn't always answer directly. Rather than just giving direct answer, his response often invites people to reflect at a deeper level on what he is saying. He very often uses the opportunity of the question to give some teaching on the subject. But on this occasion he does answer directly the question, will there be only a few saved? He says: *People from East and West, from north and south will come to take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God.*

This message of Jesus is in keeping with the vision of the prophet Isaiiah in the first reading. Isaiiah announces that the Lord will gather the nations of every language in Jerusalem. *I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory.* Is 66:18 God's embrace is much wider than we could imagine.

Jesus says the entry to the Kingdom is through a narrow door. To enter the Kingdom of God is not easy. Many will try to enter but will not succeed.

We can never underestimate God's desire to gather together all kinds of people in his heavenly banquet.

But we have to do something. There is a gate we need to go through if God's desire for our lives is to become a reality. When Jesus talks about entering the Kingdom through a narrow door, he is suggesting that a certain self discipline, in living the values of Jesus, is called for in the way we live our lives.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

VINCENTIAN FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Saturday, 10 September 2022

Join us and encourage others, as we pilgrimage to Knock to honour our Blessed Lady and give thanks for the many blessings we receive.

Programme for the Day: Coach leaves St Peter's at 7.45am (sharp) and arrives back at St Peter's at approximately 10.00pm. **Cost: €60.00 per person** (includes coach, morning coffee & evening meal).

Bookings will be taken at the Parish Office & Sacristy (forms/itinerary in the Church)

Please note: names on the list so far require payment to hold your place.

Alternatively you can email info@stpetersphibsboro.ie and pay through the DONATE BUTTON on our website www.stpetersphibsboro.ie

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 21 August 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News.*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! [R]
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. [R]

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any

punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.' .

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 14th August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,018.19
Weekly Envelopes (incl. Online/Easy Payments)	= € 400.70
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 233.04

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Frances Devine.

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.**

MASS TIMES:

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

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

Tuesday to Saturday: 10.30am

CONFESSIONS:

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