



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 31 July 2022**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 31 July

*St Ignatius of Loyola is not celebrated this year*

Special Intention (SI)

Felix Gallogly (A)

William Dowling (A)

Ethel & Eamon Somers (D)

Martin Hanrahan (D)

Ronelio Romero (D)

#### Monday, 1 August

*St Alphonsus Ligouri, bishop & doctor of the Church*

May Foley (1st A)

Kathleen Mongan (A)

Brendan Swords (RD)

John Lawrence (RD)

#### Tuesday, 2 August

*St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop*

*St Peter Julian Eymard, priest*

Mary Scott Quill (GW)

John Lawrence (RD)

#### Wednesday, 3 August

Esther Grehan (A)

John Lawrence (RD)

#### Thursday, 4 August

*St John Vianney, priest*

John Francis Fitzpatrick (MM)

May Foley (1st A)

Catherine Dowdall (A)

Jack Redmond (A)

John Lawrence (RD)

Fr Dermot Clarke (D)

#### First Friday, 5 August

*The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*

Sean O'Toole (BR)

John Lawrence (RD)

Brian & May Darcy (D)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 6 August

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

Jack Finn (A)

John Lawrence (RD)

### THIS HOARD OF YOURS, WHOSE WILL IT BE (Lk 12:13-21)

Today's story begins when a stranger, recognising Jesus, seeks his help. The stranger takes his opportunity to approach Jesus pleading with Jesus for assistance; 'Please' he said 'tell my brother to give me a share of his inheritance.' Jesus has landed in yet another full-scale family affair. On this occasion however it is a family disagreement between the two brothers, one who is trying to persuade the other to divide his inheritance with him. However, despite Jesus' best efforts to encourage the brothers to settle their difference, it appears there is no inner desire between these brothers for a truce. Jesus intervenes again trying to persuade these brothers to see sense and divide what they have between them. However, it seems we are again caught up in the eternal family row. It appears to me that we are replaying out once again the earlier story of Martha and Mary's disagreement. On this occasion however Jesus strikes a clearer note. He urged them to be guarded against covetousness. In the earlier case of Mary and Martha their difference appears to be that of temperament rather than the issues that appear to exist between the two brothers which appears to be far more disconcerting.

As if to re-enforce the point Jesus told the brothers another parable. On this occasion, Jesus says a rich man will pull down his barns and build even bigger ones and store all his grain and his goods in them. He will continue to whisper to his own soul: saying 'you have plenty of good things for years to come, relax, eat and be merry', but ironically God said to him this is indeed Foolish talk. For as we speak this very night the demand will be taken for your soul'. What then? To be rich in what matters to God is to have a generous and open heart that sees good fortune as God's gift to be shared.

**Fr Seán Farrell CM**

### OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

The Novena Mass on Monday 1st August will not take place due to the Bank Holiday. It will resume on Monday 8th August as usual.

### INTERCESSION FOR PRIESTS

In preparation for the Intercession for Priests which takes place this year in Maynooth from Sunday 7th to Friday 12th August, Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's at 7.00pm on Thursday 4th August. Sr Briege McKenna will lead prayer for all the priests and bishops of Ireland. All are welcome to attend.

### 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.

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 31 July 2022

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun?

What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

4 In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

### ALTERNATIVE PSALM

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'

### SECOND READING

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to him,

*'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.'*

*'My friend,' he replied - 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?'*

*Then he said to them,*

*'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'*

Then he told them a parable:

*'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops."*

*Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time."*

*But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'*

The Gospel of the Lord.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 24th July

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,089.83

Weekly Envelopes (incl. Online/Easy Payments) = € 522.70

Share (2nd Collection) = € 266.69

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Brendan Swords (formerly of Shandon Gardens) and John Francis Fitzpatrick.

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.**