



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 11 September 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 11 September

St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church and St John Gabriel Perboyre, priest & martyr are not celebrated this year

Special Intention

Patricia McCreesh (B)

Owen Cullen (BR)

Hyacinthe Keating (BR)

Betty & Michael Kenny (A)

Mary & Mabel Roberts (A)

Aisling Fitzgerald (A)

Tom Mongan & Brian Lawrence (D)

Monday, 12 September

The Holy Name of Mary & St Ailbe, bishop

Mollie O'Loughnan (A)

Denis Byrne (A)

Mary O'Dwyer (A)

Tom Mongan & Brian Lawrence (D)

Tom Nash (D)

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 13 September

Peg Finnegan (A)

John & Agnes Kennedy (A)

Niall & Paula Hannon (A)

Tom Mongan & Brian Lawrence (D)

Wednesday, 14 September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Elizabeth Windsor (Queen Elizabeth II) (RD)

Patrick Connaughton (BR)

Aisling Fitzgerald (A)

Holy Souls

Thursday, 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

Mary McCann & Les Redmond (WA)

Martin Lawrence (BR)

Joseph McElligott (A)

May & Alice Hughes & Rosaleen Lynch (D)

Holy Souls

Friday, 16 September

Ss Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

Conleth Hayes (A)

Brian & May Darcy (D)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 17 September

St Robert Bellarmine, patron of catechists

St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin & doctor of the Church

Ernest Hartmann (A)

NEW LIFE RISING FROM MERCY AND REPENTANCE

Rembrandt's 'The Return of the Prodigal Son' in St Petersburg (inset) is one of the most famous paintings of all time. It depicts the high point of today's Gospel parable (Luke 15). It opens the veil to a whole new world of relationship and God's mercy. Pardon totally conquers sin. The First Reading (Exodus 32) is the background. There Moses begs God to forgive the Israelites who have stooped to base idolatry and denied God. God relents and absolves the sinners, who are asked in return to show signs of repentance. The Second Reading (1 Timothy 1) tells us that Christ has gained salvation for us sinners.

The spendthrift youth of the Gospel is chastened by the sad results of his sin, but filled by his father's love remembered. His father runs out to embrace the son. I like to think of the son also as running to his father. The father allows the young man to make his confession, express his loathing for his bad life, and promise of amendment. Then celebration is unconfined. If this were a modern TV series, I imagine that the former sinner would go on to be a saintly parishioner. Besides, I'd hope that the elder brother, always at home, ever-faithful, became fully reconciled to his transformed sibling.



At all events, this astonishing epic offers hope to even the most unpromising sinners. This intimate encounter with God (figured in the parable) is an invitation to all.

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

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

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 11.00am - 12.30pm and at any other time on request

Monday from 6.30pm onwards

REPOSITORY:

(in Office) Monday to Thursday from 10.00am to 12.30pm

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

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 11 September 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses,
"Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"

The Lord said to Moses,

'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God.

'Lord,' he said *'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.'*

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will leave this place and go to my father.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

For all who were unable to attend the training day on 21st June, it will now take place on Saturday 15th October in St Peter's Club. All who exercise any ministry in the parish are requested to attend, i.e. priests, sacristans, choir members, ministers of the Eucharist, ministers of the Word, SVP, Legion of Mary members, repository staff.

VINCENTIAN MONTH - SEPTEMBER

Members of the Vincentian Family speaking at Masses this weekend: 6.30pm Mary Hayes for AMM (Association of the Miraculous Medal); 10.00am Rico Zaidan for VLM (Vincentian Lay Missionaries); 11.30am Sr Veronica Maguire for Holy Faith Sisters.

GARDEN PARTY / BUZZFEST, SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

Will take place in the Church garden on Saturday 24th September from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Will include a repair café where visitors can bring jewellery, clothes, furniture, toys and bicycles to be repaired; workshops led by experienced gardeners on how to encourage pollinators and other insects to enjoy your garden, plant stalls, returned gifts stall, information stands (Irish Wildlife Trust, Bird Watch Ireland, Waterways Ireland, Men's Shed, Active Retirement Group). The Blessing of Bees will also take place and for the children - Butterfly & Bee themed face painting.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL HOLIDAY

Best wishes to members of the Active Retirement Group setting out on Monday for their annual holiday in West Cork. Sincere thanks to the committee for their hard work in organising this much appreciated experience.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Kay O'Sullivan (Shandon Drive).

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.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday 4th September

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)
= €1,098.57

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)
= € 710.70

Share (2nd Collection) = € 272.11

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

CROSSCARE ANNUAL APPEAL

Takes place at all Masses next weekend, 17th/18th September. This year they are looking for help for their Homeless Prevention and Food Poverty Support Services - both of which are coming under increasing demand from people struggling to find accommodation and families coping with increases in fuel prices and the cost of living. We ask for your support, or by donate online at: www.crosscare.ie.