



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 16 October 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 16 October

St Hedwig, religious, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin & St Gall, abbot & missionary are not celebrated this year

For the People of Creeslough
Colette Mulvihill (RD)
Martin & Brian Lawrence (RD)
Sean Flanagan (MM)
Mary Grehan (BR)
Mairin McDonnell (1st A)
Anne-Marie McDonnell (1st A)
Gerry Bartley (2nd A)
Kathleen Hannon (A)
Anna & Paddy Mulcahy (A)

Monday, 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

Kathleen Mangan (BR)
Walter & Kathleen Murphy (A)
C.L. Joseph (A)

Tuesday, 18 October

St Luke, Evangelist

Kathleen Mooney (RD)
Holy Souls

Wednesday, 19 October

Ss John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, priests & Companions, martyrs & St Paul of the Cross, priest

John Cummins (A)
Anna & Paddy Mulcahy (A)

Thursday, 20 October

Mary Breen (A)

Friday, 21 October

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 22 October

St John Paul II, pope

Lily Kearns (1st A)
Julia Hehir (A)
Holy Souls

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.... Now will not God see Justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? Luke 18

To day's readings are about praying always and never to lose heart. In the first reading, Moses and Aaron and Hur went to the top of a hill and prayed to God for Joshua who was involved in a battle in the plain below against the Amalekites. The reading tells us that as long as Moses kept his arms raised in prayer, Israel had the advantage. When Moses dropped his arms, the Amalekites had the advantage. The message is very simple; as long as Moses prayed, the Israelites were winning the battle. The message for us is also very simple: We have to keep praying even when we get tired of praying and see no hope of our prayers being answered.

There is a similar message in the gospel. The parable of Jesus shows a widow coming to a judge looking for a favour. Eventually the judge gave the widow what she was looking for because she kept pestering him. Then Jesus points to the message of the parable: *Will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them.* Notice that Jesus says: *cry to him day and night.* It is not enough to pray once. We have to pray always, day and night.

The Silence of God even when we have prayed persistently can be off putting. We live in a world where so many things are instant. We want instant answers to our prayers too. But God doesn't work like that.

Why some prayers aren't answered we'll never know. Sometimes our prayers can be answered in ways we do not expect. Our God is a God of Surprises. Sometimes our prayers are not answered because we look for the impossible. Sometimes our prayers are not answered because we don't know what is good for us. After praying day and night for something and not getting it, we are then faced with the mystery of God's ways. Whether our prayers are answered or not, one thing is certain - God still loves us unconditionally.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

WHAT IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY?

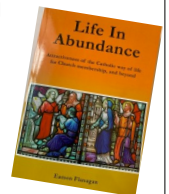
World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Mission Ireland is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God.

'LIFE IN ABUNDANCE'

A new book by **Fr Eamon Flanagan CM** on the attractiveness of the Catholic way of life. Fr Flanagan will be available after Masses this weekend to sign copies for those wishing to purchase one for themselves or a friend or family member.



Venue: former Chapel of Adoration. Price €7.00.

MASS TIMES:

Mon: 10.30am & 7pm (Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal)

Tue to Sat: 10.30am. **Sun:** vigil 6.30pm (Sat), 8am, 10am, 11.30am

CONFESSIONS:

Sat 11am - 12.30pm and at any other time on request.

Mon from 6.30pm onwards

REPOSITORY:

(in Office) Mon to Thurs from 10am to 12.30pm

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

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 16 October 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.'

Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn

the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of God is something alive and active, it can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.

'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death".'

And the Lord said

'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily.'

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Una Keegan (Dunne), John Flanagan and Noel McManus.

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.**

FOR THE PEOPLE OF CREESLOUGH

That the bereaved may be supported by family, neighbours, and friends in these days of desolation and pain, that the community may remain united in the face of their grief and loss, and that those whose lives ended so suddenly may know the peace of the Kingdom. Source of our Hope, we pray to you. **Lord, hear us.**

ADORATION

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Saturday after 10.30am Mass from 11.00am - 12.30pm
(except if there is a funeral).



HEALTH & SAFETY

A defibrillator has been installed in the Church for use if the necessity should arise. Staff have been trained in its use.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 9th October

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,161.83
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 420.00
Share (2nd Collection) = € 260.25

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

