



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 23 October 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 23 October

World Mission Sunday

St John of Capistrano, priest is not celebrated this year

Marie McGrath (RD)
Lily Kearns (1st A)
Francie Brooks (A)
Mick O'Dwyer (A)
Joe Heaslip (A)
Jack Fitzpatrick (A)
Tom Nash (D)

Monday, 24 October

St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Una Keegan (formerly Dunne) (MM)
Joe Wyer (A)

Tuesday, 25 October

Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy, bishop

Fr Andy Spelman CM (A)
John Shanahan (A)
Angela Joyce (D)

Wednesday, 26 October

Stella Gaffney (A)
Holy Souls

Thursday, 27 October

St Otteran, monk

Danny O'Brien (MM)
Bernadette Connaughton (BR)
Lora McClory (A)

Friday, 28 October

Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

Kathleen & Walter (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 29 October

St Colman, bishop

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Community Church

Kathleen Cullen (1st A)
Holy Souls

The Taxman was a cad, and he knew it. But he knew something else, that God is merciful despite all the misery he had caused. Notice his stance "at some distance" and his gesture "he beat his breast" (like we do when we say *confiteor*), notice especially his humble prayer, "GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER".

The Pharisee thought that his Jewish religion was all a meritocracy; that it was all a merit-badge-system – all achievement, accomplishment, performance and perfection. The good people win and the bad people lose. Of course, once we cast religion as a win-lose scenario, the irony is that everybody loses.

Jesus' good news is that God's choice is always for the excluded one, the sinner. Jesus learned this from his Jewish tradition: God always chooses the rejected son, the barren woman, the people enslaved in Egypt or exiled in Babylon. It's not a winner's script in the Bible - it's a loser's script. It's a loser's script where, ironically, everybody wins.

Competitive games are definitely not the way of God.

God gets more joy at what you are – God's child, Jesus' sister/brother - than vexation at your weakness or sins.

Make your prayer the Taxman's prayer, and say it every day: JESUS, SON OF GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER.

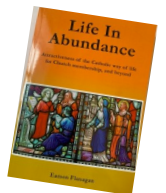
Fr Pdraig Regan CM

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Our new representatives are Maura Moore and Anthony Cummins. We are most grateful to them for taking on this important service to the parish and assure them of our support and prayers. The Safeguarding Policy Statement as well as details of services available can be accessed in each of the Church porches and in all parish areas including the parish office, conference room, Frank Duff room and St Peter's Club. Notices have also been provided in Spanish, Romanian and French. Thank you to Terry Kelleher and Anne Marie Kiernan for their conscientious dedication and generous service in these roles.

'LIFE IN ABUNDANCE'

A new book by **Fr Eamon Flanagan CM** on the attractiveness of the Catholic way of life. Available from the Repository (former parish office) priced €7.00.



THIS WEEK

Monday 24

7.00pm - Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena. Confessions from 6.30pm. Rosary begins at 6.40pm. Blessing and distribution of medals.

8.00pm - Legion of Mary meeting, Frank Duff Room.

Tuesday 25

7.30pm - Monthly Patrician Meeting in St Peter's Club. The topic this month is '**Keys to Unanswered Prayer**'. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

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, 23 October 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the

end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else,
'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."

The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner".

This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Damien Brunton (Dublin Bus, Phibsborough), Catherine Rock (née Condon). 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.**

MISSION SUNDAY - Sunday 23 October

Today, Mission Sunday, reminds us that the mission and purpose of the Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour of the world. We pray for those who work as missionaries throughout the world. A collection taken up today is for the support of missionaries and replaces the normal Share collection.

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).

THANK YOU

On behalf of Crosscare I would like to thank you for your cheque (€688.49) which we received in relation to our Annual Appeal on the weekend of 17/18 September from your parish. With kind regards and renewed thanks.

Mr Conor Hickey, CEO Crosscare

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 16 October

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,067.87
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 512.70
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 264.69

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

