



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: 30 October 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 30 October

Gerry Duffy (A)
Christy & Cora Campbell (A)
Fr Michael Ross SDB (A)
Seán Braiden (A)

Monday, 31 October

Bl. Dominic Collins, martyr
Thanksgiving
Rosemary Whelan (A)

Tuesday, 1 November

All Saints

NOVEMBER LIST

Funeral - Lucy Cahill RIP
Pauline Kenny (A)
Carmel Gallagher (D)

Wednesday, 2 November

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

NOVEMBER LIST

Fr Joseph Cunningham CM (A)
Brigid Hunter (A)
Christine Huff (A)

Thursday, 3 November

St Malachy, bishop

Lucy, Clare & Teresa Redmond (S)
Arthur Killalee (S)

NOVEMBER LIST

Mary & William Killalee (D)

First Friday, 4 November

St Charles Borromeo, bishop

NOVEMBER LIST

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)
Holy Souls

Saturday, 5 November

St Martin de Porres, religious

NOVEMBER LIST

Anne-Marie McDonnell (1st A)
Patrick, Mary & Liam Forbes (D)
Martin & Nancy Coleman (D)
Paddy & Tess O'Hara (D)
Holy Souls

MERCY OF GOD

One of the more difficult transitions I have faced in my ministry as a priest was the movement from formation to ministerial Priesthood. The transfer was made easy for me when I met my parish priest, Fr Sean Johnston was a beautiful man. I am eternally grateful for his introduction to the sacred art of icons, particularly today as we reflect on the biblical Icon of the meeting of Jesus and Zacchaeus.

It is helpful to remember that an Icon is not simply a painting, but rather a sacred story written for us under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel presented to us is the biblical Icon of the meeting between Jesus and Zacchaeus at Jericho, it seems to me that what takes place between Jesus and the chief tax collector of Jericho resembles in several ways the celebration of the sacrament of God's mercy.

The story unfolds with Jesus entering Jericho as he moves through the city accompanied by the crowd. The story begins with the focus placed on Zacchaeus's efforts to climb the sycamore tree; we see him positioning himself to get a glimpse of Jesus as he passes that way. This event speaks to us perhaps not merely of Zacchaeus' desire to gaze on Jesus but of our own desire to glimpse the presence of God in the here and now. As the story unfolds Zacchaeus is surprised to discover the face of Christ looking up at him with Jesus' words echoing in his ears, *'Zacchaeus hurry down because I must stay at your house today.'* Pope St John Paul II reflecting on the event *"suggests to us that Zacchaeus had no idea that the curiosity which had prompted him to do such a thing was already the fruit of a mercy which had preceded him, attracted him and was to change him in the depths of his heart."*

Reflecting on this Gospel story evokes memories of curiosity, attraction, the fruit of mercy, which evokes change in the depths of our hearts.

Renewed by this call to conversion Zacchaeus immediately offers half of his possessions to the poor and offers to pay back monies if need be. In Luke's Gospel it is written that the crowd grumbled and could not believe Jesus was going to a sinner's home. However, Jesus only sees an ability to give salvation to another soul.

The story of Zacchaeus today continues to provide this ripple effect. Here I am in 2022 wondering what I would do. I am hoping that I would be understanding, gracious and willing to accept that something good is happening or would happen. That I, like Zacchaeus, would take an opportunity like this to be present, to take a risk and step forward, to trust and say yes to this gift

As you reflect on this Gospel story ask the Lord of mercy to grant you the gifts of curiosity, attraction, the fruit of his mercy, to evoke change in the depths of your heart.

Fr Seán Farrell CM

BANK HOLIDAY

The Parish Office and Repository will be closed on Monday 31 October. They will re-open on Tuesday.

There will be no evening Mass or Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. It will resume on Monday 7 November.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - Tue 1st Nov

We celebrate our faith in the Communion of Saints. Mass times, 10.30am & 6.30pm.

ALL SOULS - Wed 2nd Nov

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the souls of the Faithful Departed. Mass is at 10.30am.

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, 30 October 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

In your sight the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: If I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

SECOND READING

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

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that

you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him:

'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 23 October

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,089.13

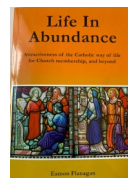
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 765.70

Missions (2nd Collection) = €1,055.17

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

'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.



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).**

FALL BACK



Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday

CHANGE your fire alarm's batteries!

DID YOU REMEMBER?

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Lucy Cahill (Munster Street), Alan Caffrey (formerly Connaught Street, brother of the late Doreen Morrissey), Joe Byrne (Phibsborough), Vera Murphy (née Crawford, formerly Monck Place), North (Una) McElroy (née Genocchi, formerly Phibsborough) and Pat Walsh (formerly Phibsborough).

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.**

