



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Advent: 4 December 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 4 December

St John Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Joseph O'Connor (RD)

John Freeman (MM)

Lucy Cahill (MM)

Dolly O'Malley (MM)

Margaret O'Malley (1st A)

Nora & Michael Barry & Family (A)

Patti Swan (A)

Monday, 5 December

Teresa Brooks (A)

Susie Maughan (D)

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 6 December

St Nicholas, bishop

Mary Foley (BR)

Maureen Darcy (D)

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 7 December

St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church

Paddy Gilhealey (A)

Sr Rose Therese (D)

Holy Souls

Thursday, 8 December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fr Tomaz Mavric CM (SI)

Fr Bernard Schoepfer CM (SI)

Dolores Dunne (100th BR)

Laura King (BR)

Elizabeth Dolton (A)

Holy Souls

Friday, 9 December

St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Eileen Harvison (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Holy Souls

Saturday, 10 December

Our Lady of Loreto

Blessed Mark Anthony Durando, priest

Marcella Groves (RD)

Holy Souls

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES...

... are now available at the Church doors.

DON'T GIVE UP

Hope is really a virtue when things seem hopeless. Worth thinking about since this is when hope usually abandons us. No way forward, no solution, no possibilities left. Two behaviours characterise the loss of hope. We despair in ourselves and hit out at others blaming them. St Paul's insight is dynamic. God helps us when we refuse to give up. Hope is, in other words, an expression of faith. God is with us, we must keep going, dig deep and we uncover hope sitting on the even deeper ground of faith. And when faith expresses itself as hope we turn towards those around us with love which Paul describes in the second reading as tolerance. Or as the poet Kipling puts it so well 'If you can keep your head when all around you are losing theirs and blaming it on you...'

The cardinal virtues of our religion are faith, hope and love, all interlinked and flowing in and out of each other, deep and deeper veins of God's graces working in us to supply our every need.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

ROOF WORKS ON THE CHURCH

These are now completed with the restoration of cresting and slates on the small side chapels that border the Cabra and North Circular Roads. Damaged slates on other parts of the rooves have also been repaired and the Church is now, at last, and for the first time in many years, free of water ingress. This situation will, we hope, continue and will require regular cleaning and clearing of gutters, shores and downpipes on all the rooves. A contract is now in place to ensure regular checking.

Turning then to the interior, work has begun on electrics to upgrade and secure these while plans are made to address problems with the Church floors. Much done, more to do. Thank you to all our parishioners and those who come to pray as well as visitors to the Church for your support and assistance.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

PARISH RETREAT IN ADVENT

In preparation for the Feast of Christmas a **SILENT** afternoon retreat will take place on **Saturday 10th December from 3.00pm**, concluding at 6.30pm Vigil Mass. All are welcome to attend, no need to register, just come along to the Church for 3.00pm, when there will be a brief introduction.

A SPECIAL GUEST VISITS

On Sunday, 18 December after the 11.30am Mass a special guest will make an appearance at the front porch of the Church. There will be drinks and sweets for the children, he may even have some gifts. There will be tea, coffee and mince pies for the adults. A raffle will also take place with hampers as prizes. Tickets will be on sale in the Repository (former parish office) Monday to Thursday, 1 strip for €2.00 or 3 strips for €5.00.



THIS WEEK - Monday 5 Dec

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

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**).

PARISH ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for the new liturgical year can be collected in the Sacristy before or after all Masses this weekend. Sincere thanks to all who contribute to the parish through the envelope collection or by the other methods (i.e. cash / tap & go / online).

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, 4 December 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice

you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them,

'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father", because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire.

I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

TAX RELIEF DONATIONS

As a registered charity St Peter's Parish can claim tax relief on donations of €250 or more in any one year at a rate of 31% (no matter what rate of tax you pay). It applies to all cheque/cash and online donations which are made in instalments over the year or as one donation during that time. We are very late this year, but if you are eligible and have donated to any or all of the following* for 2021 please fill in a CHY 4 Cert available from the Church, Parish Office or online at: www.stpetersphibsboro.ie. *Weekly Envelopes / Easter or Christmas Dues / Church Gate for essential Church Repairs or Online (easy payments / standing orders). Thank you for all your support.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Jody Fitzpatrick, John (Johnny) Shanks, John Heron and Fr Michael Dunne CM.

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 27 November

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,251.49
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 630.70
Sick & Indigent Roomkeepers	=	€ 567.03
Society (2nd Collection)		

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION

Next week's 2nd Church collection will be in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Diocesan Christmas collection. It replaces Share.

SVP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

SVP staff are trying to keep up with the demand from food banks as Christmas approaches – particularly for families in need. Types of food urgently needed include pasta/rice, tea/coffee, juices, soup, sugar, powdered milk, tinned meat/fish, tinned veg/fruit, packaged desserts, biscuits. Please bring your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses next weekend, 10th/11th December.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation

*Masses at:
10.30am
& 6.30pm*



CHRISTMAS AT THE REPOSITORY

Mass Bouquets €10.00, Novena Cards €5.00, SVP (packs of 10) €5.00 & 2023 Calendars €2.50.