



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Advent: 18 December 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 18 December

Betty Murphy (SI)
John Heron (MM)
Liam Byrne (A)
John Stedmon (A)
Michael & Teresa Murphy (A)
Kathleen Scott (A)
Jack Martin (A)
Josephine Wall (A)
Alice Brett (D)
Mills Family (D)
Dermot Doherty (D)

Monday, 19 December

Noel Connolly & Family (SI)
Geraldine Connolly (SI)
Fr Brian Moore CM (A)
Josephine Manscier (A)
Grainne Carr (RD)
Liam O'Neill (RD)
Buckley Family (D)
Kelehan Family (D)

Tuesday, 20 December

Ellen & Family (SI)
Kitty & Des Nolan (SI)
Mary Casey (A)
Connolly Family (D)
Gerry Ryan (D)

Wednesday, 21 December

Patrick O'Dwyer (2nd A) & parents, brother
Eamon, sister-in-law Cathy & niece Siobhan (D)
Doreen & Patrick (D)
Mick & Mary O'Dwyer (D)
Tom Nash (D)

Thursday, 22 December

Patricia Lawler (A)
Sinon Haugh (A)
John & Emily Sutton (A)
Tommy & Mary Donnelly (A)
Holy Souls

Friday, 23 December

Carmel Moore (A)
Fr Michael Dunne CM (RD)
Jomini Jose (RD)
Martin Duff (D)

Catherine Healy (D)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 24 December

Kay O'Sullivan (SI)
Michael Gill (D)
Gill & Nestor Families (D)

The maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son

Whom she will call Emmanuel

A name which means God is with us.

Is 7:10-14

The fourth Sunday of Advent readings focus our attention on the birth of a child - the birth of Jesus and what the prophet Isaiah had to say about a maiden being with child. The child would be called Emmanuel - God with us.

The people of the Old Testament waited for hundreds of years for a Messiah. The more troubled their history became the more their expectations grew. While they were waiting they wondered what the Messiah would be like and what the Messiah would do. They fantasised about how the Messiah would change their world.

The people of the OT had so many unreal expectations of what the Messiah would do, that they failed to recognise the Messiah when he came as a baby. A baby born in the poverty of a stable in Bethlehem and dying on a cross outside Jerusalem was certainly not part of their thinking for a future Messiah. They were unable to allow God to surprise them.

We too can fail to recognise God because God is different to what we expect. We too can get it wrong. We too can miss the coming of God into our lives and into our world. We can miss God because our expectations of what God is like can be unrealistic, just like the chosen people of the Old Testament.

God is in the bits and pieces
of every day.

Moses found God
in a burning bush.

The apostle John found God
in an empty tomb.

The apostles found God
in a miraculous catch of fish.
May we find God this Christmas
in a helpless baby.

Patrick Kavanagh

You will know him when he comes

Not by the din of drums,
Not by anything he wears,

Not by the vantage of his airs;
Not by his gown

Not by his crown,

But his coming known shall be
By the holy harmony

That His presence makes in thee.

A Medieval Verse

Fr Mark Noonan CM

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS ...

... will take place after all Masses Monday to Friday 19th - 23rd December and on Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve) from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

PATRICIAN ON CHRISTMAS

Tuesday 20th Dec in St Peters Club

The topic this month is 'Christmas'. It begins with a talk followed by discussion. A break for refreshments will be followed by summing up by the spiritual director. All are welcome.

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above'. 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child

and will soon give birth to a son

whom she will call 'Immanuel,'

a name which means "God is with us."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 23

Response:

Let the Lord enter!

He is the King of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God

promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead.

Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace. The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 1:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son

and they will call him 'Emmanuel,'

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Offbeat Ensemble &
St. Peter's Singers



19 DECEMBER 2022, 8PM
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PHIBSBORO

TICKETS: 5 EUROS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
ALL PROCEEDS TO CHARITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Eileen Bolger (Avondale Road) and Margaret Malone (Connaught Parade).

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.**

OFFBEAT ENSEMBLE

We are delighted to be joined by special guests, the St Peter's Singers. Music will include beautiful pieces from the classical repertoire, popular favourites and some festive numbers to get you in the mood for Christmas!

Tickets €5 available at the door.

(Ticket sales go directly to the Society of St Vincent de Paul)

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 11 Dec

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| Parish (8 Dec, Holy Day) | = € 76.75 |
| Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) | = €1,019.80 |
| Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) | = € 571.70 |
| SVP (2nd Collection) | = €7,509.00 |

Thank you for your support to the parish.



Journey to Bethlehem by Joseph Brickey