



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 5 February 2023

Sunday, 5 February

St Agatha, virgin & martyr is not celebrated this year

Sr Angela (Kathleen) Burns DC (MM)

Larry O'Sullivan (1st A)

Edna Grigg (RD)

Nuala Smyth (RD)

Pat Sheridan (RD) & his sons ...

... Patrick & Steven (A)

Catherine McMahon (A)

Joan Gaffney (A)

Maura Garvey (A)

Austin Moore (A)

Monday, 6 February

Ss Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

Larry O'Sullivan (1st A)

Kathleen Nolan (A)

Sean O'Toole (A)

Nell Blaney (D)

Willie McArdle (D)

Tuesday, 7 February

St Mel, bishop

Bl. Rosalie Rendu, virgin

Eithne Wynne (RD)

Maura Garvey (A)

Joe & Ellen Ward (A)

Molly & Billy Burke (A)

Emmet Hunter (A)

Wednesday, 8 February

St Jerome Emiliani, patron saint of orphans

St Josephine Bakhita, virgin

Frank McMahon (A)

Joe & Gretta McCann (D)

Thursday, 9 February

Una Dalton (RD)

Mary McCann (D)

Friday, 10 February

St Scholastica, virgin

Carmel McGlynn (MM)

John Mungovan (A)

Rosaleen O'Brien (A)

Andrew Kenny (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 11 February

Our Lady of Lourdes

St Gonnail, virgin

Helen Mason (RD)

Gabrielle Moran (A)

SHINING LAMPS

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, immediately after the Beatitudes, Jesus says to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world' (Mt 5:13-14). Who were these disciples? They were fishermen, simple people... But Jesus sees them with God's eyes, and his assertion can be understood precisely as a result of the Beatitudes. He wishes to say: if you are poor in spirit, if you are meek, if you are pure of heart, if you are merciful... you will be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

We who are baptised Christians are missionary disciples and we are called to become a living Gospel in the world: with a holy life we will 'flavour' different environments and defend them from decay, as salt does; and we will carry the light of Christ through the witness of genuine charity. The Christian should be a luminous person; one who brings light, who always gives off light! A light that is not his, but a gift from God, a gift from Jesus. We carry this light. If a Christian extinguishes this light, his life has no meaning: he is a Christian by name only, who does not carry light; his life has no meaning. I would like to ask you now, how do you want to live? As a lamp that is burning or one that is not? Burning or not? How would you like to live? It is truly God that gives us this light and we must give it to others. Shining lamps! This is the Christian vocation.

Pope Francis, Angelus

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 6th February is a public holiday which has been instituted to honour St Brigid. There will be no Novena on Monday evening.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Feast Day: Saturday 11th February

Designated as a day of prayer for the sick. At Lourdes Our Lady is a channel of graces and in a special way, healing of ills of mind, body and soul. The sacrament of the sick will be celebrated at Mass at 10.30am.

PARISH SACRISTAN VACANCY

St Peter's Parish is currently recruiting for a part-time sacristan. Please see details on the notice board at the Cabra Road entrance and on our website at:

www.stpetersphibsboro.ie. All applications by Friday 10th February.

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, 5 February 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor,

clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here'.

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word,

if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed,

your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,

he conducts his affairs with honour.

2. The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;

with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

open-handed, he gives to the poor;

his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great *'fear and trembling'* and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,

anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.'

In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 29 January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,172.51

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 532.70

Share (2nd Collection) = € 317.21

Thank you for your support to the parish.

RESPONSES AT MASS

Leaflets are now available for those wishing to familiarise themselves with Mass responses in English. Please collect one in the Sacristy.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Fr Roderic Crowley CM (St Paul's, Raheny), Edna Grigg (formerly of Ballyfermot), Carmel McGlynn and Vincent O'Sullivan.

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.**

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Both the Parish Office and the Repository will be closed on Monday for the first Public Holiday dedicated to a woman, St Brigid. They will re-open on Tuesday at 10.00am as usual.



Sister Rosalie Rendu DC (1786-1856)

O God, you granted the spirit of your love to the Blessed Rosalie, virgin, so that she might assist the poor and abandoned, grant, we beseech you, that, by her example, we too rejoice to recognize Christ in the poor, and to serve him with tireless charity.

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.