



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 12 February 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12 February

Carmel McGlynn (MM)
Patrick McDermott (1st A)
James O'Boyle (A)
Peter, Kathleen & Noel Donlon (A)
John & Kathleen Maughan (D)

Monday, 13 February

Maude Brady (SI)
Kay Gallagher (RD)
John & Kathleen Maughan (D)

Tuesday, 14 February

Ss Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe
Special Intention
Collins Akintola (MM)
Mary Molloy (RD)
John & Kathleen Maughan (D)

Wednesday, 15 February

Luke Cummins (RD)
Joseph Hayes (A)
Kathleen Holbrook (10th A)

Thursday, 16 February

Sheila King (RD)
Mary McCann (D)

Friday, 17 February

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
St Fintan, abbot
Thanksgiving
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)
Holy Souls

Saturday, 18 February

Thanksgiving
Redmond Family (SI & D)
Patricia Conroy (RD)

A = Anniversary
B = Birthday
BR = Birthday Remembrance
D = Deceased
GW = Get Well
MM = Months Mind
RD = Recently Deceased
SI = Special Intention
W = Wedding
WA = Wedding Anniversary

GOOD CHOICES SHAPING LIFETIMES

St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) began as a young priest with worldly ambitions. Various events and hard knocks slowed down his youthful haste. A winding road and some great people led Vincent to choose the design of God. Then a new inspiring vision gradually opened up before him. The grace of God, well accepted, and love for the needy entered into a blossoming ideal.

The 1st Reading (Ecclesiasticus 15, 2nd century BC) poses key issues that call us to choose good things, virtues: the wisdom of the Lord. Today's Gospel from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5) asks us to opt for the full depths of Christ's teaching on several of the Ten Commandments. Observance of these divine norms brings to the person well-being and peaceful conscience. The Lord presents the following: truth and charity (5th and 8th commandments); chastity and sexual morality (6th and 9th commandments); family duties and obedience (4th commandment).

St Paul in the 2nd Reading (1 Corinthians 2) points us to the pathways that present good choosing: maturity grows fruitfully and patiently out of faithful devotion and lasting integrity.

A young saint gives us all good advice:

*"I choose to do everything,
even the smallest things,
for the greater glory of God."*
St Dominic Savio (1842-1857)

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Paul Goslin (formerly Phibsboro), Sheila King (Quarry Rd), Patricia Conroy (Offaly Rd), Collins Akintola (Monck Place) and Fr Roderic Crowley CM (St Paul's, Raheny).

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.**

RESPONSES AT MASS

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

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 5 February

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,635.48
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 457.20
Share (2nd Collection) = € 280.38

Thank you for your support to the parish.

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, 12 February 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: They are happy who follow God's law!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

SECOND READING

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age,

which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (shorter form)

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven

The Gospel of the Lord.

Carmelites - Whitefriar Street

St Valentine

Tuesday, February 14th

Mass: 11.30 a.m & 3.00 p.m.

Celebrant & Preacher

*Fr Simon Nolan, O.Carm.,
Prior of Whitefriar Street*



The memorial of St Valentine is a special day here in Whitefriar Street Church. There will be special celebrations and we are delighted that so many people will be joining us in our celebrations.

Church will remain open until the beginning of our Tuesday Night Perpetual Novena at 8.00 p.m.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

Friday 3rd March at 11.15am in
St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Theme - I Have Heard About Your Faith

The theme of the WDP 2023 program is based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude. Paul gave thanks to God for the Ephesians living out their love and faith, and prayed that they could see these three truths: the hope to which God has called the disciples, the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

Tea/Coffee afterwards

A preparation meeting will take place on Wednesday
22nd February at 7.30pm in St Peter's

Service prepared by Committee of Taiwan

ACCORD COLLECTION

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend 11/12 February. Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously on February 11 & 12.