



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Lent: 26 February 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 26 February

Delia Pierce (2nd A)  
Edward, Kate & Brian Bergin (A)  
Holy Souls

#### Monday, 27 February

*St Gregory of Narek, abbot & doctor of the Church*  
Clem & Mike Kenny (SI)  
James Fife (A)  
Luke Cummins (RD)  
Brid Doyle (RD)  
Eamon Egan (D)  
Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 28 February

Fr Roderic Crowley CM (MM)  
Jean O'Brien (A)  
Mary Cassins (D)  
Holy Souls

#### Wednesday, 1 March

*St David, bishop*  
Redmond Family (SI)  
Ronald Butler (D)  
Holy Souls

#### Thursday, 2 March

Thanksgiving  
Redmond Family (D)  
Holy Souls

#### First Friday, 3 March

*World Day of Prayer*  
Dolores Dunne (A)  
Michael McCormack (A)  
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)  
Holy Souls

#### Saturday, 4 March

*St Casimir, Patron Saint of Poland*  
Marie Noone (A)  
Holy Souls

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

### SEASON OF LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday lays down a marker. A starting gun for a biblical 40 days. A *transition time*. We are not what we were, but we have not yet become what we could be. We are in transition.

Traditionally, we expressed personal transition with Fasting.

Now we know that our planet is in crisis, also *in transition*.

Lent might remind us that the way things are is neither as they were intended to be, nor as they must be. Change or die.

*"Remember that thou art dust..."*

#### ASH WEDNESDAY (Malcolm Guite)

Receive this cross of ash upon your brow,  
Brought from the burning of Palm Sunday's cross.

The forests of the world are burning now  
And you make late repentance for the loss.  
But all the trees of God would clap their hands  
The very stones themselves would shout and sing  
If you could covenant to love these lands  
And recognise in Christ their Lord and king.

He sees the slow destruction of those trees,  
He weeps to see the ancient places burn,  
And still you make what purchases you please,  
And still to dust and ashes you return.  
But Hope could rise from ashes even now  
Beginning with this sign upon your brow.

Fr Padraig Regan CM

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Michael Byrne (Byrne's Butchers) and Maureen Goodwin.

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.**



"During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, and receive with open hearts the love of God"

*Pope Francis*



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#### 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, 26 February 2023

### FIRST READING

#### A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman,

*'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?'* The woman answered the serpent,

*'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".'*

Then the serpent said to the woman,

*'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.'*

The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### SECOND READING

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one

man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

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but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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### GOSPEL

#### A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him,

*'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves'.*

But he replied, *'Scripture says: "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God".'*

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple.

*'If you are the Son of God'* he said *'throw yourself down; for scripture says: "He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone".'*

Jesus said to him, *'Scripture also says: "You must not put the Lord your God to the test".'*

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. *'I will give you all these'* he said, *'if you fall at my feet and worship me.'*

Then Jesus replied, *'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:*

*'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'*

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

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

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### 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

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Service prepared by Committee of Taiwan

## LENTEN SERVICES

This week: Masses at 10.30am & 6.00pm -  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday.

**Lenten Prayer** immediately after 10.30am  
Mass - Thursdays (for 10 - 15 mins).

**Stations of the Cross** immediately after  
the 6.00pm Mass on Fridays at 6.30pm  
approximately.

## COLLECTIONS - Sunday 19 February

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,190.05

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 460.20

Accord (2nd Collection) = € 268.37

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.

## TURKEY & SYRIA

Archbishop Farrell has given approval for a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of the people affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. It will take place this weekend, the First Sunday of Lent, February 25th/26th. The funds raised will be channelled through Trocaire, who are working with partners in the affected areas. This will replace the usual SHARE collection.