



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent: 5 March 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 5 March

St Kieran, bishop is not celebrated this year

Sheila King (MM)

Patty Conroy (MM)

Nora Roberts (A)

Maher Family (D)

Monday, 6 March

St Kieran, bishop (feast transferred)

Christopher Heitman (A)

Angela Moloney (BR)

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 7 March

Ss Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

Edward Dunne (BR)

Rennie Cowman (BR)

Mary Dunne (A)

Elizabeth Moore (A)

Wednesday, 8 March

St John of God, religious & St Senan, bishop

Aine Devere (B & GW)

Joan Brady (BR)

Thomas Brennan (A)

Marie Byrne (RD)

Thursday, 9 March

St Frances of Rome, religious

Dennis Donnelly (RD)

Fr Joe Donoghue (RD)

Sr Regis (RD)

Sr Margaret (RD)

Friday, 10 March

Dympna Flynn & Family (SI)

Paul Deegan, his parents Johnny & Rose

Deegan & his sister Babs Moss (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 11 March

St Aengus, bishop & abbot

Imelda Kerr (RD)

Holy Souls

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

SPADEWORK IN OUR FAITH

As we follow Christ, we are sometimes blessed with times of great joy and love, times of insight and understanding, and we want to stay there. There are times when it all makes sense, when we feel close to God, and experience a sense of his presence that we never want to let go of. They're the times when we're like Peter, we want to remain there. We want the good times to last. We want faith experiences always to be uplifting, dazzling even. But we can't stay there. Quite a lot of the time, our faith journey is uphill, like climbing a mountain. Sometimes it's a struggle, sometimes its boring, mundane. We wonder where God is, what's it all about, does he listen to our prayers?

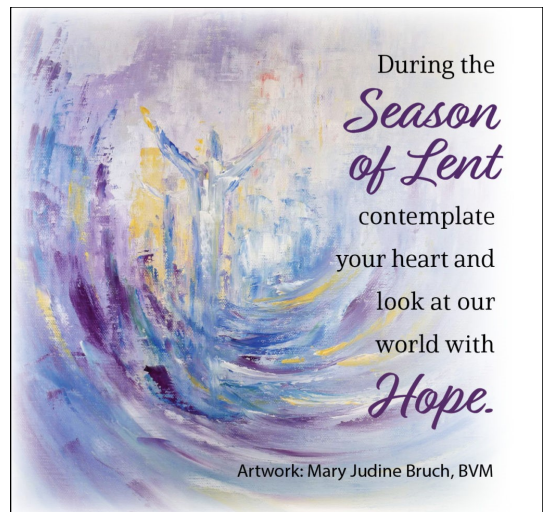
For some Lent may well be a joyless time, a time for doing without and not too many highs. But for us who believe, joy should characterise our Lent, because this season is all about renewal, turning to God again as we prepare for the celebration of Easter and all that means. This is the time to do a bit of spadework in our faith, the time to deepen our relationship with God, to tackle the obstacles to faith in our lives, to discipline ourselves as disciples as we follow our Risen Lord on this journey of faith. And it's not too late to start. May the experience of the transfiguration be for us an encouragement in these Lenten days, sustaining us on our spiritual journey.

From *'My Life In Your Hands'*
Thoughts and Words of the late **Fr John Cummins**

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Terry Fox.

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.



Artwork: Mary Judine Bruch, BVM

MASS TIMES:

Mon: 10.30am & 7.00pm (Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal)

Tue to Fri: 10.30am & 6.00pm

Sat: 10.30am. **Sun:** vigil 6.30pm (Sat), 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am

CONFESSIONS:

Sat: 11.00am - 12.30pm and at any other time on request.

Mon: from 6.30pm onwards

REPOSITORY:

(in Office) Mon to Thurs from 10.00am to 12.30pm

(in Church) Mon evening, Fri morning, Sat evening, Sun morning

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 5 March 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram,
'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

I will curse those who slight you. 'I will bless those who bless you:

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield,
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News,
relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to
be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but
for his own purpose and by his own grace.

This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus,
before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by
the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus.

He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality
through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and
led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There
in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the
sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly
Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.
Then Peter spoke to Jesus.

*'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will
make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for
Elijah.'* He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud cover-
ed them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice
which said,
*'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to
him.'*

*When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome
with fear.*

But Jesus came up and touched them. *'Stand up,'* he said *'do
not be afraid.'*

And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Je-
sus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this
order.

*"Tell no one about this vision until the Son of Man has risen
from the dead."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

LENTEN SERVICES

This Week:

Masses

Monday - 10.30am & 7.00pm

Tuesday - Friday 10.30am & 6.00pm

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

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

RESPONSES AT MASS

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

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 26 February

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,126.45
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 283.20
Turkey / Syria (2nd Collection)	=	€3,942.80