



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Easter : 23 April 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 23 April

*St George, martyr & St Adalbert of Prague, bishop & martyr are not celebrated this year*

Phyllis Doddy (1st A)

Josie Gleeson (A)

May Brennan (A)

Joe & Clare Somers (A)

Eamon & Ethel Somers (A)

#### Monday, 24 April

*St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr*

Bernadette Connaughton (4th A)

John & Anne O'Doherty (A)

Thomas O'Loughnan (A)

#### Tuesday, 25 April

*St Mark, Evangelist*

Clare Redmond (GW)

Sr Maria Mortell (A)

Bridget Duffy (A)

Bridget Walshe (A)

Sheelagh Darlington (RD)

Somers Family (D)

#### Wednesday, 26 April

*Translation of the Relics of St Vincent de Paul, priest*

Angela Ferguson (MM)

Phyllis Doddy (1st A)

Eileen Holohan (RD)

#### Thursday, 27 April

*St Asicus, bishop*

Barbara Howard (SI)

Maura & Liam Pender (A)

#### Friday, 28 April

*St Peter Chanel, priest & martyr*

*St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, priest*

Frances O'Brien & Family (SI)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Holy Souls

#### Saturday, 29 April

*St Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe*

Marion Grehan (SI)

Thanksgiving

Holy Souls

### HIDDEN GOD

As the risen Jesus shows Himself to His disciples in small or large gatherings, in the closed and locked room, on the seashore or on a country road, in almost every case they do not recognise Him at first. Why is this? Has His appearance changed? Or is it that they are still in shock, traumatised by the horror of His crucifixion? Or might there be another explanation? As slow as they are to recognise Jesus, just as quickly do the scales fall from their eyes, whether it be when He speaks their name, or takes their hands in His to touch His wounds, or as in today's Gospel when they recognise Him at the breaking of bread.

The risen Jesus leads us into the realm of faith. The disciples who saw and touched Him do so no longer. They like us must live by faith and so as soon as they recognise Jesus at the breaking of bread He disappears from their sight. The Eucharist is the continuation of this seeing with the eyes of faith, Jesus veiled in the Eucharistic species leads us in our faith and is our food for this journey of faith throughout our lives.

*'Godhead here in hiding whom I do adore  
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more.  
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart  
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.'*

Thomas Aquinas

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

### COMINGS AND GOINGS

I wish to express gratitude and appreciation to Mr John O'Sullivan who has relinquished his role as parish sacristan. A sacristan's job description nowadays is multi-faceted and John rose to the challenge with vigour, enthusiasm, and sound practical wisdom so that our Church continues to be a place of welcome and prayerfulness. John continues his ministry in the choir and for that too we are most grateful.

We welcome our new sacristan Kunle Martins Ogundola who has already taken up his role and pray God's blessing on him in this important work in our parish.

Evelyn Kelly, our house manager, has retired after many years with the Vincentian Community. Evelyn is known to many parishioners through her role of hospitality to groups using the parish club and meeting rooms. We wish Evelyn many years of good health and happiness in her retirement.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially James Kailedzi (Spire View) and Angela Ferguson (Connaught Street).

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.**

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 23 April 2023

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice:

*'Men of Judaea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, make no mistake about this, but listen carefully to what I say. Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:*

*"I saw the Lord before me always,*

*for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.*

*So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy;*

*my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades*

*nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.*

*You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence."*

*'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, 'what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'*

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.  
or *Alleluia!*

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.'
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.
4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the

ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God. The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, *'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?'* They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, *'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days'. 'What things?'* he asked. *'All about Jesus of Nazareth'* they answered *'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing. Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?'* Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. *'It is nearly evening'* they said *'and the day is almost over.'* So he went in to stay with them.

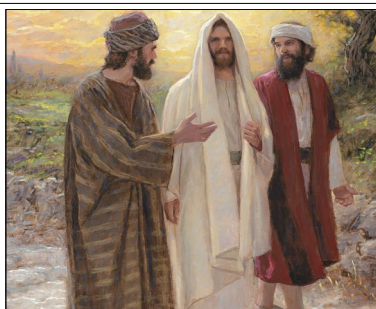
Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, *'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'* They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, *'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.'* Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## COLLECTIONS - Sunday 16 April

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| Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) | = | €1,299.94 |
| Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)      | = | € 543.20  |
| Share (2nd Collection)                | = | € 340.42  |

Thank you for your support to the parish.



## RESPONSES AT MASS

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