



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Easter : 30 April 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 30 April

St Pius V, pope is not celebrated this year

Anne Murray (6th A)
Tom & Tess Scott (A)
John & Agnes Kennedy (A)
Tommy Donnellan (A)
Larry & Frances Kinsella (A)
Josie Devlin (A)
Aisling Fitzgerald (BR)
Phyllis, Joe, Gerry & Judy Kirk (D)
Annie, Frances & Annmarie Hughes (D)

Monday, 1 May

St Joseph the Worker

Tom Nash (A)
Mollie O'Loughnan (A)
Alex & Dessie Moore (A)

Tuesday, 2 May

St Athanasius, bishop & doctor of the Church

Les Redmond (SI)
Gerry Lettice (A)
Barry Humphries (RD)

Wednesday, 3 May

Ss Philip & James, Apostles

Special Intention
Holy Souls

Thursday, 4 May

St Conleth, bishop

Irene Hartmann (3rd A)
Kathleen McMahon (BR)

First Friday, 5 May

Bl. Edmund Rice, religious

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)
Holy Souls

Saturday, 6 May

Joe Ryan (MM)
Sheila Tierney (A)

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

ALL IN THE APRIL EVENING...

Watching sheep and their lambs in upland meadows is a sight that never fails to lift the spirit. Lambs leaping and frolic as their legs carry them more reliably, their lightness and liveliness a striking contrast to their sturdy mothers, solid strong ewes set on grazing, razing all before them, ignoring their carefree careless young unless to nudge them aside when their playfulness needles them.

All life is there in a flock of sheep in a springtime meadow, life mirroring faith's freshness too in Easter rising and renewal. Newborn lambs that speak wordless encouragement to start afresh, the leap of trust and freedom that is ours as we come to believe with Thomas and Peter and the others that Jesus is truly risen and goes before us.

As in a springtime meadow with shepherd invisible, so too on our pilgrimage through life Jesus our Shepherd is unseen, His presence felt in all that springs up in joyful faith and in sturdy goodness and care for each other. Lambs and their mothers, mirrors of family, expressions of belonging, Christ our Shepherd walks among us.

*All in the April evening
April airs are abroad
The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road
The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road
All in the April evening
I thought on the Lamb of God*

Katherine Tynan

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

6th / 7th May

Lay ministry in the diocese and in parishes is a key element in the process of renewal and growth. As the number of priests continues to decline laypeople are taking up roles as faith development coordinators with a view to building lay leadership in parishes and providing training opportunities for laypeople to take up new roles in their parishes. A collection for the development of lay ministry in the diocese will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Parish Office and Repository will be closed on Monday. They will re-open on Tuesday as usual.

NOVENA

There will be no evening Mass or Novena on Monday due to the bank holiday.

THANK YOU...

... for all your generous support towards the upkeep of the Church and the running of the parish through the weekly collection in kind and online and the envelope collection and via donations. Thanks also for generous support through Easter Offering (Priests' Dues) and for charitable organisations including Trocaire and the St Vincent de Paul Conference.

We will soon return to the normal practice of collectors taking the collection during Mass. I would be grateful for volunteers to help with this task. If you would be able to help please let me know which Mass (6.30pm Vigil on Saturday, 8.00am, 10.00am or 11.30am on Sunday) you might be regularly available to cover. Thank you.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 30 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: *'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'*

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles,

'What must we do, brothers?'

'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation'.

They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing it patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 23 April

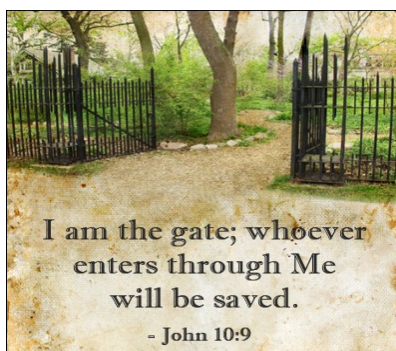
Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,406.18

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 500.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 324.28

Thank you for your support to the parish.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign = €3,406.12



RESPONSES AT MASS

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