



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Easter : 7 May 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 7 May

Mills Family (alive & deceased)
Margaret Frissung (RD)
Phyllis Mills (BR)
John McDonagh (BR)
Benedict, Louis & Ethel Penny (A)
Matilda Tracey (A)
Irene Hartmann (A)
Maureen Hartmann (A)

Monday, 8 May

Bl. John Sullivan, priest

Funeral (10.30am) : Colette Brady RIP

Funeral (1.00pm) : Dr Sheila Mulvey RIP

Gary Ward (MM)
Benedict, Louis & Ethel Penny (A)
John & Teresa Dooley (A)

Tuesday, 9 May

St Louise de Marillac, religious, Co-foundress of the Society of the Daughters of Charity

Patrick Ferguson (SI)
Trish Wharton (RD)
Elizabeth (Lily) Kearns (BR)
Ann Leslie (D)

Wednesday, 10 May

St Comgall, abbot

St John of Avila, priest & doctor of the Church

Thanksgiving

John Dale (BR)
Catherine Dale (A)
Holy Souls

Thursday, 11 May

Ray Kearns (BR)
Fr Denis Collins CM (A)
Maureen Hartmann (A)
Gerry & Paul Kernan & Saskia Byrne (A)

Friday, 12 May

Ss Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs & St Pancras, martyr

Meanie Mongan (WA remembrance)
Patrick Connaughton (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 13 May

Our Lady of Fatima

Leslie Tweedy (D)

THE MAY MAGNIFICAT

*May is Mary's month, and I
Muse at that and wonder why:
Her feasts follow reason,
Dated due to season—*

*Candlemas, Lady Day;
But the Lady Month, May,
Why fasten that upon her,
With a feasting in her honour?*

*Is it only its being brighter
Than the most are must delight her?
Is it opportunist
And flowers finds soonest?*

*Ask of her, the mighty mother:
Her reply puts this other Question:
What is Spring?—
Growth in every thing—*

*Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,
Grass and greenworld all together;
Star-eyed strawberry-breasted
Throstle above her nested*

*Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin
Forms and warms the life within;
And bird and blossom swell
In sod or sheath or shell.*

*All things rising, all things sizing
Mary sees, sympathising
With that world of good,
Nature's motherhood.*

*Their magnifying of each its kind
With delight calls to mind
How she did in her stored
Magnify the Lord.*

*Well but there was more than this:
Spring's universal bliss
Much, had much to say
To offering Mary May.*

*When drop-of-blood-and-foam-dapple
Bloom lights the orchard-apple
And thicket and thorp are merry
With silver-surfed cherry*

*And azuring-over greybell makes
Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes
And magic cuckoo-call
Caps, clears, and clinches all—*

*This ecstasy all through mothering earth
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth
To remember and exultation
In God who was her salvation.*

Gerard Manley Hopkins

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Dr Sheila Mulvey (Shandon Park), Colette (Bridget) Brady (Shandon Drive), John Crosby (Shandon Park) and Michael O'Sullivan (Shandon Gardens).

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.

FEAST OF ST LOUISE DE MARILLAC

(1591-1660) Tuesday 9th May

Louise was a wife and mother who also had a heart for people experiencing poverty as well as a mind that was gifted with organisational skills. She had a deep prayer life and after the death of her husband she collaborated more and more with Vincent de Paul organising charitable groups to help all kinds of people in trouble or difficulty.

Together they founded the Company of the Daughters of Charity which spread quickly across France and Europe. The Sisters visited the sick in their homes, cared for abandoned babies and children, established hospitals and hostels, cared for refugees and prisoners and set up field hospitals for soldiers in the battlefield. *'Be diligent in serving the poor... Love them, honour them as you honour Christ himself.'*

St Louise de Marillac

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 7 May 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, *'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food. You, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word'*. The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

2. For 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.

3. 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.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is pre-

cious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said,

'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied'.

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?''

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the

Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSES AT MASS

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

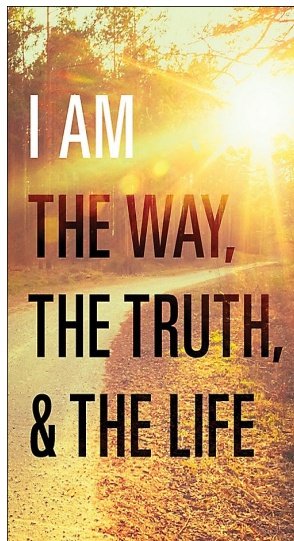
COLLECTIONS - Sunday 30 April

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,138.40

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 622.70

Share (2nd Collection) = € 229.26

Thank you for your support to the parish.



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 this weekend.