



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of Easter : 14 May 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 14 May

St Matthias, apostle is not celebrated this year

Special Intention

Griffith Roberts (A)

Kathleen McCabe (A)

Margaret Caffrey (D)

Monday, 15 May

St Carthage, bishop

Margaret Ridley (RD)

Breda Laffey (RD)

Tuesday, 16 May

St Brendan, abbot

Breda Laffey (RD)

Wednesday, 17 May

Michael O'Leary (A)

Kitty Moynihan (D)

Thursday, 18 May

St John I, pope & martyr

Donal Kelly (1st A)

Friday, 19 May

Mary Cave (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 13 May

St Bernardine of Siena, priest

Special Intention

THE PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE OF GOD WITH US

After his conversion to the Catholic Church, St Augustine (354 - 430) wrote in his *Confessions*: "Lord, I tasted you, and now hunger and thirst for you. You touched me and I have burned for your peace."

Scripture

Today's Scripture offers us a strong intimation of God's glory in us, and it radiates out into good lives. Like St Augustine we can be permeated by the grace of God. The preaching of St Philip in the 1st Reading (Acts 8) works a revolution in the culture of Samaria; there was great rejoicing! St Peter in the 2nd Reading (1 Peter 3) encourages his Christians to be faithful and they can be sure of God's protection in difficult times. In the Gospel (John 14), Jesus gives profound teaching on the call to close relationship with God. Peace is a quality in this context. It is a peace of the heart coming from obedience to the Commandments, doing the divine will. Our lives return God's love for us. The Holy Spirit ties the bonds between us and God. God's presence is most important here. We believe God is everywhere, in all things, keeping everything in existence. A higher quality of presence exists in human beings in the state of grace, especially in the baptised. The unique presence of Christ, of God, is realised in the Real Presence: Holy Communion and the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacles of our churches. This seems clearly the climax of St Augustine's expression: his hunger and thirst to taste God.

Conclusion

We need to give attention to these great truths, especially now. We live in an atmosphere of speed, words and sounds, that close out the spiritual hungers, if we let them. We take a bit of time out, we let ourselves be filled with the grace of the Lord. Jesus is with us, does not leave us orphans, but manifests himself to us (today's Gospel).

*"Jesus nourishes those devoted to him,
and he moves them to knowledge of all virtues, and of good works."*

St Cyril of Alexandria (380 - 444)

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

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.**

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

Correct at time of going to print

MASS TIMES:

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

Tue to 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, 14 May 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds'

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring.

And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

*'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can
never receive*

*since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.*

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

*In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see
me, because I live and you will live.*

*On that day you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.*

*Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will
be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved
by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'*

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.

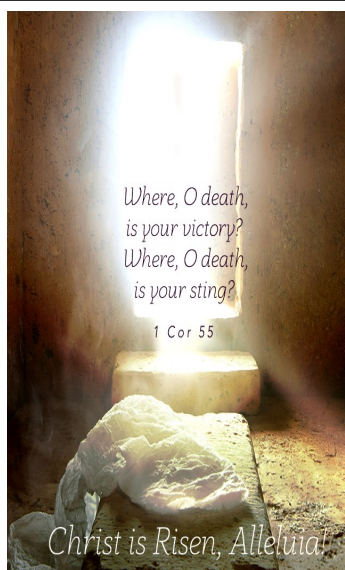
COLLECTIONS - Sunday 7 May

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,073.25

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 534.70

Lay Leadership (2nd Collection) = € 405.73

Thank you for your support to the parish.



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Prayer Service at 8.00pm in the Monastery of St Alphonsus on Monday 15 May. Come in person or join online at www.rednuns.com.

LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN

The Annual Diocesan Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, will take place on Monday 29 May at 8.00pm in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. All Ministers of the Eucharist welcome.