



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Ascension of the Lord: 21 May 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 21 May

Ss Christopher Magallanes, priest & Companions, martyrs are not celebrated this year

Michael O'Leary (BR)

Mary Breen (A)

Pashk Pylla (A)

Danny, Catherine & Bernie McMahon (A)

Bridie & Jack Bruen (A)

Frank O'Keeffe (D)

Margaret O'Reilly (D)

Monday, 22 May

St Rita of Cascia, religious

Sisters Anne Byrne, Margaret Bilsborrow & Agnes Marley (A)

Tuesday, 23 May

St Joan Antide Thouret, virgin

Funeral - Patrick (Paddy) Burke RIP

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 24 May

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

Annie Maughan (BR)

Myles O'Brien (BR)

Mary Larkin (A)

Thursday, 25 May

St Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor of the Church, St Gregory VII, pope & St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin

Meanie Mongan (BR)

Audrey Boudren (A)

Friday, 26 May

St Philip Neri, priest

Jack Gleeson (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 27 May

St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

Mae Germaine (A)

Seán Germaine (A)

Alice Raftery (A)

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he said this, he was lifted up while they looked on and a cloud took him from their sight. Acts 1-1-11

Today is the feast of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. Jesus says goodbye to his disciples and returns to the Father. Before he left them in physical form, he gave them a mandate to preach the Gospel to all nations. *Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.* He depends on his followers to continue his work on earth. St Teresa of Avila said about the church carrying on the work of Jesus:

Christ has no body on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours!

In saying goodbye, Jesus is preparing his apostles for the time when he will no longer be with them in physical form. From now on the apostles had to make their own way but he would be with them in other ways. St Augustine said about the Ascension in the 4th chapter of his confessions: *He withdrew from our eyes that we might return to our own heart to find him.*

Today's liturgy puts it very succinctly: *"Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Where he has gone, we hope to follow."*

Today's feast is both an ending and a beginning; the ending of the physical life of Jesus of Nazareth and the beginning of a new relationship of Jesus with his followers.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Patrick (Paddy) Burke (Shandon Gardens), Dr Francis Xavier Keane (Phibsboro'), Elizabeth (Lily) Casey (**Punnet Hair Salon**, firstly facing St Peter's Church, now at Doyles Corner), Dr Sheila Mulvey (Shandon), Colette Brady (Shandon), John Crosby (Shandon) and Michael O'Sullivan (Shandon).

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.**

RESPONSES AT MASS

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

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, 21 May 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. *'It is', he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'* Now having met together, they asked him, *'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'* He replied, *'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'* As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, *'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'*
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come.

He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always;
yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew
The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, *'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'*
The Gospel of the Lord.

EXERCISE THROUGH BALLET

4 weekly sessions on Wednesdays from May 24th - June 14th in All Saint's Church Hall, (beside Fire Station) from 7.00pm-7.45pm. Send details a.s.a.p. to 087 961 4933 to secure a place. Ladies of all ages welcome.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 14 May

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,595.64
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	= € 670.20
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 267.21

Thank you for your support to the parish.



LIGHT & DARKNESS

The Patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'Light and Darkness'. There will be a brief paper then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard. After some light refreshments we resume with a paper from Fr Cornelius CM on the topic. Everyone is welcome to come along on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.