



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2 July 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 2 July

Mary Casey (BR)
Bernard Hickey (BR)
Nano Blake (BR)
Micheál Loughlin (A)
Mary Donnelly (A)
Maureen Sinclair (A)

Monday, 3 July

St Thomas, Apostle

Marion Grehan (SI)
Nathanael Redmond (B)
Holy Souls

Tuesday, 4 July

St Elizabeth of Portugal

Noreen Horgan (RD)
Tucker, Annie & Annmarie Hughes (D)

Wednesday, 5 July

St Anthony Zaccaria, priest

Special Intention
Rosario Omas (SI)
Redmond Family (SI)

Thursday, 6 July

St Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr

St Moninne of Killeavy, virgin

Fr Frank MacMorrow CM (A)
Mary McCann (D)

First Friday, 7 July

St Maelruain, bishop & abbot

Billy Moore (MM)
Maura Wyer (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 8 July

St Kilian, martyr

Priests & Parishioners of St Peter's (SI)
Joan Ward (RD)
Mary Maloney (A)

A BIGGER PICTURE

Each morning we wake up with a short note from God awaiting us on this imaginary table next to our bed. It is our to-do list for the day. The top priorities are relationships and responsibilities. Each of us in the journey of life has created a network of love and service. This is the clearest expression of God's will for us.

Today's seemingly severe words of Jesus about family are simply an invitation to put everything in order. When we love God first, not only do we love our family more, this love is more selfless and life-giving, free of deception and illusion.

Likewise, discipleship of Jesus enriches and expands our vision of the world. Our daily responsibilities of work, community and society open up to new horizons when we walk with Jesus. We are invited beyond the surface, outside the narrow limits of our selfishness. We are called to enter into the depths of life where we meet the wonder of God's love in the ordinary flow of life.

Jesus makes it clear. We need sacrifice and deeper reflection to transform our lives with our families and our professional responsibilities. This same sacrificial effort opens up how we relate to our neighbours, how we face the challenge of a world suffering from the neglect of our indulgent lifestyle. Our consumer culture has set no limits on our desires. We are on the edge of destroying our planet. God's will is clear. Enough already!

Today's Gospel tells us those who seek themselves are on the road to self-destruction. Our relationship with God, our loved ones, our community and our world only finds life through self-giving.

prayingalonetogether.blogspot.com

(taken from 'Intercom')

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Catechetical course for adults wishing to become Catholic (non-Christians) or to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church (other Christian denominations). It is hoped to begin this course in September in preparation for Easter 2024. If you are interested or simply wish to reflect on this step please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. Much of the course is conducted through discussion and reflection and with sensitive regard to the faith tradition of candidates.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The monthly collection for the work of the local Conference of the Society, St Peter's Conference, will take place at Masses next weekend 8th/9th July. The Conference continues to respond to the many requests for assistance from families and from individuals in the parish area. Your donation makes this work possible.

FEAST OF ST THOMAS, MONDAY 3 JULY

One of Jesus' twelve apostles, Thomas stands out for his open and direct manner. His act of faith on touching the wounds of the risen Jesus has become the timeless utterance of Catholics at the elevation of the Sacred Host in the Mass and at Benediction. His apostolate after the resurrection brought him to the Medes and Persians and on to India which had strong trading links with Syria and surrounding countries. We rejoice in his feast-day with the many Indian families in our parish who look to St Thomas as their national patron.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 2 July 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Second Book of Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband,

'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old'. Elisha said, 'Call her'. The servant called her and she stood at the door, 'This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

*'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.
Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me.
Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.'*

Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

St. Thomas
Pray for us!

Apostle & Martyr

He travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, and ultimately reached India, where he was martyred.

Feast Day: July 3

Share Catholic

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Kathleen Johnston, Margaret (Peg) Skeffington, Silvana Miller and John Conlon.

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.**

ACTIVE RETIRED

Our annual holiday takes place from 25th - 29th Sept. to Mount Errigal Hotel in Letterkenny. Some places are still available. If interested, phone Maureen at 087 778 8432 or Ursula at 087 412 2472.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 25 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,024.15
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 405.20
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 257.21

Thank you for your support to the parish.

St. Maria Goretti
Pray for us!

- Virgin & Martyr -
Patron of youth, young women,
purity, and victims of rape.

Feast Day: July 6

Share Catholic

Stabbed 14 times during an indecent assault, aged 11yrs.
Died the next day: 6 July 1902.
Beatified: by Pope Pius XII on April 27, 1947.
Canonized: by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

PETER'S PENCE

Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry. The collection, which takes place this week-end replaces Share.

OUR KNOCK PILGRIMAGE...

takes place Saturday 9th Sept. Bookings commence Monday 14th August. Details at the Parish Office, 838 9708 or info@stpetersphibsboro.ie.