



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: 18 June 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 18 June

Special Intention

Simon D'Silva (B)

Paddy Burke (MM)

Austin Brennan (A)

Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke (A)

Joseph McDonnell (A)

Filip Janecek (RD)

John Lawrence (D)

Fatima Gonsalves (D)

Monday, 19 June

St Romuald, abbot

Bl. Dermot O'Hurley, bishop & Companions, martyrs

Cornelius Linehan (MM)

Florence Gartland (2nd A)

Tuesday, 20 June

The Irish Martyrs

Special Intention

Wednesday, 21 June

St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Kelsey Kinsella (MM)

Anthony McMahon (MM)

Thursday, 22 June

St Paulinus of Nola, bishop

Ss John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs

Special Intention

Friday, 23 June

Jomini Jose (1st A)

Filip Janecek (RD)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 24 June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Fr Stuart Reynolds (10th A of Ordination)

Nora Scully (BR)

John Brennan (BR)

The Bible can be described as a long love letter from God to his people. Right through the Bible in both the Old Testament and the New Testament the message is very simple: God loves us and God is faithful to his promises. The image of a loving God is all over the readings of today's Mass.

1st Reading: *God called to him from the mountain;*

I carried you on eagles wings and brought you to myself.

If you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant you of all the nations shall be my very own; Ex 19:2-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99

Indeed how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

2nd Reading: *What proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Rom 5:6-11*

Gospel: *When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Matt 9:36*

The word of the Lord came to Moses in the wilderness on Mount Sinai. It is very significant that this word came to Moses when he was on a mountain in the wilderness. Moses found God in the wilderness.

Where is the wilderness in our lives? The wilderness could be a serious illness, or some form of addiction or a death or a relationships going wrong or the break up of a marriage, or facing retirement or losing a job, or disillusionment or depression and so on. There is no end to the list. Wherever the wilderness is and whatever the wilderness is, God can be found in the wilderness. In those wilderness situations the words of St Teresa of Avila are particularly apt and helpful. *All is gift; all is grace.*

Fr Mark Noonan CM

PATRICIAN ON ST PETER AND ST PAUL

The patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'St Peter and St Paul'. There will be a brief paper, then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard. We have a cup of tea and light refreshments mid-way and then we resume with a paper from Fr Cornelius CM on the topic. Everyone is very welcome to come along to St Peter's Club on Tuesday 27th June at 7.30pm. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially John Conlon, Liam Daly, Anthony McMahon and Kelsey Kinsella.

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.**

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 18 June 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus

From Rephidim they set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel,

"You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord,
all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people,
the sheep of his flock.

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

SECOND READING

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

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been

reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Kingdom of God is close at hand,
repent and believe the good news.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, '*The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest*'.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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 11 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,067.51
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 438.20
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 272.67

Thank you for your support to the parish.

