



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 9 July 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 9 July

*St François-Régis Clet, priest & martyr
& Ss Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
are not celebrated this year*

Fr Leonard Taylor (MM)

Mary Twyford (A)

Taze Pylla (A)

Esther (Gertie) (A) & John (D)

Tyrrell

Francis O'Connell (D)

Mrs Coates (D)

Monday, 10 July

John (BR) & Brigid (A) Penston

Tom Scanlan (A)

Eamon Peters (D)

Tuesday, 11 July

St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

Kathleen McElligott (A)

Wednesday, 12 July

Special Intention

Marion Grehan (SI)

Thursday, 13 July

*St Henry, Duke of Bavaria & reformer of
the Church*

John Conlon (MM)

Brigid & Dave Neessens (A)

Friday, 14 July

*St Camillus de Lellis, priest, Patron of
nurses, hospitals & the sick*

Richard Hoolahan (RD)

John & Kathleen Hoolahan (A)

Angela Harrington (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 15 July

*St Bonaventure, bishop & doctor of the
Church*

Noel Edmonds (A)

THE POWER OF HUMILITY

Earlier in life I had some very good, but also very unassuming teachers. One was a brilliant professor who shared his knowledge as a gift, without claim of any personal recognition. He reminds me of the Lord himself in today's Gospel (Matthew 11).

Scripture

Arrogance is condemned in today's readings. The effects of human self-importance are seen in history, from the original sin of Adam to the present. The philosophy of the superman and super-race has led to devastating consequences.

The 1st Reading from Zechariah 9 (late 6th century BC) is a prophecy of the humble, gentle Messiah (Christ). The 2nd Reading (Romans 8) calls us to obey God's guidance, and live a humble, spiritual life. Jesus in the Gospel praises his Father who gives grace, interior knowledge, and divine experience to those who are humble.

Our lives

We can all have this most desirable condition in our Church - through prayer, trust in God, devotion to Mass and regular Confession. We trust also in Mary, have a straightforward simple daily life at home and in all situations. The humility and dignity of many great people of our Church inspire us. If we are humbled, despised and ignored let us try to bear it by trusting in the Lord. But we have a right to defend ourselves. Humility brings us close to God.

"A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn, O Lord." (Psalm 51)

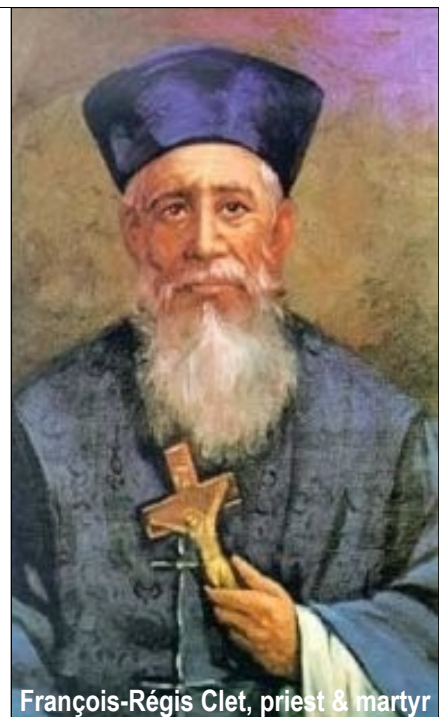
Of-peated prayer of St Teresa of Avila on her final journey from Valladolid to Alba,
as recorded by St Anne of St Bartholomew, her companion nurse.

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

FRANÇOIS-RÉGIS CLET, PRIEST & MARTYR...

... was born in Grenoble, France. At 21 he entered the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and in July 1789, he went to China. Due to a suspected plot, Chinese Christians were ordered to reject the Christian faith and foreigners were ordered out. Despite attempts to stay in hiding, François-Régis was arrested in June 1819 at the age of 71. He was brutally tortured. In his final moments, he prayerfully dedicated the sacrifices of his life to God. On February 18, 1820, Clet was tied on a cross and strangled with a rope until he suffocated to death.

François-Régis Clet was declared venerable in 1843. He was then beatified in 1900. On October 1, 2000, he was canonized by Pope John Paul II.



François-Régis Clet, priest & martyr

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 9 July 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant,

humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem;

the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

I will give you glory, O God my King,

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign

and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words

and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall

and raises all who are bowed down.

SECOND READING

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

Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you.

In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

My brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed,

'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Elizabeth Gill (Leinster Street), Kathleen Johnston, Margaret 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.**

OUR ANNUAL KNOCK PILGRIMAGE...

... will take place on Saturday 9th Sept. Bookings commence Tuesday 8th August (**please note change of date for bookings**). Details at the Parish Office, info@stpetersphibsboro.ie or 838 9708.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 25 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,202.58

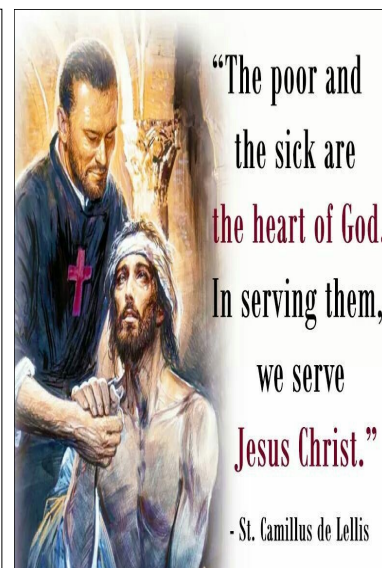
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 558.20

Peter's Pence (2nd Collection) = € 531.12

Thank you for your support to the parish.

RCIA

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.



SVP

Their monthly collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 8th/9th July.