



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 23 July 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 23 July

*World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*

*St Bridget of Sweden, religious, patron of Europe is not celebrated this year*

Margaret (Peg) Skeffington (MM)

Noreen Horgan (MM)

Jomini Jose (1st A)

Nora Sheehan (A)

Maureen & Jack Naughton (A)

Fitzmaurice & Drury Families (D)

John Lawrence (D)

#### Monday, 24 July

*St Sharbel Makhlūf, priest*

*St Declan, bishop*

Kathleen Johnston (MM)

Teresa Dale (BR)

John Lawrence (D)

#### Tuesday, 25 July

*St James, Apostle*

Mollie Haugh (A)

James Irwin (A)

John Lawrence (D)

#### Wednesday, 26 July

*Ss Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Thanksgiving

Marc Murphy (BR)

#### Thursday, 27 July

Frances Devine (1st A)

Declan & Pat Hughes & Family (D)

Francis Fernandes (D)

#### Friday, 28 July

*St Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor invoked against fevers and vicious dogs*

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Tom Nash (D)

#### Saturday, 29 July

*Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

Lily Power (A)

### POINTS TO PONDER

On the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis gives us an opportunity to detach from the seemingly new and immediate and to honour those who teach us another way. The celebration falls on the fourth Sunday of July, the Sunday closest to the feast of Ss Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This day is an occasion for us to slow down, to appreciate the wisdom of years past, and to thank those who have handed it down to us. In short, it is a time to receive and to give. First, it is a time to receive and to appreciate all that they have given us. Many of us have wonderful memories of our grandparents. Maybe we recall a celebration or family tradition, or perhaps simply their presence in our lives. We might have a keepsake that reminds us of them, of the times we shared with them one-on-one, and of their love for us. We treasure their stories and advice. These things remind us of what we have received — and continue to receive — from them.

One thing we receive from them is perspective in the here and now. We live in turbulent times. We can focus so much on our current circumstances that we give them an outsized importance and perhaps think that we are alone in facing our challenges. Our grandparents and the elderly put things in perspective and teach us that we are not alone. They themselves struggled, suffered setbacks and sorrows, but still found much joy in their lives. By looking back and reflecting, we can see that they are able to offer us unparalleled advice and perspective.

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(taken from 'Intercom')

### 'THE FATHER SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN'

The patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'The Father speaks to His children'. There will be a brief paper on this topic, then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard. We have a cup of tea and light refreshments mid-way. Everyone is very welcome to come along on Tuesday 25th July at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

### 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.

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 23 July 2023

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly;  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will  
grant repentance.  
The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice.
2. All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God.
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me.

### SECOND READING

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

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot  
choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses  
our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who

knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means,  
and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according  
to the mind of God.  
The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see  
what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL (Shorter form)

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds,  
*'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good  
seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came,  
sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new  
wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The own-  
er's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you  
sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some  
enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you  
want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you  
weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both  
grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers:  
First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the  
wheat into my bam."*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### OUR ANNUAL KNOCK PILGRIMAGE...

... takes place Saturday 9th Sept. Bookings com-  
mence on Tuesday 8th August. Details at the Parish  
Office, [info@stpetersphibsboro.ie](mailto:info@stpetersphibsboro.ie) or 838 9708.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died  
recently especially Elizabeth Gill, and Silvana Miller.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetu-  
al light shine upon them. May their souls and the  
souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of  
God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 16 July

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,303.52
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 388.20
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 348.26

Thank you for your support to the parish.

### PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus, you were born of the  
Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints  
Joachim and Anne. Look with love  
on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of  
enrichment for families, for the  
Church and for all of society.  
Support them as they grow older.  
May they continue to be for their  
families strong pillars of Gospel  
faith, guardians of noble domestic  
ideals, living treasures of sound  
religious traditions. Make them  
teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future  
generations the fruits of their ma-  
ture human and spiritual experi-  
ence. Lord Jesus, help families and  
society to value the presence and  
role of grandparents. May they nev-

er be ignored or excluded, but al-  
ways encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to  
feel welcomed in all the years of life  
which you give them. Mary, Mother  
of all the living, keep grandparents  
constantly in your care, accompany  
them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all  
families may one day be reunited in  
our heavenly homeland, where you  
await all humanity for the great  
embrace of life without end. Amen.

**Pope Benedict XVI**

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Saints Anne and Joachim, the  
Grandparents of Jesus. Pray for us.

Thank you to all our Grandparents  
and Elderly on this special day.