



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 30 July 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 30 July

*St Justin De Jacobis, bishop & Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor of the Church are not celebrated this year*

Christina (Ina) Jenkinson (MM)

Joe Lardner (A)

Jack & Maureen Naughton (A)

Michael Swan (A)

Gerard Byrne (A)

Phyllis Whelan (A)

#### Monday, 31 July

*St Ignatius of Loyola, priest*

Myron Fernandes (B) (T)

#### Tuesday, 1 August

*World Youth Day takes place 1-6 Aug in Lisbon*

*St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & doctor of the Church*

Carmel Biddle (MM)

#### Wednesday, 2 August

*St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop*

*St Peter Julian Eymard, priest*

Intentions of the Parish (SI)

#### Thursday, 3 August

William Dowling (A)

#### First Friday, 4 August

*St John Mary Vianney, priest*

Catherine Dowdall (A)

May Foley (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 5 August

*Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*

Marion Grehan (SI)

Betty Gill (MM)

A = Anniversary

B = Birthday

BR = Birthday Remembrance

D = Deceased

GW = Get Well

MM = Months Mind

RD = Recently Deceased

SI = Special Intention

W = Wedding

WA = Wedding Anniversary

### JOY OF DISCOVERY

Treasure hunts can be a source of great joy to children. Something is hidden in some place and clues are left in various other places which, if properly followed, will lead to the hidden treasure. When someone finally makes it to the treasure, there is great joy at discovering the hidden treasure. There are different sorts of joy, and the joy of discovery is a very special joy. This joy of discovery is not confined to children. As adults we can experience that joy too. The first two parables that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel reading is about the joy of discovery. Both the poor labourer and the rich merchant experience the joy of discovering something wonderful. Apart from the fact that one was poor and the other was rich, they differ in one other way. The poor labourer accidentally stumbled upon the treasure while he was doing something completely unrelated to it. The rich merchant found his treasure after many years of diligently searching for it.

We are all here at this Eucharist because, at some level, we have come to appreciate Jesus as a wonderful treasure, as a pearl of great price. For some of us, this treasure may have come to us without any real searching on our part. It came to us through others, our parents, our grandparents, those who journeyed with us in life. Others among us may have come to this treasure after much searching. Indeed, both parables may apply to some of us. Perhaps we were given the treasure of Jesus by others, just as the day labourer was given the treasure by the field he was digging, but we may have lost what we had been given. Then we may have set out on our own searching journey, like the rich merchant, and through our own searching found what had once been given and had lost. Either way, Jesus is saying in those parables, that the treasure of the Gospel is there to be discovered and to be rediscovered, and those who experience the Gospel for the treasure that it is will find a joy that the world cannot give.

Fr Martin Hogan

### ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Bookings will be taken for our Vincentian Family pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock from Tuesday 8th August. Total cost is €60.00 per person (payable in full at time of booking) which includes coach fare, tea/coffee & scones on the way and dinner on return journey at the Longford Arms Hotel. Details at the Parish Office, 838 9708, info@stpetersphibsboro.ie, Monday - Friday from 10.00am - 12.00pm.

### INTERCESSION FOR PRIESTS

Intercession for Priests takes place this year in Maynooth and Knock, on Thursday 10th August. Mass will be celebrated here in St Peter's Church at 7.00pm to ask God's blessing on the work of the intercessions. Sr Briege McKenna will speak and lead us in intercessory prayer for priests throughout the world.

# LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 30 July 2023

## FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared in a dream to Solomon during the night. God said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you'. Solomon replied,

*Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?*

It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this.

*'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.*

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me,  
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me  
and I shall live for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has, called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

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

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

*'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

*'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.*

*'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.*

*'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes'.*

And he said to them, *'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old'.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

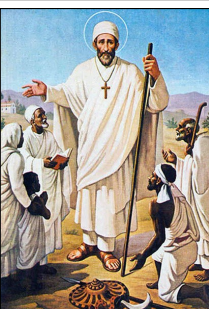
## IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Margaret Cavanagh, James Farrell and Elizabeth Gill.

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.**

## 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.

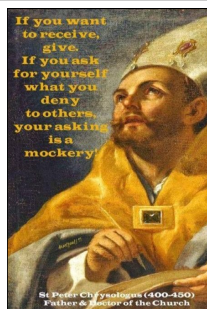


**Giustino Sebastiano Pasquale de Jacobis, CM** (9 October 1800 – 31 July 1860) was an Italian Catholic bishop and member of the Congregation of the Mission who became a Vicar Apostolic in Ethiopia and Eritrea and the Titular Bishop of Nilopolis. He is often known in English-speaking countries as Justin de Jacobis.

## COLLECTIONS - Sun 23 July

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = € 992.96  
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 583.20  
Share (2nd Collection) = € 265.07

Thank you for your support to the parish.



**Peter Chrysologus** was Bishop of Ravenna from about 433 until his death. He is known as the 'Doctor of Homilies' for the concise reflections he delivered during his time. He is revered as a saint by Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches.