



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 24 September 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 24 September

*World Day of Migrants & Refugees*

Fonzie McCullagh (RD)  
Eileen & Frank Murray (A)  
Nuala (25th) & John (6th) Spillane (A)  
Kathleen & Thomas Somers (A)  
Tom, Maggie & John Maughan (D)

#### Monday, 25 September

*St Finbarr, bishop*

Special Intention  
Anne Ryan (MM)  
Michael Dorney (A)  
Sheila Dunne (A)  
Tom, Maggie & John Maughan (D)

#### Tuesday, 26 September

*Ss Cosmas & Damian, martyrs*

Anne Murray (BR)  
Mick & Mary O'Dwyer (A)  
Tom, Maggie & John Maughan (D)

#### Wednesday, 27 September

*St Vincent de Paul, priest, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission & of the Daughters of Charity*

Special Intention  
Catherine Maguire (MM)  
Helen Corrigan Rayner (A)

#### Thursday, 28 September

*St Wenceslaus, martyr & Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, martyrs*

Special Intention  
Birthday Intention

#### Friday, 29 September

*Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

Julie Gilmartin (A)  
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 30 September

*St Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church*

Marion Grehan (SI)

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

### AMAZING GRACE

J. B. S. Haldane, biologist, judges that the universe is not only stranger than we suppose, but that it is stranger than we *can* imagine.

Put another way, our physical universe sometimes defies human logic.

Little wonder, then, that God sometimes acts in ways that challenge our narrow minds.

In the First Reading today, God says:

"...my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways..."

Danger for small minds: to demand that God should think and act according to our standards.

God is not in trial. We are.

In Jesus' parable about recruitment and payment of casual labourers in a Palestinian vineyard what appears unjust by labour-market calculation, is, in fact, remarkably generous.

All the workers receive a fair wage, and some a very generous one.

**"Why be envious because I am generous".**

That is how God acts. We call it "grace".

*Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound)*

*That sav'd a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found,*

*Was blind, but now I see.*

(John Newton, slave-ship captain; 1779)

Fr Padraig Regan CM

### FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

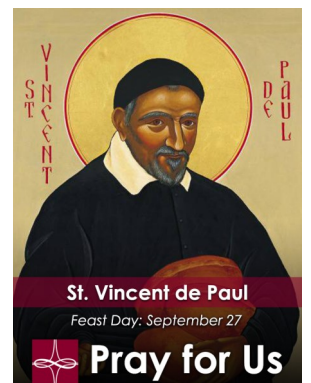
Wednesday 27th September, Mass at 7.00pm

All are invited to join us as we thank God for the life and work of St Vincent.

Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians), the Daughters of Charity with St Louise de Marillac and the Ladies of Charity.

**Celebrant:**

Fr Paschal Scallon CM, Provincial



### FAITH AND THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY

6.30pm - Holy Faith Sisters

10.00am - Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM)

11.30am - DePaul

<p><b>FAITH and the VINCENTIAN FAMILY</b></p> <p>SEPTEMBER 23</p> <p>6.30PM</p> <p>Holy Faith Sisters</p> <p>Congregation of the Holy Faith Sisters (CHF)</p> <p>ST PETER'S CHURCH, PHIBSBORO</p>		<p><b>FAITH and the VINCENTIAN FAMILY</b></p> <p>SEPTEMBER 24</p> <p>10.00AM</p> <p>VLM</p> <p>Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM)</p> <p>11.30AM</p> <p>DEPAUL</p> <p>DePaul</p> <p>ST PETER'S CHURCH, PHIBSBORO</p>
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# LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 24 September 2023

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of *Isaiah*

*Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.  
The Word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured.

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.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death.  
Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.  
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ.  
The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!

Or:

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

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:  
*The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage". So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too".*  
*In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first". So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat."*  
*He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?"*  
*Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'*  
The Gospel of the Lord

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Fonzie McCullagh (Dungloe, brother of Fr Michael CM), Thelma Coppola (née Morelli, Cherrymount Park), Irene Swords (née Hyland, Killala Road) and Winifred Kennedy.

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.**

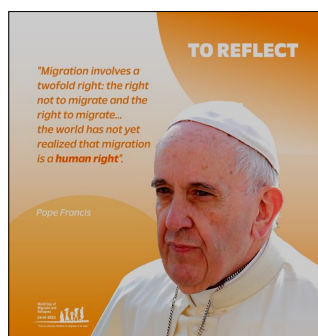
## RCIA

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.

## COLLECTIONS - Sun 17th Sept

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,312.56  
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 643.20  
Crosscare (2nd Collection) = € 973.66

Thank you for your continued support to the parish and the diocese.



## PATRICIAN ON 'MARRIAGE'

The Patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'Marriage'. There will be a brief paper on the topic, and 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 26th September at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club (carpark entrance on Cabra Road). The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.