



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 October 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 1 October

Day for Life

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Pashk Pylla (SI)

Marie O'Reilly (1st A)

Zoj Qarraj (A)

Olive Howlin (RD)

Monday, 2 October

The Holy Guardian Angels

Gretta O'Neill (RD)

Toni Ryan (D)

Tony O'Malley (D)

Tuesday, 3 October

Bl. Columba Marmion, priest

Special Intention

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 4 October

St Francis of Assisi

Special Intention

Holy Souls

Thursday, 5 October

St Mary Faustina Kowalska, virgin

Michael Mongey (SI)

Alex Mongey (SI)

Holy Souls

First Friday, 6 October

Children's Day of Mission Prayer

St Bruno, priest

Kathleen, John & David

Cullen (D)

Saturday, 7 October

Our Lady of the Rosary

Marion Grehan (SI)

NEVER TOO LATE

Most of us get annoyed when people say they will do something for us and then fail to deliver on their promise. We end up feeling let down. Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we will recognise that we all fail in this respect, to some extent at least. We have all said that we will do this or that and then failed to do it. In that sense, there is something of the second son in today's parable in all of us, the son who told his father he would work in the vineyard, but never did so. Our 'yes' can become a 'no' in practice. There can be many reasons for this. We may say 'yes' just to keep someone happy, without ever really intending to follow up on what we are asked. Or some of us may find it hard to say 'no'. We may tend to say 'yes' to every request and have the intention to follow through, even though we could not possibly do all that we promise to do. The Gospels proclaim that it is never too late to change for the better. That is a message that we all need to hear. Whatever 'no's' we may have said in the past need not determine our present or future responses. Each day is a new day, a new opportunity to say 'yes' to the Lord's call as it comes to us through those among whom we live and work. 'Today' is what matters, not yesterday - in the words of Psalm 95, 'O that today you would listen to his voice; harden not your hearts'. Every 'today' is a new opportunity to think better of something and to make a more generous response to life's call, to God's call - an opportunity to put on the 'mind of Christ' that St Paul speaks about in our second reading. That mind of Christ shows itself in a willingness to put the interests of others before our own, just as Christ emptied himself for the sake of us all. It is never too late to grow more fully into the mind and heart of Christ.

www.tumblr.com/frmartinshomiliesandreflections

(taken from 'Intercom')

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The rosary evokes a wide range of responses and reactions in us. Memories of the family rosary kneeling on the stone kitchen floor with all the trimmings are for some nostalgic and for others painful. For some the continuous repetition of words, words, words even if they are prayers seems pointless, while others experience a calmness that carries them to a place of inner peace.

The rosary is a prayer dear to the Mother of God as is evident from several of her apparitions (e.g. Lourdes and Fatima) where she carries a rosary and prays on it. As we pray the rosary we reflect or meditate on the mysteries in the life of Jesus and bring to them the mysteries in our own lives, some joyful, some sorrowful, some glorious, some lighting our way.

Throughout the month of October the rosary will be prayed after Mass each day for the intentions of families, those who are unwell, the grieving and parishioners in hospital or nursing care. Please join in if you can.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

One of our parish safeguarding representatives will speak briefly at Mass this weekend on the work of safeguarding which is ongoing in the parish.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 1 October 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:

You object, "What the Lord does is unjust".

Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?

When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live.

He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

3. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

SECOND READING (shorter form)

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition

among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

'What is your opinion?

A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today".

He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went.

The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go.

Which of the two did the father's will?

'The first' they said.

Jesus said to them,

'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

CROSSCARE

We would like to thank you for your most generous contribution to the annual collection which amounted to €973.66.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Jacinta Smith, Thelma Coppola, Irene Swords.

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.**

COLLECTIONS - Sun 24th Sept

Parish (1st Collection) = €935.80

Envelopes = €340.00

Share (2nd Collection) = €249.18

Online Donations will be included next week (Internet down).

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