



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: 8 October 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 8 October

Carol Seery (RD)
Patricia Heaslip (A)
Jim Devlin (A)
Holy Souls

Monday, 9 October

St John Henry Newman, priest
Ss Denis, bishop & Companions, martyrs
St John Leonardi, priest
Marc Murphy (A)
Holy Souls

Tuesday, 10 October

Eamon Peters (BR)
Holy Souls

Wednesday, 11 October

St John XXIII, pope
St Canice, abbot
Paddy Clarke (A)
Holy Souls

Thursday, 12 October

Samuel Mongey (SI)
Thomas Mongey (SI)
Aine Mongey (SI)
Holy Souls

Friday, 13 October

Kathleen, John & David
Cullen (D)
Holy Souls

Saturday, 14 October

St Callistus I, pope & martyr
Marion Grehan (SI)
Holy Souls

GOOD YIELD FROM THE VINEYARD

Context and teaching

We are not familiar with vineyards in Ireland. But many will have seen Continental vineyards, whether in reality or in pictures. In the 1st Reading (Isaiah 5) from the 8th century BC the whole people of Israel is called the Lord's vineyard. But the prophet conveys God's displeasure with their behaviour. Jesus in the Gospel (Matthew 21) continues the vineyard symbol to embrace the new People of God, the Church. A message of prophetic warning is expressed. A call is strongly issued to his listeners to accept Christ, "the true Vine" (John 15:1).

Where we come in

An examination of conscience and strong resolve are in order for us. Our call is to honour our Lord, obey all his precepts, live a full Catholic life, with sound discernment of our role as unfolding in daily life of personal, family, social, work situations. While the total vineyard of the Church is worldwide, yet all live in their own particular area.

Not many years ago working with the Daughters of Charity, I visited Kenya. One Sunday morning in Nairobi I attended parish Mass. I was amazed at the living example of children, teenagers, young men and women, people of all ages praying with great reverence. Here I saw the power of Mass going forth into daily life.

We meet here at St Peter's, many young and middle-aged people from all continents. They, along with our local faithful, are loyal to Sunday Mass. We likewise are encouraged in our fidelity to Christ the Vine, Christ's Body and Blood. St Paul's exhortation in the 2nd Reading (Philippians 4) calls us to fill our minds "with all that is good, noble, pure and true".

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM



PARISH GARDEN PARTY AND BUZZFEST

Thankyou to all who helped to make this recent event a success. Those who helped with the planning and organising, those who set up and attended stalls, those who provided entertainment - a special mention for Ms Eileene and her troop of Irish Dancers. The blessing of the bees is a reminder of all that God has given us in Creation and our responsibility to care well for it. The event raised €769.85 and proceeds will be used to help people who are experiencing social isolation.

THE SYNOD BEGINS

Accompanied by prayer, and after two years of worldwide preparation and consultation, the Synod, a gathering of men and women, lay and ordained from around the world, began last Wednesday in Rome.

Here in our Archdiocese, as part of that worldwide consultation almost 13,000 of us engaged in 'spiritual conversations' in parishes about our joys, our sorrows, our hopes and fears for what the Church can be today and in the future. The synodal invitation to listen to each other, and to walk together in prayer accompanied by the Holy Spirit, was received enthusiastically. It was clear that respondents valued the opportunity to share and participate in collective discernment.

The synod is a process of spiritual discernment that unfolds in prayer and in dialogue with the word of God. As Pope Francis reminds us it is not a parliament or debating society. In the short reading today, Paul invites the community to prayer — for anything they need — and reassures them that the God of peace will guard them and their thoughts. Nothing is more important on the Synodal Pathway than we all lift up our hearts in prayer for each other, for those meeting in Rome and for the outcome of the two-part assembly, this year and in 2024.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 8 October 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
*My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.*

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it, you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
Devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can un-

derstand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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!

I chose you from the world
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last says the Lord
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
*Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:
‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives’. Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’*

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Carol Seery (tragically on Phibsborough Road), Jacinta Smith, Thelma Coppola and 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 24 Sept (online) & Sun 1st Oct

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €179.00	= €1,249.21
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	= € 30.20	= € 463.20
Share (2nd Collection)		= € 256.79

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

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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.