



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 15 October 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 15 October

Kathleen Hannon (A)  
Paddy & Anna Mulcahy (A)  
Sr Clare Murphy (A)  
Gerry Bartley (A)  
Eamon Spellman (20th A)  
Paddy Hannon (D)

#### Monday, 16 October

St John Henry Newman, priest  
Ss Denis, bishop & Companions, martyrs  
St John Leonardi, priest  
Irene Swords (MM)  
Pat & Shay Murphy (A)  
Lil Keady (A)

#### Tuesday, 17 October

Walter & Kathleen (A)

#### Wednesday, 18 October

St John XXIII, pope  
St Canice, abbot  
Thelma Coppola (MM)  
Emily Dale (BR)

#### Thursday, 19 October

Fonzie McCullagh (MM)  
Paddy & Anna Mulcahy (A)

#### Friday, 20 October

Mary Breen (A)  
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 21 October

St Callistus I, pope & martyr  
Marion Grehan (SI)  
John Conlon (RD)  
Sheila Kelly (1st A)

*The Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food...The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek...The Lord will destroy death for ever.*  
(Isaiah 25:6-10)

Today's first reading and Gospel reading are about banquets and feasting. In the Gospel reading invitations to the wedding banquet are issued but those who were invited made excuses and didn't attend.

It is fairly common throughout the scriptures for a banquet to be used as a symbol of happiness in the Kingdom of God. A banquet is a place of harmony and peace and having a good time. Attending banquets are not part of our lives. But we have a good idea of what being at a banquet is like.

A future life with God in the first reading from Isaiah is compared to being at a banquet of rich food and fine wines. The image of God in the first reading is a generous God who lavishes his gifts on us. *God will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples... The Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food...The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek...The Lord will destroy death for ever.* It's a very beautiful description of a future life with God in the Kingdom of Heaven. The banqueting atmosphere of friendly conviviality is a good image for that perfect loving communion with God and with others in the next life. Sometimes the Eucharist is referred to as the heavenly banquet.

At our baptism all of us received an invitation to the banquet. There is an RSVP on the invitation. Répondez s'il vous plaît - respond if you please. We spend our lives working out our RSVP. We work out the response we make in our relationship with each other. We work out the RSVP in our relationship with Jesus Christ. The actual working out of the relationship with Jesus and with those around us is a preparation for our participation in the banquet that is eternal life with God.

But it is not all our own work, as Paul reminds us in the second reading of today's Mass. *'There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the one who gives me strength.'*

Fr Mark Noonan CM

### THE SPIRIT OF THE SYNOD

As the work of the Synod gets going all participants are being reminded of the great value of silence which creates the space for real listening. Pope Francis spoke of the value of silence. 'Silence lies at the beginning and end of Christ's earthly existence. The Word, the Word of the Father, became 'silence' in the manger and on the cross, on the night of the Nativity and on the night of his Passion.' The Pope noted that God seems to prefer silence to 'shouting, gossiping and noise.' When he appears to the Prophet Elijah, God does not appear in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a 'small still voice.' Please continue to pray for the work of the Synod in the silence of your heart.

### MISSION SUNDAY - NEXT WEEKEND 21ST/22ND OCT

Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, and assists the Church's evangelising work in places where missionaries strive to bring the good news of Jesus Christ, so often in situations and circumstances which are difficult, isolated, impoverished or dangerous. The collection for Mission Sunday replaces the Share collection. Envelopes are available in the Church this weekend for those who wish to return them with their contribution next weekend or post directly to Missio.

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 15 October 2023

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food,  
a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;  
The Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.  
The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too.  
I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere:  
full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.  
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.  
All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships.  
In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can.  
Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.  
The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!  
Or  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
enlighten the eyes of your mind  
so that you can see  
what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:  
'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants,  
"The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be *unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding*".  
*So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth".*  
*For many are called, but few are chosen.'*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Jacinta Smith.  
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 8th Oct

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,313.40
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	= € 420.20
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 258.79
SVP (incl. €500 cash donation)	= €1,032.17
Church Repairs	= € 800.00

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 weekday (Mon - Fri) for the intentions of families, those who are unwell, the grieving and parishioners in hospital or nursing care. Please join in if you can.