



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 17 September 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 17 September

St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church and St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin & doctor of the Church are not celebrated this year

Toni Ryan née Kernan (MM)
John (Sean) Flanagan (1st A)
Aisling Fitzgerald (3rd A)
Ernest Hartmann (13th A)
Patrick Power (A)

Annie O'Loughnan (A)
Matthew Murphy (A)
Trea Deepprose (A)

Karel Sax (RD)
Gloria Robles (D)
Dave Kavanagh & Sammy (D)

Monday, 18 September

Tommy Brooks (MM)
Teresa Murphy (MM)
Milagrina Dias (D)

Tuesday, 19 September

St Januarius, bishop & martyr

Wednesday, 20 September

Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, & Companions, martyrs

Special Intention

Emily Sutton (BR)
Rosendo Licudine (D)
Anastacia Licudine (D)

Thursday, 21 September

St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Rhona Kennedy (MM)

Michael Power (A)

Maria Dias (BR)

Friday, 22 September

Kevin Cogan (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 23 September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest
St Eunan (Adomnán), abbot

Marion Grehan (SI)

Jomini Jose (D)

GARDEN PARTY / BUZZFEST

Saturday 23rd September from 2pm - 5pm.
Donations gratefully accepted: bottles for our bottle stall, cakes, unwanted gifts for the parish office or sacristy. Some willing volunteers needed to help set up and clean up on the day. Thank you.

Peter went up to Jesus and said:

Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me. As often as 7 times.

Jesus answered: Not seven I tell you but seventy seven times.

Matt 18:21-35

The New Zealand writer and author Katherine Mansfield who died in 1923 has written a short story called *The Fly*. The story is about the owner of a large business in some part of England during the First World War. He had an only son who was his pride and joy. He had hoped the son would take over the business from him and look after him in his old age. But the son was killed in the First World War. He never got over the son's death and was full of anger and bitterness.

One day, while he was thinking about those things, he was sitting at his desk in his office. A fly landed on the blotting paper pad in front of him. He dipped his pen into the inkwell. Just as the fly was about to take off, he dropped an ink drop on the fly. The fly took a while to recover. After a minute or two the fly picked itself up and shook away the ink drops. Just as the fly was about to take off, he dipped his pen in the ink well again and dropped another drop of ink on the fly. This time the fly took longer to recover. But eventually it did. Just as the fly was about to take off for the third time, another ink drop landed on the fly. This time there was no movement. The fly was dead.

He didn't see the significance of the blobs of ink on the fly. He didn't make a connection with himself. The ink drops on the fly was about his own inability to forgive what had happened his son and move on. He was slowly killing himself with resentment and anger. He didn't make the connection between his own darkness and lack of forgiveness and the ink drops on the fly.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Wednesday 27th September.

Mass at 7.00pm. Celebrant:

Very Rev. Paschal Scallon CM,
Provincial of the Vincentians. All are welcome to attend.

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, then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard. Everyone is welcome to come along, Tuesday 26th Sept at 7.30pm, St Peter's Club. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

Biodiversity Sustainability Circularity

Buzzfest & Repair Café 2023

& St Peter's Church Garden Party
fundraising for local people experiencing social isolation

* FAMILY-FRIENDLY
* FREE ENTRY

TWO-DAY EVENT
Saturday 23rd September 2pm-5pm
St Peter's Church Garden
& Sunday 24th September 1.30pm-5pm
Phibsboro Scout Hall & Villa Bank Garden

With Special Guests, Music, Dancing, Refreshments & Face-Painting

Including:

- Blessing of the Bees Ceremony
- Biodiversity & Sustainability Stalls
- Baking Competition
- Pond Building Workshop
- Clothes Swap & Sustainable Fashion Workshop
- Raffle
- And much more!

BuzzFest SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

Phibsboro Village
CLIMATE CLUB
NORTH CIRCULAR ECONOMY
Community Foundations Ireland

FAITH AND THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY

10.00am - Association of the Miraculous Medal (AMM)

11.30am - Vincentian Marian Youth (VMY)

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SEPTEMBER 17

10AM
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ST PETER'S CHURCH, PHIBSBORO

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 17 September 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead

we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another,
just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said,

'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?'

Jesus answered, *'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'*

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.'

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you". But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.'

His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.'

And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Mary Hill (née Walsh, formerly Phibsborough) and Winifred Ada Nnochiri 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 10th Sept

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,128.66

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 333.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 313.11

SVP (Monthly Collection) = € 421.73

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

CROSSCARE

The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now over 9,000; this includes almost 3,000 children. Crosscare provides accommodation in six locations in the city, including a Family Hub and a service for homeless teenage boys. As well as providing emergency and medium-term services, our teams work with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their homes. The Crosscare Annual Appeal Collection will be taken up at all Masses in the Archdiocese of Dublin this weekend (16th/17th Sept). You can also donate online at: www.crosscare.ie/donate.