



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 22 October 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 22 October

Mission Sunday

St John Paul II, pope is not celebrated this year

Lucy Cahill (1st A)
Alan Caffrey (1st A)
Joe Byrne (A)
Julia Hehir (A)
Peter Senezio (A)
Rose Sheridan (A)
Maura Fitzpatrick (A)
Benny & Maisie O'Brien (A)
Kathleen Phelan (A)
Jack Fitzpatrick (24th A)
19th/36th Panama Scout Unit (D)

Monday, 23 October

St John of Capistrano, priest

Peter & Kathleen Moriarty (SI)
Francie Brooks (A)
Jomini Jose (D)
Heron Lawson (D)

Tuesday, 24 October

St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Jacinta Smith (MM)
Joe Wyer (A)

Wednesday, 25 October

Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy, bishop

John Shanahan (A)

Thursday, 26 October

Stella Gaffney (3rd A)

Friday, 27 October

St Otteran, monk

Fr Peter Vrabec (B)
Bernadette Connaughton (BR)
Lora McClory (A)
Patrick Harrington (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 28 October

Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

Marion Grehan (SI)

GOD IN WHAT HAPPENS

During the COVID pandemic there was a short video which went 'viral' that showed a young man entering a supermarket and going to the hand sanitizer at the entrance. He then blessed himself with it and went off to do his shopping! The video has been viewed by many thousands of people and although it was probably watched as a bit of fun it also brought a message reminding people that God's protection was just as necessary as hand sanitizer as people continued through an anxious and testing time. God works in many ways — even modern technology — to remind us each day of his care for us even through the hands of those who don't necessarily believe in him or his message. In the first reading today the prophet Isaiah describes the pagan king Cyrus as God's anointed. But Cyrus didn't worship God and certainly didn't credit God for his success or prosperity and yet Isaiah says that God used the king to free his people and to restore the holy city of Jerusalem. So, God uses many strategies and sometimes unlikely people such as Cyrus — or me or you to accomplish his mission.

P. O'Connor

(taken from 'Intercom')

A MISSION OF LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

It's almost a hundred years since Pope Pius XI set aside this day, called Mission Sunday so that every diocese, parish, religious community, association and ecclesial movement throughout the world would pray for and support missionaries and Christian communities in need. There have been tens of thousands of Irish missionaries who have given their lives happily in the service of the missions; they have brought education, health care and the fight for social justice to almost every country we can think of. Some of them have been killed or lost their health and all of them have left the known and familiar to bring the story of God's mercy, the good news that is the Gospel to some of the poorest people on earth. As Pope Francis has said, '*as they travel through the streets of the world, the disciples of Jesus need to have a love without limits, the same measure of love that our Lord has for all people.*' And God is always lending us a hand.

MISSION SUNDAY - THIS WEEKEND

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.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 22 October 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

*It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.*

*Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know
from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.*
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessa-
lonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ; wishing you grace and peace.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for
you all, and constantly remember before God our Father

how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love
and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have
been chosen, because when we brought the Good News
to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You will shine in the world like bright stars
because you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how
to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples
to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we
know that you are an honest man and teach the way
of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of
anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell
us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes
to Caesar or not?

But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied,
'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me?
Let me see the money you pay the tax with.'

They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is
this? Whose name?'

'Caesar's' they replied.

He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

In Loving Memory

*On Saturday, 4 November 2023 at 6.30pm
you are invited to join us for our*

Annual Mass of Remembrance

*when we pray for our loved ones who
have died during the year.*

COLLECTIONS - Sun 15th Oct

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,222.16
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	= € 413.20
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 338.15

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

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Throughout the month of October the rosary will be
prayed after Mass each weekday (Mon - Fri). Please join
in if you can.