



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 29 October 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 29 October

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Community Church and St Colman, bishop are not celebrated this year

Lucy Cahill (1st A)
Patrick Harrington (A)
Christy & Cora Campbell (A)
Garry Scaife (A)
Kathleen & Walter Murphy (A)

Monday, 30 October

Gerry Duffy (BR)

Tuesday, 31 October

Bl. Dominic Collins, martyr

Margaret Maguire & Family (D)

Wednesday, 1 November

All Saints

November List

Pauline Kenny (20th A)

Thursday, 2 November

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

November List

Denis Harvison (BR)
Brigid Hunter (A)
Kate Mongan (A)
John Lawrence (D)
Mongan & Reilly Families (D)

First Friday, 3 November

St Malachy, bishop

November List

Marie Kinsella (1st A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)
John Lawrence (D)

Saturday, 4 November

St Charles Borromeo, bishop

Marion Grehan (SI)
Cathal & Eva Naughton (Wedding Day)

November List

Carol Seery (MM) (killed on Phibsboro' Rd)
Nazareno Gomendes (1st A)
John Lawrence (D)

BELOVED DISCIPLES

There is a legend, handed down from the early church, that the Apostle John in his old age, would repeat over and over again, a short yet profound five worded sermon, "My children, love one another." Here, he was only repeating what he had heard, learned, and witnessed as he journeyed with Jesus in proclaiming the kingdom of God. For John, also known as the 'Beloved Disciple', 'Love' was the starting point, the end, and the essence of the Christian Life!

God had taken the initiative, "God loved the world so much, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life." Jn 3:16. Through Baptism we have become 'children of God.' How we should respond to God's love is given to us in this Sunday's Gospel.

Jesus had been asked 'Master which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' He replied by combining two commandments as one - love of God and love of one's neighbour. Jesus is saying, our love of God and the love of our neighbour are two dimensions of the same love.

Each one of us is infinitely loved by God. And so, in gratitude, we thank God for all that we have and are, for life itself, for our redemption, and we acknowledge our total dependence upon God.

Our neighbour is also infinitely loved by God, made in God's image as we are, and we must allow that truth to motivate our efforts as we reach out to others in respect and love, including our enemies, those we dislike and those who have hurt us.

Our love of God, whom we cannot see, is a sham if it is not expressed in love of the people whom we do see. And love of people is incomplete unless it is infused by love of God. The Peace Prayer in honour of St Francis of Assisi gives us some guidelines as to what is involved as we seek to become 'Beloved Disciples.'

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sorrow, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

True love is self-sacrificing. It involves putting others first. It is the kind of love exhibited by Jesus when he died on the cross. The true fruit of our prayer is seen in our deeds and in our actions.

Fr Kevin O'Shea CM

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.*

BANK HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will close Monday 30th October due to the Bank Holiday. It will open on Tuesday as usual.

There will be no evening Mass or Novena on Monday due to the Bank Holiday weekend.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 29 October 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses,
Tell the sons of Israel this,

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:

when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me.

He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example

to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees they got together and,

to disconcert him, one of them put a question,

'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?'

Jesus said,

*'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second resembles it:

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Muriel McLoughlin (Cabra Road), Denis McCarrick (formerly Phibsborough) and Frank Egan (formerly Phibsborough).

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 22nd Oct

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,276.97

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 282.20

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

PATRICIAN ON 'PURGATORY'

The Patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. There will be a brief paper on the topic of 'Purgatory' and then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard. We break for a cup of tea and light refreshments mid-way. Everyone is welcome to come along to **St Peter's Club on Tuesday 31st October at 7.30pm**. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

ALL SAINTS DAY - 1st Nov

Wednesday next 1st November is All Saints Day, a Holyday of Obligation, when we honour the Communion of Saints, all those whose lives of faith and goodness have shown us an example to follow in our own lives.

Masses at 10.30am and 6.30pm.

ALL SOULS DAY - 2nd Nov

We begin a month of prayer for those who have gone before us commending them to the love and mercy of God. **Mass at 10.30am.**