



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 12 November 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12 November

November List

Thomas Sheridan (BR)
Rosaleen Grehan (A)
Patricia Murphy (A)
Dillie Heaslip (A)
Eddie Crowley (A)
Phyllis & Paddy Mills (A)
Elizabeth, Henry & Paul Magee (A)
Lily Batt (10th A)
Máirín & Anne-Marie McDonnell (A)
& Michael McDonnell (D)
Patrick, Mary & Liam Forbes (D)
Martin & Nancy Coleman (D)
Sean Linehan (RD)

Monday, 13 November

November List

Patrick O'Reilly (A)
Paul Lawrence (A)
Patrick Collins (D)
Greg Leonard (RD)
Marie Hynes (RD)
Michael Keogh (RD)

Tuesday, 14 November

St Laurence O'Toole, bishop

November List

Kirwin, Coakley & Caffrey Families (D)

Wednesday, 15 November

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Richard Conroy (A)
Teresa Dale (D)
William Dale (D)

Thursday, 16 November

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Kathleen Conroy (A)
Frances, Mary & Thomas Hughes (D)

Friday, 17 November

November List

Dermot O'Doherty (1st A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 18 November

Marion Grehan (SI)

November List

LAMPS AND OIL: FAITH AND A GOOD LIFE

The Virgins' Parable - Recognition of Single People's Vocation in the Church

Introduction

Today's Gospel story of the 10 virgins, 5 wise, 5 unwise (Matthew 25) echoes the gift of wisdom in the 1st Reading (Wisdom 6). This gift is a sense of doing the right thing. With God's grace, faith and good will, it leads on to holiness. St Paul in the 2nd Reading (1 Thessalonians 4) carries forward this process to the future life. The virgins in the Gospel are heading in the same direction. The representatives of these virgins today are the vowed ones, single people, celibate, priests, and in a sense the widowed also.

Application

It is virgins who figure in the Gospel; they are not attending a conventional wedding; there is no mention of a bride; but here is portrayed a mystical theme of exclusive devotion to God, to Christ. The word used is 'parthenos', meaning virgin. (The pagan Greeks erected a huge temple in Athens, the Parthenon, to their "virgin goddess".) The Gospel portrays the call of virginity as a call to holiness. Today, the single person exercises faith, and tops up the oil of good works, of prayer, drawing upon wisdom. Wise persons don't drift away from their purpose but keep a sense of direction.

Daily progress

Single people (and in due proportion the married) have Christian community involvement, perhaps prayer groups, local link-ups; they are in chaste relationships; they could be in Church ministry; some may have special charisms; some offer care among family members; they have the possibility of spiritual direction. We are inspired by great single lay people, such as St Catherine of Siena, lay Dominican; St Margaret of Castello, blind but filled with the light of faith; St Benedict Joseph Labre, poor and despised but saintly; the Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of the Legion of Mary.

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 12th November at 3.00pm - St Teresa's Church, Donore Ave, D8

All parents, siblings, grandparents and others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend whether that loss was recent or long ago...

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Sunday 19th November - St Peters Church

Children for **First Holy Communion** and their parents meet at **9.15am** in the Church.

Children for **Confirmation** and their parents meet with catechists at **10.45am** in the Church.



LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 12 November 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.*

*Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.*

*She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.*
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry,
weary land without water.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

SECOND READING

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died,
to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people

who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this:

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out". But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves".

They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you".

So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

NOVEMBER

The collection for the work of the local St Peter's Conference of St Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses **this weekend**.

7th World Day of the Poor – **Sunday 19th November**. Instituted by Pope Francis in 2016 to remind us that Jesus identifies himself with the poorest and weakest of humanity, this year's theme is 'Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor.' (Tobit 4:7) (See notice boards for more details)

The Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers Society will have their annual collection on the weekend of **25th/26th November** replacing the Share collection. The goal of the Society is to "target assistance towards helping people who are experiencing temporary difficulties and need once-off assistance to restructure their lives and achieve self-sufficiency."

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Jimmie McCauley and Muriel McLoughlin.

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 5th Nov

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,328.53
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	= €1,068.20
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 321.79

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