



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: 26th November 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 26 November

Christ the King

Special Intention

November List

Patrick Deane (RD)

Muriel McLoughlin (MM)

Minguelina Maria Fernandes (MM)

Paula Byrne (1st A)

Tommy McCabe (6th A)

Senan Haugh (A)

Tom & Niall Naughton (A)

Frank Meehan (A)

Angela Carrick (A)

Monday, 27 November

Bl. Virgin Mary of the Miraculous Medal

St Fergal, bishop & missionary

Marion Grehan (SI)

November List

John & Jo Breen (A)

Tuesday, 28 November

St Catherine Labouré, virgin

November List

Emily Dale (A)

Maureen Murphy (A)

Wednesday, 29 November

November List

Jimmie McCauley (MM)

Paul Heaslip (A)

Anne Carmel Martin (A)

Beth Lazroe (A)

Thursday, 30 November

St Andrew, Apostle

November List

Shay Barron (A)

Abbey Family (D)

First Friday, 1 December

November List

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Holy Souls

Saturday, 2 December

Marion Grehan (SI)

November List

Holy Souls

CHRIST THE KING

"Take for your heritage the Kingdom prepared for you"

The image of the king is a foundational metaphor in the Bible.

In ordinary usage it suggests power and glory.

However, in the biblical tradition, there are two significant modifications:

according to an Old Testament vision,
a king is meant to be a shepherd to his people, a true shepherd who cares for and who
knows and even loves his sheep;

according to the New Testament vision,

Jesus our King rules, paradoxically, by
loving service, humility and the gift of himself.

This example and teaching of Jesus have lost none of their power.

You are invited to be part of that Kingdom.

In that Kingdom, God intends the earth and everything in it for the sake of all human
beings. ... Thus created goods should flow fairly to all.

(see Pope John-Paul's [Popularum Progressio 22](#))

PRAYER

*Wake us up, O God, and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may
recognise you in every moment and in every person, each day of our lives. Amen.*

Fr Padraig Regan CM

ADVENT — TIME OF WAITING AND PREPARATION

The Church's liturgical life starts afresh next weekend with the season of Advent waiting
for the coming of Christ. Alongside our regular schedule of Masses, confessions, exposition
and novena are the following opportunities for prayer and celebration.

- To mark the beginning of Advent the Christmas Tree lights will be switched on after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 2nd December, vigil of the First Sunday of Advent.
- Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during 10.30am Mass on Friday 8th December, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Parish Retreat — silent — open to everyone — on Saturday 9th December beginning at 3.00pm in the Church.
- St Peter's National School Nativity Play is on Tuesday 19th December at 6.30pm.
- St Peter's Choir and the Offbeat Ensemble in concert on Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm with donations to this year's parish charity, supporting people who are experiencing social isolation.
- Reconciliation Service for Christ the King parish Cabra and St Peter's parish at 7.30pm in St Peter's on Thursday 21st December

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Mass Bouquets €10.00

Novena Cards €5.00

2024 Calendars €2.50

Available
from the Office
and the Repository



LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 26th November 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view.

As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep,

so shall I keep my sheep in view.

I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness.

I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks.

I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong.

I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this:

I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

SECOND READING

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.
The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third is one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them.

The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness".

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Joe Williamson.

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 19th Nov

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,273.01

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 540.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 362.03

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

'PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS'

Everyone's welcome to come on Tues 28th Nov at 7.30pm to the Frank Duff Room (entrance - facing **YOUR STOP** shop, corner of St Peter's Road). Organised by the Legion of Mary.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers Society are having their annual collection this weekend which replaces Share.

PARISH ENVELOPES

The Parish Finance Committee have arranged the distribution of boxes of envelopes for the new liturgical year at Masses this weekend.

Boxes can also be collected from the Office/Sacristy weekdays.

Thank you to all who avail of the envelopes or other methods (i.e. online) for the support of the Parish and upkeep of the Church.