



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 14th January 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 14th January

Carmel McGlynn (1st A)
Majella McCrann (1st A)
Ellen Coyle (A)
John & Michael O'Connor (A)
Allen O'Leary (A)
Randle Roberts (A)
Fr Leo McGarry (A)
Mary (Ciss) Dowling (A)
James & Margaret Martin (A) & Family (D)
Pashke Pylla (D)

Monday, 15th January

St Ita, virgin

Thanksgiving
Dolores O'Riordan (A)
Pat & Shea Murphy (D)
Holy Souls

Tuesday, 16th January

St Fursa, abbot & missionary

Noel Lawlor (A)
Rory Larkin (RD)

Wednesday, 17th January

St Anthony, abbot

Nuala Daly (A)

Thursday, 18th January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today

Brigid Flanagan & newborn son Kody (1st A)

Friday, 19th January

Kathleen McMahon (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 20th January

St Fabian, pope & martyr & St Sebastian, martyr

Marion Grehan (SI)
Pat Nolan (RD)
Mary (Maire) Kelly (MM)

A = Anniversary
B = Birthday
BR = Birthday Remembrance
D = Deceased
GW = Get Well

MM = Months Mind
RD = Recently Deceased
SI = Special Intention
W = Wedding
WA = Wedding Anniversary

THE CALL OF A LIFETIME - TO BE REALISED

Christmas has come and gone, it's short season ended with the Twelfth Day: Epiphany/Baptism. Yet the spirit of Christmas, of humble, simple, attractiveness lingers always in our hearts; and many Cribs tarry awhile to give us an afterglow. A New Year has dawned; longer days already touch the edges of the evening and a new season has begun; the Church - through - the - Year (Ordinary time) is in motion. This fits into our present mood of moving on.

Comments on today's Scripture

In the 1st Reading (1 Samuel 3), the boy Samuel receives God's choice to be consecrated leader of his people (Judge). It's about 1050 BC. This is reminiscent of the future Pope, St John Paul II carried in his mother's arms as a baby. The other mothers heaped compliments. Then his mother said: "Karol will grow up to be a great man." It was an inspired statement.

The Gospel gives the call to Andrew and Peter (John 1) in adult life. They grew in understanding of Jesus as Teacher, Messiah, King, Son of God. They show us, no matter what our profession or way of life, that we are also called to keep the Commandments and be faithful to a full Catholic life. St Paul in the 2nd Reading (1 Corinthians 6) shows us some of the precepts that are part of our lives. He calls us to look upon our persons as temples of the Holy Spirit.

Determination for the New Year, and beyond

In the present condition it is manifest that in Ireland, social support for believers is not as strong as formerly, so we need to have a deep conviction for, and attachment to Christ. We need, like the Apostles, to live from the power of Christ, in a personal relationship of loyalty and prayer.

*My hope is in Christ who strengthens the weakest by his divine help.
His goodness is infinite and if I trust in his love I shall not be abandoned.*

St Pius X

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS - JANUARY 2024

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Jean Barron, Brendan Neville, Rose Kelleher, Dermot Byrne & Rory Larkin.

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.**

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 14th December 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!'

He answered, 'Here I am.'

Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.'

Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.'

So he went and lay down.

Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!'

Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.'

He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.'

Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time.

He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.'

Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."'

So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!'

Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

SECOND READING

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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!

We have found the Messiah which means the Christ
grace and truth have come through him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?'

They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?'

'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.

Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus.

Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 7th January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,361.29

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 582.20

Share = € 294.39

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

'DOES YOUR FAITH NEED A NEW BEGINNING?'

There will be a brief paper on this topic, and then we gather to talk about what we have heard, followed by light refreshments. All are welcome to come along to St Peter's Club (entrance via car park, Cabra Road) on Tuesday 23rd January at 7.30pm. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

COLLECTIONS - The collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul takes place on the 2nd Sunday of each month.