



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent: 25 February 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 25 February

Thomas M. Moriarty (GW)
Sheila Dunne (MM)
Maura Moloney (1st A)
Nuala Lardner (2nd A)
Mary McCann (A)
Tom O'Shea (RD)
Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)
Celine Cooper Walsh (D)

Monday, 26 February

Olive McConville (MM)
Jim Pat Cooper (D)
Ned Walsh (D)
Louie Brennan (D)

Tuesday, 27 February

St Gregory of Narek, abbot & doctor of the Church
Sr Anne Haugh (D)
Martha Dorney (D)
Gerard Cooper (D)
Paul Walsh (D)

Wednesday, 28 February

Michael Dorney (D)
Mary Devaney Cooper (D)
Brigid Healy Walsh (D)
Eugene Garvey & Family (D)

Thursday, 29 February

Honor Martin (A)
Thomas Cooper (D)
John Walsh (D)
Geraghty Family (D)

Friday, 1 March

St David, bishop
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)
Ann Marie McGuire (D)

Saturday, 2 March

Marion Grehan (SI)

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 ABRAHAM TEST

How could God ask Abraham to murder his son Isaac? (1st Reading)
God didn't. God couldn't. God doesn't ask us to do wrong.

The event is recounted from Abraham's perspective;
the journey, the mountain, the altar, the wood, the knife.
Then the crucial moment when God stays Abraham's hand.
"Do not raise your hand against the boy... do not harm him".

What is this heart-rending event about?
God has a plan; Abraham is part of that plan.
God must Test Abraham's faith and trust.

This event is called a Type, a template for the sacrifice of Jesus -
the journey, the wooden cross, the soldier's spear, the mountain of Calvary.
St Paul explains: "God did not spare his own Son, but he gave him up for us all"
(2nd Reading).

When praying the Our Father, we first say hallowed be thy name.
We are asking that we might honour God -
make God first in our life, set God apart from and above everything else:
job, family, money, success, esteem of friends -
all these are good, but none may be held hallowed above God.
If we get this wrong, we get everything else wrong.

Abraham got it right.

When we pray the Our Father with this intention,
we, too, pass The Abraham Test.

Fr Padraig Regan CM



LENT

Vincentians Journeying Through Lent

Come and join The Vincentian Family each Sunday through Lent to reflect with them through Scripture, Music and Meditation. Continues Sunday, 25th February 4.30pm - 5pm. Log onto: www.vincentianfamily.ie and click **JOIN THE MEETING**.
(see more details on page 2).

Lenten Exercises

There will be two daily Masses Monday to Friday throughout Lent.

Monday: 10.30am & 7.00pm
Tuesday - Friday: 10.30am & 6.30pm
Friday - Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm after evening Mass.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 25 February 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied.

'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah.

There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven.

'Abraham, Abraham,' he said. 'I am here,' he replied.

'Do not raise your hand against the boy,' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not

spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give.

Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ !

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard,

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ !

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Maureen Dalton (Rosemount Road), Brian Lindsay (formerly of Cabra Road), Sheila Dougan (Cuala Road), Olive McConville & Sheila Dunne (Rathdown Road).

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 - Sunday 18 Feb

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,398.70

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 534.20

Accord = € 504.26

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, Phibsborough Road (beside Fire Station). The Service is prepared by the Palestinian WDP Committee.

VINCENTIANS JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT

Blessed, Broken, and given to one another

Dates: Sunday 18th February, Sunday 25th February, Sunday 3rd March,
Sunday 10th March, Sunday 17th March, Sunday 24th March

The Vincentian Family invite you to join them each Sunday during Lent, to reflect with them through Scripture, Music and Meditation. The programme will be delivered online via zoom, commencing Sunday 18th February 4.30pm-5pm.

Our theme is, 'Blessed, Broken and given to each other'.

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Icon: 'The Beggar', created by Meltem Aktas
'We find Christ in the poor...and the poor find Christ in us'. (St. Vincent de Paul)

