



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent: 3 March 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 3 March

Special Intention

Jim Gallagher (MM)

Rosaleen (100th BR) & Anthony
(Tony) Burke (BR)

June Pierce (1st A) & her mother...
... Delia Pierce (3rd A)

Nora Roberts (A)

John Corrigan (RD)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 4 March

St Casimir, patron saint of Poland

Marie Noone (A)

Jack, June & Delia Pierce (A)

Noel Hanlon (RD)

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 5 March

St Kieran, bishop

Richard Haugh (A)

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 6 March

Johnny & Rose Deegan, son Paul &
daughter Babs Moss (A)

Holy Souls

Thursday, 7 March

Ss Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

Special Intention

Thanksgiving

Holy Souls

Friday, 8 March

St John of God, religious & St Senan, bishop

Thomas Brennan (A)

Michael Acton (A)

Joan Acton (RD)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Holy Souls

Saturday, 9 March

St Frances of Rome, religious

Marion Grehan (SI)

Holy Souls

Taking the parcel from the customer to weigh it, the postmaster asked "Anything breakable in this?" It was a Family Bible for her son and his wife recently married, moving into their new home, so the woman thought for a moment and said, "nothing, except the commandments!"

The commandments are not as high a priority in our lives as they were for a previous generation. If and when we do give them consideration we tend to regard them as highly brittle, easily breakable and maybe for that reason left aside on a very high shelf to gather dust — in other words ignore them by and large!

The ten commandments — which seem to us a lot to have to contend with — are in fact the distillation of six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Mosaic Law which the Chosen People undertook to live by. So if the commandments do trouble us today it is relative by the standards of biblical times!

Jesus, giving us a new commandment, insists that he is fulfilling the commandments and the law and not discarding them. The commandment to love our neighbour as ourselves gathers all the commandments and Jesus turns the ten commandments from negative to positive, infusing them with love. 'Thou shalt not' becomes 'Thou shalt!' Maybe we could revisit them ourselves and look to the good, the honourable, and the lovely in them calling us to the service of God and neighbour that will allow love to flourish and give us new life.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM PP

FOR THE NEW MARTYRS

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS - MARCH 2024

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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, 3 March 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, 3 March 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus (shorter form)

God spoke all these words. He said,

'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

SECOND READING

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, *'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.'* Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: *Zeal for your house will devour me.*

The Jews intervened and said,

'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, *'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.'*

The Jews replied, *'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?'*

But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Martin Ryan (Connaught Parade), John Corrigan (Edenderry, Co. Offaly), Maureen Dalton (Rosemount 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 25 Feb

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,294.07

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 275.60

Share = € 265.97

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

EASTER CARDS

Mass Cards €10 & Novena Cards €5 available now from the Repository (former Parish Office).

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'.

Log onto www.vincentianfamily.ie OR alternatively download the **VINCENTIAN FAMILY APP** for use on your apple device.

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

