



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Easter: 21 April 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 21 April

##### Day of Prayer for Vocations

*St Anselm, bishop & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year*

J. Joseph (SI)

Thomas Abbey (MM)

May Brennan (10th A)

Abbey Family (D)

Jean & Shay Barron (D)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

#### Monday, 22 April

Agnes Callahan (A)

#### Tuesday, 23 April

*St George, martyr*

*St Adalbert of Prague, bishop & martyr*

Josie Gleeson (A)

#### Wednesday, 24 April

*St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr*

Kay McCabe (MM)

Bernadette Connaughton (5th A)

John & Anne O'Doherty (A)

Thomas O'Loughnan (A)

#### Thursday, 25 April

*St Mark, Evangelist*

Sr Maria Mortell (A)

#### Friday, 26 April

*Translation of the Relics of St Vincent de Paul, priest*

Phyllis Doddy (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 27 April

*St Asicus, bishop*

Marion Grehan (SI)

A = Anniversary

MM = Months Mind

B = Birthday

RD = Recently Deceased

BR = Birthday Remembrance

SI = Special Intention

D = Deceased

W = Wedding

GW = Get Well

WA = Wedding Anniversary

### POINTS TO PONDER

Superhero movies are still popular, and probably always will be. Because our world needs heroes. Our world needs leaders. Our world needs good and faithful shepherds, to take care of us, and to lead us.

We have all probably heard that sheep are not very smart animals, but that turns out not to be true. Sheep supporters claim that it is a rumour started by cattle ranchers, because sheep don't behave like cows. Cows are herded from the rear by cowboys. They yell and prod the cows to get them going in the right direction. But when you stand behind sheep and make noises, they just try to get behind you again. So some cattle ranchers assumed that they were stupid animals. When, in fact, sheep simply prefer to be led.

Cows can be pushed. Sheep must be led. And, when you think about it, that's really not that stupid. Sheep trust their shepherd and go where the shepherd goes. And they let the shepherd go first, to make sure the way is safe, and then to invite them to follow him.

And isn't that what Jesus is asking of us? To be his followers? He's not going to push us. He's not going to force us. Instead, Jesus just keeps calling us, in many and various ways, and inviting us over and over to follow him. He promises to lead us, to protect us, and even to lay down his life for us. And he invites us to trust him. Trust him and follow him.

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(taken from 'Intercom')

### 'FAITH & REFLECTION'

The Patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'Faith & Reflection'. There will be a brief paper on the topic, and then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard, followed by light refreshments mid-way. Everyone is very welcome to come along this Tuesday, 23rd April at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club.

The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary (meeting moved from last week).

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Melissa Ryan (Great Western Villas), Elaine Corr (formerly of Leinster Street), Noel Kelleher, Carmel Strickland and Jack Corbett.

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, 21 April 2024

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said:

'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,

by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## COLLECTIONS - Sun 14 April

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,372.14
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 657.70
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 323.38
SVP (Monthly Collection)	=	€ 977.42

Thank you for your support to the parish and to the Diocese.

## LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

The Lay Ministry Appeal will take place on the weekend of April 27th/28th. This will replace the usual Share collection.



## POPE FRANCIS

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD of the Harvest,  
BLESS young people with the gift of courage  
to respond to your call. Open their hearts to  
great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love  
and giving - for vocations blossom in the  
good soil of faithful people.

INSTIL those in religious life, parish  
ministries, and families with the confidence  
and grace to invite others to embrace the  
bold and noble path of a life  
consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and  
sacrament, so that we may cooperate  
with you in building your reign of mercy  
and truth, of justice and peace. AMEN.