



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord: 9 January 2022

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.*

TAKING STOCK OF...

Pope Francis has asked the universal Church to embark on a synodal pathway. We tend to associate Synods as gatherings of bishops to reflect on issues facing the Church, leading to guidance and teaching for us as believers. The Pope desires that this synod include all of us who believe, and also that it reach out to those on the margins of the Church and people who do not identify with the Church any longer or at all.

The Irish Bishops announced a National Synod in March 2021, each Diocese is embarking on its synodal path and every parish in each diocese is asked to participate. We will reflect on our experience of Church, what encourages and discourages us, our role in the world in which we live, how best to move forward, hopes and regrets. The input of as many as possible will make our conclusions more real and the ways in which we listen to each other and to those on the margins will determine the quality of our proposals.

Beginning at parish pastoral council level and rippling outwards to all we pray for a spirit of prayer, listening, openness and acceptance to that all can be heard in an attitude of genuine co-responsibility.

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 9 January

The Baptism of the Lord

Petey McNamee (RD)

Christopher Wall (RD)

Peggy O'Malley (MM)

Emma Fitzpatrick (A)

Nancy Kelly (A)

Allen & Pat O'Leary (A)

Kathleen Carrick (A)

Monday, 10 January

Loreto MacHugh (B)

Margaret Mary Burd (1st A)

Tuesday, 11 January

Georgina Conroy (SI)

Thursday, 13 January

St Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church

Friday, 14 January

Brian & May Darcy (A)

Br John Heneghan (A)

Saturday, 15 January

St Ita, virgin

CRY OF THE EARTH - CRY OF THE POOR

For some weeks in September and October we reflected on Archbishop Farrell's Pastoral Letter on the call to do what we can to help protect the earth and stem the tide of global warming. A first small step in this is the sourcing of shrine candles which are totally recyclable. These are now in use on all shrines in the Church.

THIS WEEK

Monday 10th January

6.30pm - Confessions available

6.40pm - Rosary

7.00pm - The weekly Novena Mass in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal resumes, with blessing and distribution of medals and procession to Our Lady's Shrine presenting petitions and thanksgiving.

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

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 9 January 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

*'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'*

A voice cries,
*'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.*

*Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'*

*Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God'.*

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

'God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
'This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him'.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all,

'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS

	25th Dec	26th Dec	2nd Jan
Parish (1st Collection, incl. online) =	€2,333.27	€740.09	€793.97
Share (no collection Christmas Day) =	—	€202.27	€245.00
Weekly Envelopes (incl. online) =	€520.00	€507.70	€412.70

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Christopher Wall (New Cabra Road) and Eamon Somers (formerly of Great Western Square). 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.**