



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Advent: 27 November 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 27 November

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St Fergal, bishop & missionary are not celebrated this year

NOVEMBER LIST

Dermot Doherty (RD)
Lucy Cahill (MM)
Emily Dale (1st A)
Tommy McCabe (5th A)
Richard & Kathleen Holbrook (A)
John & Jo Breen (A)
Tom & Niall Naughton (A)
Ray Kearns (A)
Maureen Murphy (A)
Angela Carrick (A)
Deceased Members of the Active Retired

Monday, 28 November

St Catherine Labouré, virgin

NOVEMBER LIST

Gráinne Carr (RD)
Emily Dale (1st A)
Marie McArdle (10th A)
Breen Family (D)
Hehir Family (D)

Tuesday, 29 November

NOVEMBER LIST

Dermot Doherty (RD)
Anne Carmel Martin (A)
Holy Souls

Wednesday, 30 November

St Andrew, Apostle

NOVEMBER LIST

Fr Diarmuid O'Farrell CM (A)
Patti Swan (A)
Holy Souls

Thursday, 1 December

Thanksgiving

Dolly O'Malley (MM)
Mary Largey (MM)

First Friday, 2 December

Alan Hannigan (MM)
Bernadette Burke (1st A)
Cullen family (D)

Saturday, 3 December

St Francis Xavier, priest

Marie Kinsella (MM)
Holy Souls

ADVENT - A NEW HEAVEN; A NEW EARTH

Christopher Hitchens (1949-2011) was assertively atheist. In his book *God is not Great* he puts humankind on notice to keep to the straight and narrow of scientific exactitude when accepting anything as fact. Otherwise, God forbid (oops!), you might end up thinking there is more to life than science. And that could be a danger to your health.

Really? Just what does science have to offer when it comes to understanding life? I don't mean the nature of living things or inanimate objects. I mean the WHY of it all. But then, *why* is not a scientific question. Does that mean that we should not ask it, or if we do that we shouldn't expect a worthwhile answer? I hope not.

So, let's ask it: WHY is there anything at all? Science, where art thou...? Okay, let's change tack. How about the HOW question: how will the universe end? Here science can indicate a distant, if frighteningly feasible scenario: a frozen lifeless wasteland.

Give me instead the follow-up to today's Gospel: after Christ's Second Coming, the New Heaven and New Earth!

Even if that were fantasy, let me die aglow with its promise rather than be numbed lifeless by Hitchens' scarifying scientific scenario.

Fr Padraig Regan CM

Adapted from: *Getting it Across* by T. Cahill

PARISH RETREAT IN ADVENT

In preparation for the Feast of Christmas a **SILENT** afternoon retreat will take place on **Saturday 10th December from 3.00pm**, concluding at 6.30pm Vigil Mass. All are welcome to attend, no need to register, just come along to the Church for 3.00pm, when there will be a brief introduction.

THIS WEEK - Monday 28 Nov

Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena at 7.00pm. Confessions from 6.30pm. Rosary begins at 6.40pm. Blessing & distribution of medals.

ADORATION

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Saturday after 10.30am Mass from 11.00am - 12.30pm (**except if there is a funeral**).

PARISH ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for the new liturgical year can be collected in the Sacristy before or after all Masses this weekend. Sincere thanks to all who contribute to the parish through the envelope collection or by the other methods (i.e. cash / tap & go / online).

ARE WE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN?

The Patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'Are we all God's children?' There will be a brief paper on it then we gather to talk about what we've heard. After tea/light refreshments we resume with a paper from Fr Cornelius CM on the topic. Everyone is welcome to come along on Tuesday 29th November at 7.30pm to St Peter's Club.. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

MASS TIMES:

Mon: 10.30am & 7pm (Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal)

Tue to Sat: 10.30am. **Sun:** vigil 6.30pm (Sat), 8am, 10am, 11.30am

CONFESSIONS:

Sat 11am - 12.30pm and at any other time on request.

Mon from 6.30pm onwards

REPOSITORY:

(in Office) Mon to Thurs from 10am to 12.30pm

(in Church) Mon evening, Fri morning, Sat evening, Sun morning

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 27 November 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord

shall tower above the mountains

and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,

peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the Temple of the God of Jacob

that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion,

and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem'.

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house."

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house."

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

2. It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David.

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

"Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!"

4. For love of my brethren and friends

I say: "Peace upon you!"

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

SECOND READING

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

You know *'the time'* has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light.

Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.'

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

SICK & INDIGENT ROOM KEEPERS SOCIETY

The annual collection for this Dublin based charity takes place this weekend (26th/27th Nov), replacing the Share collection. This is Dublin's oldest surviving charity which helps people who are experiencing temporary difficulties and need once-off assistance.

KOINS FOR KIDS IRELAND...

... are putting all their efforts into providing a Pediatric MRI Scanner that will make a big impact on the lives of children in communities all over this Island. They have raised in excess of €333,333.00, the total cost will be in the region of €1,000,000. See noticeboards for further details. Donations can be left in to the parish office.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially John Heron (Avondale Avenue), Seán O'Connor, Gráinne Carr, Fr Michael Dunne CM, John Freeman, Marie Kinsella, Mary Largey, Dolly O'Malley, Lucy Cahill, Joe Byrne and Alan Caffrey.

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.



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
with St Catherine Labouré DC

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 20 November

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) =	€1,100.94
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) =	€ 572.70
Share (2nd Collection) =	€ 264.56

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

CHRISTMAS AT THE REPOSITORY

Christmas Mass Bouquets €10.00, Novena Cards €5.00 and 2023 Calendars €2.50 are on sale in the Repository (former Parish Office).