



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 10 September 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 10 September

St Peter Claver, priest is not celebrated this year

Special Intention

Eddie, Bridie & Paul O'Rourke (A)

Thomas Sheridan (A)

Maura Fitzpatrick (A)

Tom & Rose Sheridan (A)

Thomas Mills (A)

Paddy Mills (A)

Mollie O'Loughnan (A)

Karel Sax (RD)

Eamon Peters (D)

Ann Mahon (D)

Esther Garry (D)

Monday, 11 September

St John Gabriel Perboyre, priest & martyr

Hyacinthe Keating (BR)

Owen Cullen (BR)

Catherine Maguire (RD)

Tuesday, 12 September

The Most Holy Name of Mary & St Ailbe, bishop

Mick & Mary O'Dwyer (A)

Mollie O'Loughnan (A)

Wednesday, 13 September

St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church

Geraldine McCann (B)

John & Agnes Kennedy (A)

Niall & Paula Hannon (A)

Thursday, 14 September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Patrick Connaughton (BR)

Friday, 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

Dr Miriam Power-Mooney (MM)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

May, Frank & Alice Hughes (D)

Joseph McElligott (D)

Saturday, 16 September

Marion Grehan (SI)

GARDEN PARTY / BUZZFEST SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

Saturday 23rd September from 2pm - 5pm. Donations gratefully accepted: bottles for our bottle stall, cakes, unwanted gifts for bric-a-brac. All items can be dropped into the parish office or sacristy. Some willing volunteers needed to help set up and clean up on the day. Thank you.

LOVE SET FREE

Scripture texts

St Paul in today's 2nd Reading (Romans 13) hails the primacy of love. This real Christian love comes from God as gift, and we show it towards God and neighbour. In the 1st Reading (Ezekiel 33) the prophet extols the great deed of bringing a sinner to a good life. Jesus in the Gospel (Matthew 18) gives varied counsels of solidarity and charity for us all in the Church. Prayer and good relationships are pleasing to God.

Love understood

Ancient peoples had natural love, family ties, and friendship. These were positive, but when Christian love ("agapé"), God's own love came into the world, a new vision of humankind appeared. This love has emotion, affection and true sentiment. Christian love shows respect for the loved one; the importance of the person is appreciated, and cared about. Thus the boundaries are widened and people make real sacrifices for the loved ones. Persons are seen as images of Christ (Matt 25), and as shrines of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19).

Free for love

We can by the aid of prayer, and determined decisions, extend this love, and go on actively living it. Examples are: respect for created things, respect for persons, for their property, for their life, from conception to natural death, avoiding violence and hatred. Love involves devotion to prayer, obligatory Mass (Sundays and Holydays), respect for true Marriage. We practice faith, hope and charity, and the virtues, such as practicing justice, truth, purity, honesty. Loving gives us a good conscience. Love in practice makes the world a better place, so that there follow from it peace, security and safety.

"In the evening [of life] you will be examined in love."

St John of the Cross

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

Biodiversity Sustainability Circularity

Buzzfest & Repair Café 2023

& St Peter's Church Garden Party
fundraising for local people experiencing social isolation

* FAMILY-FRIENDLY * FREE ENTRY

TWO-DAY EVENT

Saturday 23rd September 2pm-5pm
St Peter's Church Garden

& Sunday 24th September 1.30pm-5pm
Phibsboro Scout Hall & Villa Bank Garden

With Special Guests, Music, Dancing, Refreshments & Face-Painting

Including:

- Blessing of the Bees Ceremony
- Biodiversity & Sustainability Stalls
- Baking Competition
- Pond Building Workshop
- Clothes Swap & Sustainable Fashion Workshop
- Raffle
- And much more!

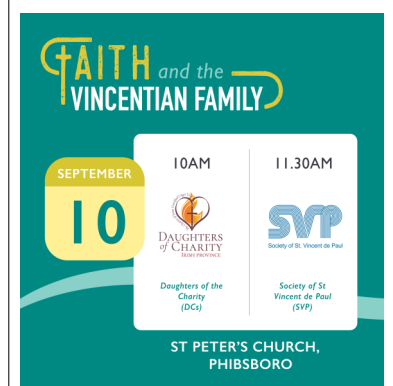






FAITH AND THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY

This weekend a member of the Daughters of Charity (DCs) will speak at the 10am Mass and a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) will speak at the 11.30am Mass.



SEPTEMBER 10

10AM

11.30AM

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY (DCs)

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

ST PETER'S CHURCH, PHIBSBORO

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 10 September 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:

'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his
hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.'

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations.

All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself.* Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, is between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Winifred Ada Nnochiri Kennedy, Tommy Brooks (formerly Phibsborough), Jennifer Grove (formerly Phibsborough), Ann Ryan (formerly Phibsborough) and Rhona Kennedy.

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.**

RCIA

Catechetical course for adults wishing to become Catholic (non-Christians) or to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church (other Christian denominations). It is hoped to begin this course in September in preparation for Easter 2024. If you are interested or simply wish to reflect on this step please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. Much of the course is conducted through discussion and reflection and with sensitive regard to the faith tradition of candidates.

COLLECTIONS - Sun 3rd Sept

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,288.29
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 703.20
Share (2nd Collection) = € 304.29

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

CROSSCARE

The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now over 9,000; this includes almost 3,000 children. Crosscare provides homeless accommodation in six locations in the city, including a Family Hub for homeless families and a service for homeless teenage boys. As well as providing emergency and medium-term homeless services, our teams work hard with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their homes. The Crosscare Annual Appeal Collection will be taken up at all Masses in the Archdiocese of Dublin on 16/17 September. You can also donate online at: www.crosscare.ie/donate.

OPEN EVENING

St Declan's College, Nephin Road, Dublin 7 invites 5th & 6th class boys and their parents to an Open Evening on Thursday 14th September from 6.45pm - 8.45pm.