



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 19 November 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 19 November

World Day of the Poor

Betty Murphy (SI)

November List

Sean Heron (1st A)

Michael, Gwen & Maureen Magee (A)

Larry & Frances Kinsella (A)

Christopher Sutton (A)

Patricia McCreesh (RD)

John, Emily & James Sutton (D)

Deceased Members of Active Retired

Monday, 20 November

November List

Louis Belton (RD)

Mairead Breslin Kelly (RD)

Tuesday, 21 November

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

John Sykes (B)

November List

Elizabeth Joyce (D)

Philomena & Michael Cosgrove (D)

Wednesday, 22 November

St Cecilia, virgin & martyr

November List

Holy Souls

Thursday, 23 November

St Columban, abbot & missionary

November List

Muriel McLoughlin (MM)

Jomini Jose (D)

Holy Souls

Friday, 24 November

Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest & Companions, martyrs

November List

Patricia Kernan (A) & her daughter

Geraldine Phillips (A)

Tony Power (A)

Liam (A) & Maura Pender (D)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 25 November

St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr, St Clement I, pope & martyr & St Colman, bishop

Marion Grehan (SI)

November List

Holy Souls

Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you have been faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness. Matt 25:14-39

Sheila Cassidy was an English Catholic doctor. She worked in Chile during the Pinochet regime in the 70's. She was very badly tortured in prison. In one of her books about her experience: *Sharing the Darkness* she says:

I weep that there are so many missed opportunities for comforting, so many smiles withheld, hands untouched, kind words unspoken.

The first two servants in today's Gospel reading worked according to their ability and used the talents they were given to make more talents. The third did not use his talent. He blamed his master:

I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered. So I was afraid and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it is yours. You can have it back.

Blaming others for what happens to us is the oldest trick in the book. Putting the blame on others takes the blame off of me. By blaming others I don't have to take responsibility for my behaviour. But we are responsible for our own actions. Blaming others doesn't really help at all.

An American Jesuit, John Powell is the author of a book called: *Why am I afraid to tell you who I am?* He says in the book that most people fail to see much of the beauty in the world; most people fail to see much of the goodness and beauty in people; most people fail to hear much of the music in the world. Most people never reach their full potential because fear holds people back; fear of the past, fear of the present, fear of the future, fear of what people will think, fear of failure, fear to take a risk. Fear kept the third servant from using the one talent he was given.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

7TH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Instituted by Pope Francis in 2016 to remind us that Jesus identifies himself with the poorest and weakest of humanity, this year's theme is 'Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor.' (Tobit 4:7) (See notice boards for more detail)

PARISH ENVELOPES

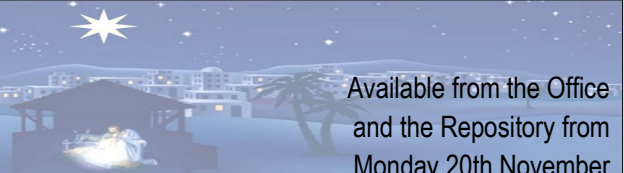
The Parish Finance Committee have arranged the distribution of boxes of envelopes for the new liturgical year at Masses next weekend. Boxes can also be collected from the Office/Sacristy weekdays. Thank you to all who avail of the envelopes or other methods (i.e. online) for the support of the Parish and upkeep of the Church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Mass Bouquets €10.00

Novena Cards €5.00

2024 Calendars €2.50



Available from the Office and the Repository from Monday 20th November

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 19 November 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife—who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.
Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

2. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

SECOND READING

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for

that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord
Whoever remains in me, with me bears fruit in plenty
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third is one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them.

The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness".

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Joe Williamson (formerly Cabra), Jimmie McCauley & Muriel McLoughlin.

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.**

NOVEMBER

The Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers Society will have their annual collection next weekend **25th/26th November** replacing the Share collection. The goal of the Society is to "target assistance towards helping people who are experiencing temporary difficulties and need once-off assistance to restructure their lives and achieve self-sufficiency."

PATRICIAN MEETING

'Preparing for Christmas'. There will be a brief paper on the topic, and then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard, followed by a cup of tea and light refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come along on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm to the Frank Duff Room (entrance - main hall door). The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

COLLECTIONS - Sun 12th Nov

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,192.95
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	= € 637.70
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 188.15
SVP (November)	= € 640.58
Missio (Mission Sunday - 22nd Oct)	= € 786.58

(Those who sent in Missio envelopes will receive a thank you direct from Missio).

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