



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 21st January 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 21st January

##### *Sunday of the Word of God*

*Catholic Schools Week begins today*

*St Agnes, virgin & martyr is not celebrated this year*

Rose Kelleher (MM)

Dermot Byrne (MM)

Rory Larkin (MM)

Brigid Flanagan & her newborn son Kody (1st A)

Frank O'Keeffe (A)

Jack Bruen (A)

Frank & Eileen Murray (A)

Mary & Michael Carrick (D)

Holy Souls

#### Monday, 22nd January

*St Vincent, deacon & martyr*

Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 23rd January

Rose Kelleher (MM)

Holy Souls

#### Wednesday, 24th January

*St Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor of the Church*

Holy Souls

#### Thursday, 25th January

*The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle & the Anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation of the Mission*

Eugene Tracey (A)

Maureen Martin (A)

Mary Murphy (A)

Holy Souls

#### Friday, 26th January

*Ss Timothy & Titus, bishops*

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Holy Souls

#### Saturday, 27th January

*St Angela Merici, virgin & religious*

Marion Grehan (SI)

Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

D'Souza Family (D)

Francisco Xavier D'Souza & Benedita Costa (D)

Esperanca Avelina D'Souza (D)

Holy Souls

*God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behavior; and God relented; he did not inflict on them the disaster he had threatened. Jonah 3:1-5*

The large silver cross in the Phoenix Park marks the site of the altar where Pope St John Paul celebrated Mass with almost a million people during his visit to Ireland in 1979. At the foot of the papal cross there is a large slab of granite stone with the words: *Be converted anew every day*. Pope St John Paul used that phrase from St Paul in his homily at Mass on that day.

Today's readings from the Book of Jonah and St Mark's Gospel are about being converted anew every day. Before we can be followers of Jesus we have to repent of our sinfulness and turn to God. The time has come, he said, and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News. Following Jonah's preaching the people of Nineveh repented of their wrong doing and turned to God. The first reading tells us: God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behavior: he did not inflict on them the disaster he had threatened. Jonah 3:1-5

Next Thursday, January 25, we celebrate the feast of the conversion of St Paul. St Paul's conversion and his subsequent following of Christ is one of the most dramatic and well known conversions in Christianity. Not all conversions are like that. Conversion happens to all of us. Our repentance for what is wrong in our lives is a process which goes on all through our lives little by little, bit by bit. It is only when we fully repent of our sinful attitudes and mindsets that we can become real followers of Jesus.

*The time has come, he said, and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News. Mark 1:14-20*

**Fr Mark Noonan CM**

### WEEKLY ENVELOPE BOXES

Over the next 4 weeks could all those who donate to St Peter's using the weekly envelope system please put your surname on each envelope. As new boxes were given out at the beginning of December, we want to double-check that all proceeds received are allocated to the correct people. Thanking you in advance.

If you have any queries please contact the administrator at [marion.mccormack@stpetersphibsboro.ie](mailto:marion.mccormack@stpetersphibsboro.ie) or (01) 838 9708.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Jean Barron and Brendan Neville.

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, 21st December 2024

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah:

*'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.'*

Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words,

*'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.'*

And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, make me know your ways.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.

### SECOND READING

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

Brothers: our time is growing short.

Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
believe the good news.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God.

*'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'*

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, *'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.'*

And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA WITH VLM



Looking to do something different in 2024? The Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM) are based in St Peter's Parish and have opportunities for volunteering from 4 weeks - 3 months in projects run by the Vincentian Fathers and Daughters of Charity in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya and Tanzania. Participants must be aged 18yrs and over, we have volunteers in their 70's and 80's. For more information please contact Madeleine Frissung at 087 139 7069 or email: [info@vlm.ie](mailto:info@vlm.ie).

### FAMILY CARERS

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more information visit: [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).



### 'DOES YOUR FAITH NEED A NEW BEGINNING?'

There will be a brief paper on this topic, and then we gather to talk about what we have heard, followed by light refreshments. All are welcome to come along to St Peter's Club (entrance via car park, Cabra Road) on Tuesday 23rd January at 7.30pm. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.



### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 14th January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,269.06
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 622.20
Share	=	€ 189.06
SVP (monthly collection)	=	€ 429.75

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