



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 28th January 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 28 January

St Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church is not celebrated this year

Special Intention

Brendan Neville (MM)

Fr Charles Sinnott CM (A)

Austin Moore (A)

Mary Murphy (A)

Tom Maughan (A)

Joseph & Mary Hannon (A)

Pat & John McDonagh (D)

Monday, 29 January

Heidi Flanagan (B)

Funeral - Sheila Dunne RIP

Teresa Murphy (BR)

Tom Maughan (BR)

Austin Moore (A)

Fr Simon Clyne (A)

Paddy & Annie Agnew (A)

Pat & John McDonagh (D)

Tuesday, 30 January

St Aidan, bishop

Bl. Margaret Ball & Francis Taylor, martyrs

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 31 January

St John Bosco, priest

John Ryan (A)

Claire Corcoran (A)

Mick Punch (D)

Thursday, 1 February

St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland

Bl. Mary Ann Vailliot & Odile Baumgarten, virgins & martyrs

Mary Finn (A)

First Friday, 2 February

The Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 3 February

St Blaise, bishop & martyr & St Ansgar, bishop

Bl. Josephine Nicoli, virgin

Marion Grehan (SI)

POINTS TO PONDER

Today's Gospel story shows us a person who spoke with a courage and a wisdom that struck the ordinary people with its ring of authority.

Synagogues were beginning to come into existence in the first century. They were local centres, used for civic gatherings as well as for study and worship. Many Gospel scenes are located in them. Jesus could be sure to find an audience there. In today's episode Mark's stress is on the authority of Jesus which he exercises in two ways.

Firstly, he teaches with authority - his own authority. This was different from the scribes whose teaching was dependent on what others had said or written. Secondly, Jesus shows his authority over unclean spirits. He is able to confront, silence, and expel the spirit that has taken possession of the unfortunate man in the story. Such exorcisms point to the ultimate victory of the kingdom of God over evil and death.

Jesus taught with authority; and the authority came from his person. There we see what it can mean to be fully human: compassionate, fearless, loving, with a passion for justice and awareness of what is in the human heart. It is by watching him and pondering his words and behaviour, that I too will learn what it is to be human.

In driving out devils Jesus shows that in the reign of God there is no room for oppressive evil forces which weigh down on God's children. No one should have to live in hell. Jesus is in agony until the end of the world, standing with us against all forms of addiction, exploitation, violence and abuse.

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THIS COMING WEEK

- Weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place on Monday at 7.00pm. Rosary at 6.40pm, confessions from 6.30pm.
- Wednesday 31st January: tea/coffee will be served after 10.30am Mass.
- Thursday 1st February is the Feast of St Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland. Mass at 10.30am.
- Friday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. Please bring candles to be blessed for use in your home during the year. As Friday is the First Friday of the month the elderly housebound and infirm will be attended with the Sacraments.
- Saturday 3rd February. Feast of St Blaise: blessing of throats at 10.30am Mass.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Sheila Dunne (Rathdown Road), Kevin Breslin (Leinster Street), Albert Muldoon (formerly Rathdown Road), Teresa Doyle (née Kelly, formerly Phibsborough) & Jean Barron.

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, 28 December 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly.

"Do not let me hear again" you said, "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me,

"All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

1. 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.

2. Come in; let us kneel 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.

3. 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 second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the

world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways.

In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord. The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light ;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He taught them with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted,

'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.'

But Jesus said sharply, *'Be quiet! Come out of him!'* And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him.

The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant.

'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.'

And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE BOXES

Over the next 3 weeks could all those who donate to St Peter's using the weekly envelope system please put your surname on each envelope submitted. Thanking you in advance.

THANK YOU

The total sum arising from the Annual Christmas appeal for St Peter's Conference of the SVP was €14,849.00.

The Conference wishes to express its gratitude to the parish for its generous support at Christmas and throughout the year through its monthly collection.

THROAT BLESSING OF ST BLAISE

Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil.

† In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. †

BLESSING OF THROATS

Saturday 3rd February. Feast of St Blaise: Blessing of Throats at 10.30am Mass.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 21 January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = € 1,225.16

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 488.20

Share = € 265.10

SVP (Christmas Appeal incl. Envelopes) = € 14,849.00

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