



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Easter: 7 April 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

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Divine Mercy Sunday

St John Baptist de la Salle, priest is not celebrated this year

Michael & Ann Lawrence (SI)

McDonagh & Lawrence Families (SI)

Martin Ryan (MM)

Donal Murphy (A)

Kathleen Dunne (A)

Noel Hanon (RD)

Hubert & Nora Staunton (D)

Tommy & Ann Gogh (D)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 8 April

The Annunciation of the Lord

Michael & Ann Lawrence (SI)

McDonagh & Lawrence Families (SI)

Funeral - Carmel Strickland RIP

Maggie Reilly (BR)

Gary Ward (1st A)

Margaret Maguire (A)

Tuesday, 9 April

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 10 April

Pablo Silva (MM)

Thursday, 11 April

St Stanislaus, bishop & martyr

Keane Family (SI)

Friday, 12 April

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 13 April

St Martin I, pope & martyr

Marion Grehan (SI)

Sean O'Hehir (50th A)

A = Anniversary

B = Birthday

BR = Birthday Remembrance

D = Deceased

GW = Get Well

MM = Months Mind

RD = Recently Deceased

SI = Special Intention

W = Wedding

WA = Wedding Anniversary

WATER AND BLOOD (Second Reading 1 John 5:6)

'Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood.' Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and everything that we celebrate at Easter, everything that Jesus taught and did for us is a celebration of the mercy of God for each of us. Not without the ultimate sacrifice. The Easter Triduum opens with Jesus praying so intensively in Gethsemane that sweat fell from him as drops of blood. His death on the cross on Calvary culminates in the blood and water that flows from his side when pierced by the soldier's lance. Water and blood symbolising the humanity and divinity of Jesus are the source of the Church's sacraments which deepen in our lives the presence and power of God's work of salvation in and through Jesus Christ. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ and rise to life with him through the gifts of faith. At the Offertory of the Mass the priest while pouring a little water into the wine, prays quietly 'by the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.' Water and blood, humanity and divinity, the mercy of God cost God dearly. On this Divine Mercy Sunday we proclaim with Thomas our profound yet simple faith in Jesus, the well-spring of God's mercy, 'my Lord and my God.'

Fr Eamon Devlin CM

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS - APRIL 2024

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Monday 8th April is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord which has been transferred this year from 25th March which fell in Holy Week. We celebrate Our Lady's 'yes' to God's plan for her which gave us so great a Saviour.

Thursday 11th April is the Feast of St Stanislaus, Patron Saint of Poland. We rejoice with the Polish people in our parish and wish them the blessing and protection of their national patron.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Carmel Strickland (formerly Connaught Street), John (Jack) Corbett (Connaught Parade), Kathleen (Kay) McCabe (Charleville Road), Thomas Abbey, Pablo Silva, Martin Ryan, Paul Shiels and Mary McGillicuddy.

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, 7 April 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you,'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'

Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sun 31 March

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,437.67

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = €1,133.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 441.56

Trócaire (Lenten Boxes/Envelopes) = €3,080.51

Thank you for your support to the parish and the Diocese.

MONTHLY COLLECTION

The Society of St Vincent de Paul's monthly collection for the work of St Peter's Conference will take place at all Masses next weekend 13th/14th April.

