



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Easter: 14 April 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 14 April

Pablo Silva (MM)

Bryan Kelly (RD)

Frances McCann Naughton (RD)

Eileen Finnegan (A)

Brian Bergin (A)

Peter & Kathleen Donlon (A)

Eileen Finnegan (A)

Alice Halpin (A)

Anne Keogh (A)

Eugene O'Driscoll (A)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

Monday, 15 April

Pablo Silva (MM)

Rose Bridget Dugdale (MM)

Caitriona Callinan (A)

George Thacheth (A)

Christopher Heitman (A)

Tuesday, 16 April

Funeral - Noel Kelleher RIP

Owen Cullan (A)

John Heaslip (A)

William & Teresa Dale (D)

Wednesday, 17 April

Rosie & John Lynch (A)

Amber Taite (A)

John, Bridie & Emily Dale (D)

Thursday, 18 April

St Laserian, bishop

Ellen Crosbie (D)

Holy Souls

Friday, 19 April

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 20 April

Marion Grehan (SI)

DUE TO STAFF TRAINING...

... the parish office will open Thursday 18th April from 11.00am - 1.00pm.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION: MEANING FOR EVERYONE

Human Longing for Endless Life

Primitive religions looked upon the dead as somehow alive. The ancient Romans considered some dead heroes as still alive after death, in a divine condition. Sorcerers have tried (and pretended) to bring back the dead to life. These attitudes, while fallacious, yet reveal a deep human desire for continued existence. Reason, experience, and Scripture show that it's humanly impossible to resuscitate the dead. Only God can give life. A person only dies once. Scripture says: "It's appointed for human beings to die once." There is no re-incarnation.

Christ's Resurrection

The death of Jesus is real, as the Gospels prove. His rising to new life is absolutely true, as the Gospels and New Testament show. Today's text (Luke 24) portrays Christ alive, back from the tomb. He is heard as he speaks, he sees, is seen, eats, and is touched. There is no corpse of Jesus left behind. The account follows an appearance to the disciples of Emmaus, with whom he celebrated a Eucharistic meal; there they recognised him at the Breaking of Bread.

Now

The Risen Christ is always with us. His body is real, corporal, but also is glorified, not subject to time and space. We encounter Jesus now, especially at the Eucharist, Holy Communion, Mass. The Real Presence of the whole Christ in his Church at all times is a consolation on earth for those who believe in him. Reading 1 (Acts 3) calls us to belief in the Risen Lord. Reading 2 (1 John 2) tells us to seek forgiveness, and then we have full relationship with Christ. Faith in the glorious Christ is very down-to-earth. This faith gives vision of a transfigured landscape here on earth, the powerful radiance of God in earthly time.

"I see his blood upon the rose... His tears fall from the skies."

(Joseph Mary Plunkett)

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Noel Kelleher (Connaught Street), Carmel Strickland, John (Jack) Corbett, Kathleen (Kay) McCabe & Thomas Abbey.

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, 14 April 2024

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people:

'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me,
O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me
whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?'
many say.

Lift up the light of your face
on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not

only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, Explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them,

'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said,

'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed.

Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.'

And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them,

'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them,

'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in

the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then

opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,

'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the

nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

LADIES STRETCH CLASSES

Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm in St Peter's Club. To register call 087 961 4933. Ladies of all ages welcome.

COLLECTIONS - Sun 7 April

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,469.67

Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments) = € 263.20

Share (2nd Collection) = € 284.76

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

SVP

The SVP's monthly collection for the work of St Peter's Conference takes place at all Masses this weekend.

'FAITH & REFLECTION'

The Patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'Faith & Reflection'. There will be a brief paper on the topic, and then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard, followed by light refreshments mid-way. Everyone is very welcome to come along this Tuesday, 16th April at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club.

The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.