



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 19 January 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 19th January

Sheila Dunne (1stA)  
John & Michael O'Connor (A)  
Frank O'Keeffe (A)  
Jack Bruen (A)  
Kathleen McMahon (A)

#### Monday, 20th January

*St Fabian, pope & martyr. St Sebastian martyr*  
Maureen, Bob & Nano Blake (D)  
Lily, Philip Snr & Philip Jnr Penston (D)

#### Tuesday, 21st January

*St Agnes, virgin and martyr*

#### Wednesday, 22nd January

*St Vincent, deacon and martyr*

#### Thursday, 23rd January

#### Friday, 24th January

*St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church*  
Cullen Family (D)

#### Saturday, 25th January

*The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle*  
*400th Anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation of the Mission*  
Eugene Tracey (A)

A = Anniversary	MM = Months Mind
B = Birthday	RD = Recently Deceased
BR = Birthday Remembrance	SI = Special Intention
D = Deceased	W = Wedding
GW = Get Well	WA = Wedding Anniversary

***This was the first of the signs given by Jesus. It was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him. John 2:11***

Jesus had spent 30 years in Nazareth considering how he was to fulfil the mission given him by the father. He had to decide what kind of Messiah he would be. We know from the temptations in the desert that he considered different options. He rejected them. He would not be a glorious, conquering, triumphant Messiah. A glorious, conquering, triumphant Messiah would have been the popular expectation at the time. Instead he would become a suffering servant Messiah, lowly and humble. He would be rejected by Judaism and would suffer and die and rise from the dead.

He began his mission by gathering around him a group of disciples. Many of them were fishermen, He didn't choose eminent people who knew the Jewish law. The God of surprises chose fishermen who were mostly ignorant of the law.

According to St John's gospel, three days after putting the group together, Jesus and his disciples were invited to a wedding in Cana. The gospel says: *The mother of Jesus was there and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited.* His mother drew his attention to the shortage of wine. He replied: *Woman, why turn to me my hour has not yet come.* Jesus hadn't yet begun his public ministry.

Mary said to the stewards: *Do whatever he tells you.* These are the last recorded words of Mary, the mother of God in the New Testament. With these words she is pointing us towards her son. *Do whatever he tells you.* That is her role in the history of salvation- to lead us to Jesus. Jesus, even though he said his hour had not yet come turned the water in the six stone jars each containing 20 or 30 gallons of water into wine.

St John has the story of the Wedding in Cana of Galilee as the start of the public life of Jesus. The other gospel writers begin the start of the public life of Jesus with the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan. It is significant that in St John's Gospel Jesus began his public ministry at the request of his mother and amid the singing and dancing of a wedding party. It's significant too that this was the best wine. Notice that Jesus didn't specify the amount of wine to be taken by each person. There simply was an abundance of the best wine without any limits or conditions. That is the kind of God that Jesus knew- a God of abundance

Fr Mark Noonan CM

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 20 January - Church

- The weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place on Monday evening at 7.00pm and includes the blessing of medals, and the procession to Our Lady's Altar. Rosary begins at 6.40pm, confessions are available from 6.30pm.

#### Tuesday 21 January - Club

- Patrician on 'Jubilee Year'. The patrician is a wonderful forum to build up knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic this month is 'Jubilee Year'. There will be a brief paper on the topic, and then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard. We have a cup of tea and light refreshments mid-way. Everyone is very welcome to come along on **Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm**. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 19 January 2025

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

### SECOND READING

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord;

working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants. Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no 'idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 12th January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	= €1,318.77
Envelopes (Online/Payzone)	= € 950.05
Share (2nd Collection)	= € 308.95
SVP (Monthly Collection)	= € 881.07

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

### RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Preparation meetings take place on Sundays at 9am in the Frank Duff Room. Access is via the Sacristy corridor from the Church

### Catholic Schools Week begins on January 19

All teachers and students are invited to a special Taizé at University Church, Stephens Green on Tuesday, January 21, at 6pm with pizza and refreshments after.

**CAMINO DE SANTIAGO** Have you ever dreamed of doing the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from the 13th - 20th June 2025. Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors. For more information, please contact [edel@breakcancer.ie](mailto:edel@breakcancer.ie) or phone 021 422 66 55