



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Ascension of the Lord: 1 June 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 1st June

World Communications Day

St Justin, martyr is not celebrated this year

Berna Fennell (MM)

Jack Doyle (1st A)

Breda (1st A) & PJ Higgins (D)

Josef Durdak (D)

Hugh Mullin (RD)

Monday, 2 June

Ss Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs

Holy Souls

Tuesday, 3 June

St Kevin, abbot

Martha Dorney (A)

Kathleen Breen (A)

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 4 June

Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs

Holy Souls

Thursday, 5 June

St Boniface, bishop & martyr

Hugh Mullin (RD)

Holy Souls

First Friday, 6 June

St Norbert, bishop & St Jarlath, bishop

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Holy Souls

Saturday, 7 June

St Colman, bishop

Sheila O'Neill (1st A)

Holy Souls

PRAYER GUIDANCE WEEK EXPERIENCE

Curious and open to what the week of Guided Prayer may have in store I joined 36 participants, and 9 prayer guides (lay and religious) one sunny Sunday afternoon in March, in the Church of the Most Precious Blood, for a lay-led introductory meeting. There, we each met our prayer guide, and arranged to meet individually for 30 minutes each day, over the following five days.

Prayer guidance is a conversation between two people offering an opportunity to tease out through Scripture what is going on in one's faith, life and in one's experience of God. Based on the Ignatian approach to prayer – which includes the use of our five senses and imagination to deepen our relationship with God, we would be invited to reflect on pieces of Scripture each day. To make time also to meet Christ 'like a friend' each evening and review with Him the ups and downs of our day through the 'Examen Prayer,' and review our experience the following day with our Prayer Guide.

My prayer guides' gentle guidance was always intuitive, giving me plenty to reflect on each evening. His encouragement to 'go with' whatever came up – helped me to trust more what came, even if it was not the piece suggested.

Using my five senses and imagination, the week became a Banquet – a table of Scriptural food and drink, of words, phrases, sentences and Gospel scenes, served up by the Prophets of old, the Psalmist and the Apostles. Food for my soul indeed! The experience of active participation through prayer guidance opened new vistas in my prayer life and enriched my experience of the Mass. Now I was being challenged in a new and insightful way.

Including this approach in my daily prayer life now, deepens my awareness of and appreciation for my relationship with Christ. A relationship being nourished anew, in a more consciously engaged way than previously. For this I am very grateful.

Prayer Guidance week concluded in the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians with small group evaluations, feedback, and Mass.

Monica Chambers

VENERABLE MATT TALBOT CENTENARY WEEKEND SERVICES

Friday 6 June at 7.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street

Talk: Matt Talbot: a Saint for our Times

Saturday 7 June at 3.00pm St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Marlborough Street

Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Dermot Farrell will celebrate the Centenary Mass followed by a procession to the tomb and prayer for beatification on Venerable Matt Talbot

Sunday 8 June at 2.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street

Celebration of Holy Eucharist 4.00pm

Talk: The Church's Role in Addiction and Recovery

Talk: The Importance of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in Today's Society

HOPEFEST

@NORTH CITY CENTRE

Young Adults (18-35)

Friday, 6 June 7.00pm - 9.30pm

St Mary's Pro Cathedral

An evening of faith and fun, music & games, inspiring talks, time to chat & connect, pray, celebrate & grow in faith and much more.

ARE YOU SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY?

We are forming a media team in our parish and are looking for volunteers to help with poster design, video editing, and other media-related tasks. If you are interested in contributing your skills, please contact the parish office at: info@stpetersphibsboro.ie.

BANK HOLIDAY

As Monday 2 June is a Bank Holiday:

- 1) the Parish Office will be closed.
- 2) there will be no evening Mass/Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 1 June 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised.

'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about:

John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him,

'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He replied,

'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority,

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem

but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said,

'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 28: 19

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; said the Lord,
yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

'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.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised.

Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.

They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 25 May

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone)	= €1,325.36
Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone)	= € 442.65
Share (replaced Share)	= € 263.08

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

CHURCH REMEDIAL WORKS

The planned works will now not begin in June as we had hoped. A small number of outstanding issues are yet to be finished. Work to prepare St Peter's Club as a temporary Mass Centre are still ongoing as well. We now expect that the work in the Church will commence September.