



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Easter: 11 May 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 11th May

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Gabriel & Eucharía Alilionu (SI)

Ray Kearns Jnr (BR)

Shay Barron (BR)

Griffith Roberts (A)

John, Teresa & Alan Dooley (A)

Jiri Jelinek (RD)

Monday, 12th May

Ss Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs

St Pancras, martyr

Maurice O'Connor (MM)

Joan Murphy (MM)

Pat Connaughton (A)

Vivi Janss & Herbert Hütter (A)

Josephine Donnellan (A)

Paul Parkes (RD)

Bernie & Meanie Mongan (D, WA)

Tuesday, 13th May

Our Lady of Fatima

May Richard (A)

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 14th May

St Matthias, Apostle

Holy Souls

Thursday, 15th May

St Carthage, bishop

Benedict, Louis & Ethel Penny (A)

Holy Souls

Friday, 16th May

St Brendan, abbot

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Holy Souls

Saturday, 17th May

Mary Coogan (BR)

Holy Souls

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:

working for priestly & religious vocations

Theme

We often think of St Patrick as a young slave shepherding on the mountainside in Ireland. Later he returned as Apostle, leader, and shepherd of our souls in the Catholic Church. The image of God as shepherd is attractive. Scripture calls God the Shepherd of his people. "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Psalm 23). On this day we focus especially on promoting vocations to priesthood and vowed life - by prayer, activity, encouragement, and a whole culture. This is a task for all seasons and a duty for all our people (as Vatican II decreed).

Scripture guides

Reading 1 (Acts 2) presents the powerful early preaching of St Peter, the first Pope. The same Apostle in Reading 2 (1 Peter 2) sees us as former "wandering sheep" rescued by our Good Shepherd, Jesus. The Gospel (John 10) is a portrait of Christ as strong, gentle, leader; like modern shepherds in Israel's mountains Jesus leads; he gives clear teaching, and protects us from evil influence and false, ignorant imposters. He gives us "abundant life".

Living this Sunday always

We know the value of the truth, the life of our Church, Sacraments, faith, Mass, family living, and prayer. Priests, working with vowed people and the laity have a guarantee of sound Catholic life. We wish and pray that many graces will be bestowed upon our new Pope Leo XIV, and we ask the Lord for countless blessings upon him in the most responsible role on earth.

The duty of promoting vocations and of accepting the Call is clear and relevant. "Pray that God may call you, so humble, to do such great things, for so many people", words addressed to youth by Fr Denis Faul, peace-maker, pastor, writer, evangelist, priest.

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Anna O'Rourke (NCR) and Berna Fennell (Norfolk Road).

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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, 17 May at 11.30am

Please remember in your prayers the children from St Peter's National School who will make their First Holy Communion here next Saturday, 17 May at the 11.30am Mass. We wish them, their parents, families and teachers God's blessing for this very special celebration.

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

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 11th May 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly.

'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans.

For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

"I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth."

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

SECOND READING

I, John saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands.

One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 4th May

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone) = €1,322.04

Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone) = € 297.50

Share (2nd Collection) = € 224.32

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

SUMMER BENEFIT CONCERT

Will take place on Sunday 18 May at 6.00pm in St Peter's Church with St Peter's Church Choir, the Offbeat Ensemble Orchestra, past pupils Lily Yang & Aaron Wang & St Peter's Primary School Orchestra. Tickets are on sale at the door.