



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Easter: 18 May 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 18th May

St John I, pope & martyr is not celebrated this year

Pasha Pylla (A)
Michael O'Leary (A)
Lola Stedmon (A)
Kathleen McCabe (A)
Bohumil Cihlar (D)

Monday, 19th May

John Mongan (3rd A)

Tuesday, 20th May

St Bernadine of Siena, priest

Anne Byrne (A)
Agnes Marley (A)
Margaret Bilsborrow (A)

Wednesday, 21st May

Ss Christopher Magallanes, priest & Companions, martyrs

Kelsey Kinsella (2nd A)
Margaret O'Reilly (A)
Jo Mini Jose (D)
Mary Breen (D)

Thursday, 22nd May

St Rita of Cascia, religious

Jay Ann Jorolan (A)
Yani (D)

Friday, 23rd May

St Joan Antide Thouret, Virgin

Patsy McCauley (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 24th May

Day of Prayer for the Church in China

Annie Maughan (BR)

A = Anniversary
B = Birthday
BR = Birthday Remembrance
D = Deceased
GW = Get Well

MM = Month's Mind
RD = Recently Deceased
SI = Special Intention
W = Wedding
WA = Wedding Anniversary

They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith

Acts 14:21

Now I am making the whole of creation new

Apoc 21:1-5

I give you a new commandment. Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another **Jn 13:31**

There is something exciting about new things—new clothes, a new house, a new car, a new road, a new television, a new government, a new year. At this time of the year there is new growth in nature with fresh leaves coming on the trees. I wonder what is it about new things that affects us like that. Maybe we get tired of old things and something new has a freshness about it that is attractive.

The idea of new things is running through today's readings. In the entrance antiphon we read: O Sing a new Song to the Lord for he has worked wonders (ps 97). In the first reading there is a reference to Paul and Barnabas putting new heart into the disciples. *They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith (Acts 14:21).* In the second reading John saw a new heaven and a new earth. *The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now. The world of the past has gone. Then the one sitting on the throne spoke: Now I am making the whole of creation new (Apoc 21:5).*

Jesus says in the Gospel: *I give you a new commandment: love one another; Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another (John 13:34-35).* Jesus calls us to love one another as he has loved us. He is calling for a love that goes beyond those we like. Jesus spoke those words just after he had washed the feet of his disciples at the last supper. We are not expected to like everyone but as followers of Jesus we are called to love everyone including our enemies. That is why Jesus spoke of a new commandment. The old way was an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth.

There is a spiritual quality about new things that seems to be very important for us. God is always new. Always youthful, always creative. God wants us to have the same quality about the way we live our lives. Sometimes it helps for us to see ourselves in a new way—to let go of old ways of relating and behaving and to be flexible and adaptable enough to see ourselves in a new way. To see our family in a new way; to see our job in a new way, to see our home in a new way; to see the neighbourhood in which we live in a new way. There is something healing about the quality of newness.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

THIS WEEK

- ♦ **Monday:** On Monday the weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place at 7.00pm.
- ♦ **Tuesday:** Patrician Meeting. The topic this month is 'Mary, Queen of May'. 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 welcome to come along on Tuesday 20th May at 7.30pm in St Peter's Club. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 18th May 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. *We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.'* In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, *'You see this city? Here God lives among men.'*

He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God;

his name is 'God-with-them.'

He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death,

and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: *'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'*

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment:
love one another; just as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.'

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 11th May

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone) = € 987.60

Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone) = € 602.00

SVP (monthly collection) = € 373.80

Share (2nd Collection) = € 268.35

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

LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

The Lay Ministry Appeal takes place on the weekend of May 17th/18th and will replace the Share collection.

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.

SVP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help? SVP - The Society of St Vincent de Paul is Ireland's biggest charity with over 11,000 members and is looking for new members. We will be recruiting in St Peter's Church after all Masses on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. Come along and have a chat with some of our volunteers.