



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 20 July 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 20 July

St Apollinaris, bishop & martyr is not celebrated this year

Peter Carr (GW)
Emma Foran (1st A)
Mia Delaney (A)
Nicholas O'Toole (A)
Marty Maughan (A)
Jacqueline McDonagh (BR)
Josef Durdak (D)

Monday, 21 July

St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor of the Church

Peter Carr (GW)
Nance Hehir (A)
Jo Mini Jose (D)

Tuesday, 22 July

St Mary Magdalene

Peter Carr (GW)
Remyus Menezes (A)

Wednesday, 23 July

St Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe

Peter Carr (GW)

Thursday, 24 July

St Sharbel Makhlūf, priest

St Declan, bishop

Peter Carr (GW)

Friday, 25 July

St James, Apostle

Peter Carr (GW)
Noreen Rodgers (MM)
Mollie Haugh (A)
Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 26 July

Ss Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Matthew Staton (SI)
Peter Carr (GW)

But the Lord answered: Martha, Martha, he said, You worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her. (Lk 10- 38-39)

In today's Mass readings meals are being prepared. In the first reading three divine visitors receive hospitality from Abraham. In the Gospel reading Jesus has a meal with Mary and Martha.

Hospitality is a very important quality in the Bible especially in St Luke's Gospel. Jesus spent much of his time at meals. The Passover Meal before his passion and death was a very significant meal.

Notice that in the two readings Abraham and Mary are aware of the divine. Abraham was sitting in the tent at the hottest part of the day when the Lord appeared to him. Mary sat at the feet of the Lord listening to him.

Silence and being at rest is essential if we are to become aware of the presence of God in our lives. Becoming aware is so vital in our relationship with God. When we become aware of the presence of God, we welcome God into our lives as Abraham did in the first reading and as Martha and Mary did in the Gospel reading.

We need both the Martha personality and the Mary personality in our world. The two are essential. They are two sides of the same coin. Activity and contemplation. There are some religious congregations in the church whose main work is the work of contemplation. The main work of other congregations is of an active apostolic nature. St Vincent de Paul kept urging the men and women who worked with him to be apostles abroad and contemplatives at home. Getting a balance between activity and contemplation is not easy. It is quite a challenge for busy people to be silent for a while each day and to raise their heart and mind to God in prayer.

Fr Mark Noonan CM

TAX RELIEF DONATIONS

As a registered charity St Peter's Parish can claim tax relief on donations of €250 or more in any one year at a rate of 31% (no matter what rate of tax you pay). It applies to all cheque/cash and online donations which are made in instalments over the year or as one donation during that time. Please fill in a CHY 4 Cert available from the Church, Parish Office or online at: www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/.../Vincentian-Fathers... Please return the completed cert to the Parish Office. Thank you for all your support.

THIS WEEK

- Monday - weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place at 7.00pm.
- Adoration - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place after Saturday 10.30am Mass (except if there is a funeral).

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 20 July 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed to the ground.

'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied *'Do as you say.'* Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.

'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him.

'She is in the tent,' he replied.

Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife Sarah will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Joe Madden (formerly Norfolk Road) and Paddy Neville (shop in laneway beside St Peter's National School).

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.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints.

It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are those who with a noble and generous heart have heard the word and take it to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 13th July

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| Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone) | = | €1,310.95 |
| Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone) | = | € 504.00 |
| SVP (Monthly Collection) | = | € 415.38 |
| Share | = | € 230.13 |

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

VINCENTIAN PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Join us and encourage others, as we pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, 13 September** to honour our Blessed Lady and give thanks for the many blessing we receive. Bookings now at the Parish Office Cost: €60 per person (to be paid in full at time of booking) includes tea break and evening meal. For more details please ring 838 9708 or info@stpetersphibsboro.ie.

Online bookings can also be made at the following link: <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10002/product-list/details/118>.