



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 27 July 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 27 July

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Peter Carr (GW)

Phyllis Somers (MM)

Martin Rohan (A)

John Walsh (A)

Ray Kearns Jr (A)

Maria Durdáková (D)

Fitzmaurice & Drury Families (D)

Monday, 28 July

Peter Carr (GW)

John Mullan (A)

Michael Swan (A)

Gerard Byrne (A)

Vincent O'Mahony (A)

Darragh Waters (A)

Tuesday, 29 July

Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Peter Carr (GW)

Joe Lardner (25th A)

Lily Power (A)

Wednesday, 30 July

St Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor of the Church

St Justin De Jacobis, bishop

Peter Carr (GW)

Frances Devine (A)

Thursday, 31 July

St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Peter Carr (GW)

Kasia Gach (1st A)

First Friday, 1 August

St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & doctor of the Church

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 2 August

St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop

St Peter Julian Eymard, priest

Special Intention

Matthew Staton (SI)

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

GOD'S HOLY NAME

Middle-East Abraham was a practiced haggler. He haggles with God to preserve Sodom and Gomorrah threatened with "fire and brimstone". Starting with 50 morally upright people he beats God down to 10 (Genesis 18).

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a practical model of how we should pray. The words of what we call the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) are known to every Christian.

Jesus follows with a parable, reminding us of Abraham's haggling, about a late-night persistent request for bread.

The moral: don't give up, keep asking.

But there is more to the Lord's Prayer than asking for what we want. In today's gospel (Luke's) there are five petitions. The version we usually say is based on Matthew's gospel. It has seven petitions. Here it is:

Our Father in heaven

May your name be held holy,

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors,

And do not put us to the test,

but save us from the Evil One.

Perhaps in the secular world (which excludes God) to pray that God's name be held in highest regard – above everything and everyone else – is a challenge.

"Father, may your name be held holy".

Say and pray that with your heart – and mean it.

Don't allow a day to pass without saying this. It was made in heaven.

Fr Padraig Regan 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 **for 2024** 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, 27 July 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said, *'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah!*

How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, *'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner?*

Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?'

The Lord replied, *'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'*

Abraham replied, *'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?'*

'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty five just men there.'

Again Abraham said to him, *'Perhaps there will only be forty there.'*

'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, *'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.'*

'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.'

He said, *'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.'*

'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.'

He said, *'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.'*

'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

SECOND READING

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

You have been buried with him, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit you received is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said,

'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, *'Say this when you pray:*

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them,

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him";

and the man answers from inside the house,

"Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you."

I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you:

Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.

For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds;

the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him.

What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread?

Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Anne Hyland (Shandon Gardens).

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.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 20th July

Parish (1st Collection, incl.Tap/Online/Payzone)	=	€1,227.87
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Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone)	=	€ 485.61
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Share	=	€ 252.29
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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>.