



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 10 August 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 10 August

St Lawrence, deacon & martyr is not celebrated this year

Gabriel, Eucharia & Family (SI)

Phyllis Leighton (1st A)

Kathleen Mockler (A)

Jaroslav Pruska (RD)

Dzintra Koleda (D)

Monday, 11 August

St Clare, virgin

Mary & Noel Wyatt (40th WA)

George Morrison (RD)

Anita Butler (1st A)

Theresa Murphy (A)

Tuesday, 12 August

Ss Jane Frances de Chantal, religious, Lelia, virgin, Attracta, virgin & Muredach, bishop

Holy Souls

Wednesday, 13 August

Ss Pontian, pope & Hippolytus, priest, martyrs

St Fachtha, bishop

Holy Souls

Thursday, 14 August

St Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr

Teresa Murphy (A)

Friday, 15 August

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation**

Michael Flanagan (1st A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 16 August

St Stephen of Hungary

Matthew Staton (SI)

Special Intention

GOD'S SERENE VOICE CALLING ABOVE THE CONFUSION

Today's Scripture brings energy to us all

Reading 1 (Wisdom 18), from c.60BC, sets the scene of the Passover where the people promised to obey the Covenant. Reading 2 (Hebrews 11) offers great examples of faith in pursuing God's will. The Gospel (Luke 12) focuses on Christ's address to his believers. His essential message is to desire God above all created things, and to restrain appetites that lead us to sin, or which are obstacles to our goal of seeking God's way. Here is Jesus the only Saviour, the Son of God, our true friend.

One message; two expressions of living it

(i) Jesus gives the highest call to his closest "disciples" (Gospel), to those who are to teach, lead his Church, to the pastors of the people. Similar dedication is expected from those who make vows of poverty, virginity, and obedience.

(ii) The call for all lay people, married or single, is to be responsible with goods, to have charity for everyone, and lead a full life of the Church.

Power unleashed by Christ's words - NOW

Today's Scripture has power to launch us into fresh resolve and deeds, to grow into full Church identity, keeping close to our faith - community in personal loyalty. We need also to be prudent, to evaluate the trends in the culture. We must rule out false ideologies, some portrayed in deceptive colours and fictitious promises. Social media calls for informed critique. Let us follow the nourishment of Christ and the true doctrine of the Church.

*"I promised God to consecrate my days to the service of Truth
that restored peace to my soul."*

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam (1813-53), great Catholic lay man,
married to Amélie, father, University professor, co-founder of the SVP

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

THIS WEEK

- Friday 15th August: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Day of obligation. Masses at 10.30am and 6.30pm.
- From Tuesday 12th August the Church will close early on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2.30pm till the end of August.

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>.

A = Anniversary
B = Birthday
BR = Birthday Remembrance
D = Deceased
GW = Get Well
MM = Months Mind
RD = Recently Deceased
SI = Special Intention
W = Wedding

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 10 August 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

SECOND READING (Shorter form)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only *faith* can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen.

It was for *faith* that our ancestors were commended.

It was by *faith* that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

By *faith* he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by *faith* that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she *believed* that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Shorter form)

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.

I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house.

You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

PATRICIAN MEETING – FRANK DUFF ROOM

The topic this month is ‘**The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven**’. There will be a brief paper on the topic, followed by tea and light refreshments. Everyone is welcome on Tuesday 19th August at 7.30pm (entrance at main hall door opposite **YOUR STOP** shop, corner of St Peter’s Road). Organised by the Legion of Mary.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 27th July

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone)	=	€1,380.41
Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone)	=	€ 523.28
Share	=	€ 256.03

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TAX RELIEF DONATIONS

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