



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 17 August 2025**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 17 August

Our Lady of Knock is not celebrated this year

Rose McCabe (1st A)

Emily Sutton (A)

Jiri Jelenek (RD)

#### Monday, 18 August

Elizabeth Sykes (B)

Rose McCabe (1st A)

Breda McInerney (A)

Frank McInerney (A)

Bernard Coniry (A)

Sue Coniry (A)

Gerard Coniry (A)

#### Tuesday, 19 August

St John Eudes, priest

Anne Hyland (MM)

#### Wednesday, 20 August

St Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church

Bernard & Sue Coniry (A)

Gerard Coniry (A)

#### Thursday, 21 August

St Pius X, pope

Mary & Ann McCarrigle (SI)

Jo Mini Jose (D)

#### Friday, 22 August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

Margaret Maguire (BR)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

#### Saturday, 23 August

St Rose of Lima, virgin

St Eugene, bishop

Matthew Staton (SI)

Special Intention

Elizabeth O'Loughnan (A)

### ***DO YOU SUPPOSE I HAVE COME TO BRING PEACE ON EARTH? NO I TELL YOU BUT RATHER DIVISION.*** Lk 12:50

In today's Gospel Jesus poses the question: "*Do you think that I am come to bring peace on earth?*" He answers his question himself. *No I tell you but rather division.* We have come to think of Jesus as the Prince of Peace. The Communion Rite in every Mass links him with peace; his discourse to his disciples at the Last Supper makes many references to peace. When Jesus appeared to the gathered apostles on the First Easter Sunday his opening greeting to them was: *Peace be with you.* Yet, when he answers his own question, *Do you suppose I have come to bring peace on earth?* He says he brings division, not peace.

In the first reading Jeremiah is in conflict with the Jewish authorities in his time. Jeremiah preached the word of God. The people didn't like what he was saying so they took him out of prison and left him to die in a deep pit of mud. They felt compelled to silence Jeremiah.

The Jewish authorities felt compelled to silence Jesus too. They couldn't live with some of the things he said and did. The message of Jesus began to lead him into conflict with the Jewish authorities. This conflict was to lead eventually to Calvary and his crucifixion.

The peace Jesus talks about is not a *wishy-washy, compromising, anything-for-a-quiet-life* kind of peace. When he mentions "division" we begin to see division as the price of *authentic* peace.

We look at the life of Jesus for clues as to how "peace" and "division" can be reconciled. The easy road to peace is to go with the crowd. Jesus certainly didn't do that. Jesus followed the road of reform and conversion and change. The road of reform and conversion and change brings conflict and division.

**Fr Mark Noonan CM**

### THIS WEEK

- From Tuesday 12th August the Church will close early on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2.30pm till the end of August.
- Tuesday 19th August at 7.30pm in the Frank Duff Room, Patrician Meeting. Topic: The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. More details on page 2.

### 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](mailto: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  
WA = Wedding Anniversary

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 17 August 2025

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king.

*'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.'*

*'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.'*

So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king.

*'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.'*

At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: *'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'*

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!'

Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

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 (Frank Duff Room, entrance at main hall door opposite **YOUR STOP** shop, corner of St Peter's Road). Organised by the Legion of Mary.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 10th August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone)	=	€ 719.82
Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone)	=	€ 217.20
SVP (monthly collection)	=	€ 385.50
Share	=	€ 257.20

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

### 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...](http://www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/.../Vincentian-Fathers...) **To date we have received 13 forms for 2024, we would ask all eligible parishioners to fill one in and return it to the parish office by September 30th.** Thank you for all your continued support.