



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: 24 August

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 24 August

St Bartholomew, apostle is not celebrated this year
 Jacqueline McDonagh (A)
 Elizabeth O'Loughnan (A)
 Bernadette Smith & Thomas Sheridan (A)
 Bohumil Cihlar (D)

Monday, 25 August

St Louis of France
 St Joseph Calasan, priest
 Philip Murray (A)
 Bernard & Sue Coniry (A)
 Gerard Coniry (A)

Tuesday, 26 August

Sean Maguire (A)
 Maureen Hartmann (100th BR)

Wednesday, 27 August

St Monica, patron saint of mothers
 Catherine Maguire (A)

Thursday, 28 August

St Augustine, bishop & doctor of the Church
 Brian Duffy (1st A)
 Tom O'Beirne (A)
 Paidric Faye (BR)

Friday, 29 August

The Passion of St John the Baptist
 Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 30 August

Bl. Ghebre Michael, priest & martyr
 St Fiacre, monk
 Matthew Staton (SI)
 Special Intention
 Mairead Spellman (1st A)

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

"THE NARROW DOOR"

One day a man asked Jesus "Will only a few people be saved?"
 Meaning, will only a few become part of the Kingdom of which Jesus often spoke.
 Jesus' answer is direct and challenging:
"Try your best to enter by The Narrow Door".
 Here was a metaphor: "The Narrow door", symbol of a tight squeeze, controlled life-style, a disciplined life.

Jesus had many other ways of describing the "Narrow Door" to heaven:

*Take up your cross and follow me;
 Blessed are you poor in spirit;
 Lose your life and you will save it;
 It is no profit to gain the whole world and to lose your soul;
 Sell your possessions, give the money to the poor and follow me.*

Jesus' "Narrow Door" had a successor.
 Ernest Shackleton was said to have put this newspaper advertisement for his
 1914 - 16 Antarctic Expedition:



It was said that 5,000 men applied for the fated expedition.
 Whether or not Shackleton's advertisement was real, we know that Jesus did say:
Try your best to enter the kingdom by the Narrow Door.

Fr Padraig Regan CM

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 contact 01 838 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>.

CLOSING EARLY - MIDWEEK

During the month of August the Church will close early on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2.30pm. We are open later on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.



LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 24 August 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord says this:

'I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations:

to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory.

They will proclaim my glory to the nations.

As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites' says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Go out to the whole world
and proclaim the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you.

For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training;

God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and

goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages he went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem.

Someone said to him, '*Sir, will there be only a few saved?*'

He said to them,

'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "*Lord, open to us*" but he will answer, "*I do not know where you come from*".

Then you will find yourself saying, "*We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets*" but he will reply, "*I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!*"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside.

And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. '*Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.*'

The Gospel of the Lord.

TEA / COFFEE

On Wednesday, 27th August, tea & coffee will be available in the Chapel of Adoration after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to attend.



COLLECTIONS - Sunday 17th August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone)	=	€1,428.10
Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone)	=	€ 536.20
Share	=	€ 264.01

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%. 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 the annual certificate for **2024** available from the Church, Parish Office or online at: www.stpetersphibsboro.ie/.../Vincentian-Fathers... Thanks to those who have completed the forms for 2024 (15 received to date). 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.