



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 7 September 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 7 September

Special Intention

Fionn Cullen (BR)

Con Linehan (1st A)

Kay O'Sullivan (3rd A)

Denis Byrne (A)

Josef Durdak (D)

Monday, 8 September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Funeral - Gertie O'Connor RIP

Tuesday, 9 September

Bl. Antoine-Frédéric Ozanam, founder of the Society of St Vincent de Paul

St Ciaran, abbot

Brian (SI)

John Morgan (RD)

Garry & Mahon Families (D)

Wednesday, 10 September

St Peter Claver, priest

Josephine O'Neill (MM)

Eddie, Bridie & Paul O'Rourke (A)

Thursday, 11 September

St John Gabriel Perboyre, priest martyr

Owen Cullen (BR)

Agnes & John Kennedy (A)

Niall & Paula Hannon (A)

Friday, 12 September

The Most Holy Name of Mary

St Ailbe, bishop

Maria Fernandes (B)

Mollie O'Loughnan (A)

Kathleen & Jack Lonergan (A)

Mary & Michael O'Dwyer (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 13 September

St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church

Matthew Staton (SI)

Special Intention

Sheila Mulvey (BR)

Kathleen Heffernan (1st A)

Hilary Smith (1st A)

HOPE THAT SPRINGS ETERNAL!

This Sunday 7th September Pope Leo will canonise Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. These are ordinary young people of the twenty-first and twentieth centuries respectively, who were extraordinary in their faith, hope and love. Both belonged to families where to have faith was challenging. Carlo's parents did not practice their faith, Carlo was simply drawn to visit a Church and was filled with awe and love for Jesus in the Eucharist. He spent his short life sharing this love online and in person with friends and all those he was able to reach. Pier Giorgio's father was agnostic, his mother nominally Christian only. He was drawn to Christ through the writings of St Thomas Aquinas and St Catherine of Siena and devoted himself to serving Christ in the poor.

The lives of Pier Giorgio and Carlo remind us, among other things, that God's Spirit is at work in the ordinary and unseen and in ways that are surprising. We think too of the witness of young Irish people: e.g. Donal Walsh whose faith in the experience of illness continues to inspire us, Sr Clare Crockett and Mary Ann O'Driscoll whose spirit of service unto death are beacons of love and hope.

*In honour of the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo and Blessed Pier Giorgio a **Eucharistic Procession** will take place today (Sun 7th Sept) beginning at 2.30pm from Whitefriar Street Church.*

Fr Eamon Devlin 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 blessings 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. Contact 01 838 9708 or: info@stpetersphibsboro.ie for more details.

Online bookings can also be made at the following link:

<https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10002/product-list/details/118>.

THE BUS LEAVES ST PETER'S AT 7.45AM SHARP

THIS WEEK

- **Monday:** Weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place at 7.00pm. Rosary at 6.40pm and Confessions from 6.30pm.
- **Saturday:** Adoration - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place after 10.30am Mass on Saturday (**except if there's a funeral**).

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 7 September 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

'What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust and say:

'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday,
come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philomon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. He was of no use to you before, but he will be useful to you now, as he has been to me. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep

him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me.

However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord.

So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them.

'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.

Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "*Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish*".

Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand?

If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace.

So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Susan Gertrude (Gertie) O'Connor (née Graham, formerly of Munster Street).

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.**

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The St Peter's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.