



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross: 14 September 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 14 September

Gabriel, Eucharist & Family (SI)

Pat Connaughton (BR)

Maria Durdakova (D)

Monday, 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

Martin Lawrence (BR)

Tuesday, 16 September

Ss Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

Brian (SI)

Irene Swords (A)

Wednesday, 17 September

St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church

St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin & doctor of the Church

John Lynch (A)

Patrick Power (A)

Rosaleen Lynch & Amber Taite (D)

Thursday, 18 September

Kathleen Campbell (B)

Friday, 19 September

St Januarius, bishop & martyr

Brian & Catriona (SI)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 20 September

Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, priest, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, & Companions, martyrs

Special Intention

Matthew Staton (SI)

Joan & Gerard Whelan (D)

Berna Fennell (D)

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

SUFFERING, HARD TIMES, AND TRIUMPH

Scripture, the Places, the Events

St Cyril of Jerusalem, writing in 350, says that some 50 years earlier the true Cross of Jesus was discovered on Calvary. It was then that the Emperor Constantine erected a splendid Church on the site. A figure of Christ's Cross appears in Reading 1 (Numbers 21). A bronze serpent was a sign of mercy in the desert to those who repented after adoring idols. Jesus in the Gospel (John 3) points to his "uplifting" on the Cross as a victory which brings us mercy and salvation. Reading 2 (Philippians 2) tells of Christ's deep humility, dying on a cross, but saving us for the glory of God.

Dealing with pain, the trials of life

We hear often about feats of struggles and painful exploits, such as running up steep mountains to train for a great sport event, or cycling thousands of miles for charity. Pain barriers are pushed out, but it all seems worthwhile for the goal ahead. Pain, suffering come in many forms: illness, lack of success, family issues, bereavement. Technology, science, medical skill are most beneficial in managing or removing modern ills. Yet it is true that a remnant of human sickness, frailty, remains. Here especially we need and find what is always essential, namely a faith perspective, baring of suffering, a vision of being with Christ "raised up" on his Cross. We can desire to be united with Jesus in our pain, not seeking banned substances, not hastening death, not taking away human life. In this way we find peace, endurance and victory; and we do good to others, aiding the Church and humankind.

"Eternal Father, in whom mercy is endless, look kindly upon us so that in difficult moments we might not despair, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is love and mercy itself."

Words given by Christ to St Faustina

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM



NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL



A Novena will take place in St Peter's in honour of the 400th anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation of the Mission of St Vincent de Paul.

Mass will take place daily at 10.30am from Thursday 18th - Saturday 27th September (Feast Day). All are welcome to join us in celebration.

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, 14 September 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Numbers

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, *'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'*

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, *'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.'*

Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, *'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, they shall live.'*

So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **Never forget the deeds of the Lord.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 31st August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone) = €1,440.98

Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone) = € 677.50

Share = € 321.82

Thank you for your support for the parish and for the Diocese. St Peter's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection at all Masses this weekend.

Sunday 7th September

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone) = €1,311.16

Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone) = €1,452.00

Share = € 283.19

PATRICIAN MEETING

The topic this month is 'Our Lady of Sorrows'. There will be a brief paper on the topic, and then we gather to talk (or listen) about what we have heard, followed by light refreshments. Everyone is welcome to the Frank Duff Room, Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm. The Patrician is organised by the Legion of Mary.

CROSSCARE COLLECTION

This year's annual collection for Crosscare will take place on at all Masses next Sunday, 21 September, in parishes across the Archdiocese. Your generosity directly supports vital Crosscare services that help those most in need at this challenging time for so many in our communities.



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