



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 21 September 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 21 September

St Matthew, apostle & evangelist is not celebrated this year

Michael Power (A)

Matt Murphy (A)

Ernest Hartmann (A)

Christopher & Maureen Connell (A, D)

Kilkenny Family (A, D)

Jo Mini Jose (D)

Monday, 22 September

Brian (SI)

Seamus Lee Mongan (BR)

Kevin Cogan (A)

Tuesday, 23 September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest

St Eunan (Adomnán), abbot

Tiffany & Michael (SI)

Wednesday, 24 September

Holy Souls

Thursday, 25 September

St Finbarr, bishop

Michael Dorney (A)

Sheila Dunne (A)

Friday, 26 September

Ss Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 27 September

St Vincent de Paul, priest, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity

Special Intention

Matthew Staton (SI)

Today's Mass readings are about wealth and the use of money. The first reading from Amos is about dishonesty in the Northern kingdom of Israel where Amos was preaching about 650 BC. Amos lived in a prosperous period when the threat of war was low. Israel was enjoying a cultural and economic revival. But alongside this new prosperity was a new degree of social degradation and corruption.

The fall away from living the covenant led to decadent living and the exploitation of the poor. Amos warned the people they would be punished by God for their wrongdoings. The punishment that Amos talked and preached about came true within a generation with the Assyrian invasion.

St Paul in his letter to Timothy says: *the love of money is the root of all evils and there are some who pursuing it have wandered away from the faith and so given their souls any number of fatal wounds. 1 Tim 6:10*

When we look for a Christian approach to wealth and money we can find something approaching an answer in the preaching of Amos and 6 hundred years later in the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth. *You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.* In the way he lived his life Jesus showed his approach to wealth and money. Jesus was born in the poverty of a stable. Jesus died as a criminal on a cross outside Jerusalem. At the beginning and end of his life Jesus was in abject poverty.

Jesus was probably a carpenter. We know from the social history of Palestine that carpenters were better off than most people. He dined in the house of Simon the Pharisee who was reputed to be a very rich man. He accepted the anointing of Mary Magdalen with the costly ointment. There was an abundance of wine at the wedding feast of Cana. There was an abundance of bread at the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. There was an abundance of fish when Jesus joined his apostles on the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus was wearing a seamless garment at his crucifixion. A seamless garment would have been a very valuable article of clothing in Palestine. The message from the life of Jesus himself is that he seems to have been accepting of the wealth around him but he didn't become attached to it. The Gospel tells us he had nowhere to lay his head.

Fr Mark Noonan 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.

A Prayer to St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent, loving servant of the poor, we come to you in our need, believing that you hear us, confident in your help.

May the fire of Christ's love, kindled by the Holy Spirit in you, become the flame of zeal in our lives, that we may bring freedom to captives, healing to the broken hearted, the good news of Christ to the poor.

Teach us, Holy Servant of Christ, how we should love the poor and cherish in them the presence of Jesus.



TEA / COFFEE

On Wednesday, 24th September, tea & coffee will be available in the Chapel of Adoration after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome



LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 21 September 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the prophet Amos
Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say,
*'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'*

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, *'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'*

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich,
but he became poor for your sake,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples,

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer."

Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply.

The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty".

To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?"

"One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply.

The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty".

The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.'

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?'

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 14th September

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone) = €1,189.45

Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone) = € 360.00

SVP (monthly collection) = € 457.79

Share = € 295.10

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

CROSSCARE COLLECTION

This year's annual collection for Crosscare will take place at all Masses this weekend. Your generosity directly supports vital Crosscare services that help those most in need at this challenging time for so many in our communities.

HONOURING THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY...

... AND PRAYING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

St Paul compares marriage to the love of Jesus Christ for his bride the Church. The Church honours the dignity of marriage as an expression of God's love between couples. On one Sunday of each month we will pray for God's continual blessing on married couples especially those who are celebrating anniversaries during the month. Couples with anniversaries in September are welcome to give their names to the parish office to be prayed for on Sunday 28th September at 10.00am Mass. Phone (01) 838 9708 or email: info@stpetersphibsboro.ie.