



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 31 August

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### Sunday, 31 August

*St Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop & missionary is not celebrated this year*

##### Special Intention

Caroline Anne Brennan (MM)

Mairead Spellman (1<sup>st</sup> A)

Maria Petruskova (1<sup>st</sup> A)

Ludmila Cihlarova

##### Monday, 1 September

*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*

Bernard & Sue Coniry (A)

Gerard Coniry (A)

Catherine (Rennie) Cowman (A)

##### Tuesday, 2 September

*Blessed Louis Joseph François and Companions  
(John Henry Gruyer, John Charles Caron, Nicholas  
Colin & Peter Rene Rogue), Priests & Martyrs*

Conleth Hayes (A)

##### Wednesday, 3 September

*St Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church*

Dan Chambers (A)

##### Thursday, 4 September

*St Mac Nissi, bishop*

Tom Nash (BR)

Michael Montague (1<sup>st</sup> A)

##### First Friday, 5 September

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

##### Saturday, 6 September

*Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Matthew Staton (SI)

Special Intention

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

#### HUMBLE OF HEART

In today's first reading from Ecclesiasticus, we are being asked to be kind-hearted, and compassionate towards others and to walk humbly with our God, acknowledging His infinite majesty and our dependence upon Him.

The word *humble* comes from the same word as *human* and *humus*, which means soil or earth. *We are dust and unto dust we shall return.* True humility is the awareness and acceptance that all we have and all that we are comes from God

It is our pathway to a closer relationship with God. By emptying ourselves of pride and self-reliance, we recognize our need for God's grace and mercy, leading us to seek Him more earnestly.

Although we find it difficult to admit, pride can rule our hearts. We have within us a deep desire not only to *be the best*, but to be *acknowledged* as the best. And if we recognize begrudgingly that we are not the best, we at least want to be *better* than those with whom we associate.

Observing how, some of the guests were vying for the places of honour at top tables so that others would think highly of them. Jesus warns us to be on our guard against such behaviour, reminding us that *"All who exalt themselves will be humbled and whoever humbles themselves will be exalted"*. We are not being asked to deny or hide our talents, rather we should nurture them and use them to give glory to God and to serve others especially those on the margins. When we are free from our need to constantly prove ourselves, we can more easily see and serve others with genuine love and concern.

Jesus is our model. He humbled himself by becoming human, living a life of service, being gentle and compassionate to sinners, and ultimately dying on the cross for our salvation. He trusted that God would exalt him in God's own time. We too can live with the same confident assurance, so let us seek to be gentle of heart and to walk humbly with our God.

*'Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less.'*

C.S. Lewis

Fr Kevin O'Shea CM

#### 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.

#### 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, confessions from 6.30pm.
- **First Friday:** The parish elderly, infirm and housebound will be attended to with the sacraments during this coming week.

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 31 August 2025

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,  
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.  
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,  
and then you will find favour with the Lord;  
for great though the power of the Lord is,  
he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil  
growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man  
will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's  
dream.

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: In your goodness, O God,  
you prepared a home for the poor.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses:  
not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a  
storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking  
which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should  
be said to them.

But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of  
the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions  
of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole  
Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen  
of heaven.

You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and  
been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made  
perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new cove-  
nant.

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!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Now on a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the  
house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched  
him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he  
had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said  
this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not  
take your seat in the place of honour.

A more distinguished person than you may have been invit-  
ed, and the person who invited you both may come and  
say, "Give up your place to this man". And then, to your  
embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest  
place.

No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest  
place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may  
say, "My friend, move up higher". In that way, everyone  
with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone  
who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who hum-  
bles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a din-  
ner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich  
neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting  
you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor,  
the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you  
back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will  
be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

*Two young saints canonisation - celebrations in Dublin*

On Sunday 7th September at 2.30pm a procession in honour  
of the canonisation of Bl. Carlo Acutis (aged 15 years) & Bl.  
Pier Giorgio Frassati (aged 24 years) begins at White Friar  
Street Church, Aungier Street. It proceeds to St Agatha's  
Church in North William Street with Mass at 5.00pm.

*"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven"*

- Carlo Acutis

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 24th August

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone)	=	€1,540.51
Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone)	=	€ 505.00
Share	=	€ 233.13

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

### 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](mailto:info@stpetersphibsboro.ie).

Online bookings can also be made at the following link: <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10002/product-list/details/118>.