

Rest in Peace / Requiescat in Pace

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners whose anniversaries are being remembered on the following dates.

Day	10.00 a.m.	7.00 p.m.
Monday 03.09.2012		
Tuesday 04.09.2012		
Wednesday 05.09.2012		
Thursday 06.09.2012	Special Intention	
Friday 07.09.2012	Anne Brophy (AR)	Val Loy (AR)
Saturday 08.09.2012		Tommy Kirwan (AR) Thomas Fields (AR) Eileen, Rose, William & Seamus Gregg (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 09.09.2012		Beatrice Early (AR) Jim Early (AR) Thomas Kennedy (AR) Elizabeth Kennedy (AR) Mary Lawlor (MM)	Christy Donohoe (AR) John Crilly (AR) Stephen Crilly (AR) Jimmy Moran (AR) Max, Enez & Iny Tonge (AR)

(MM) = Months Mind (AR) = Annual Remembrances (BR) = Birthday Remembrance

Please remember, in your prayers, the following parishioner whose funeral occurred recently:

Niamh Walsh

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace,

Amen.

Please note that due to the amount of time required to produce the bulletin we cannot guarantee that mass intentions, submitted to the sacristy a week before the publishing date of the bulletin, will be included.

Weekly Bulletin

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St Patrick's Parish, Ringsend & Irishtown

Saturday 1st September / Sunday 2nd September 2012

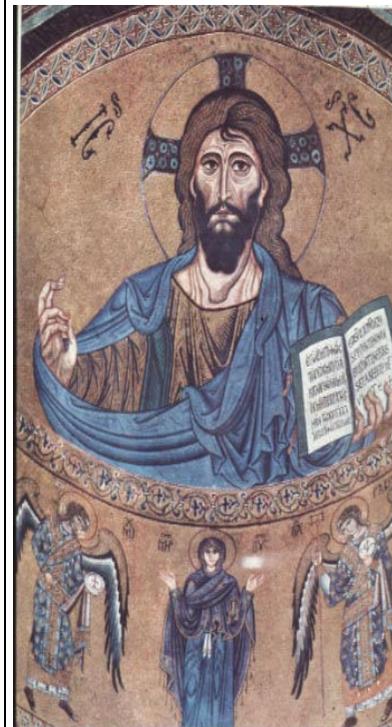
The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office: 01 6697429 - Opening Hours: 9.30 to 13.30 – Monday to Wednesday

Website: www.stpatrickschurchringsend.com



Scripture in the Life of a Christian

Most Catholics are aware that some kind of Biblical renewal has taken place in the Church. This perception may occur through the awareness of Bible groups springing up in many parishes. However, for most people the point comes home through the emphasis on scripture readings in the liturgy. Strange sounding names, like today's Deuteronomy, begin to appear and perhaps many of our people are wondering what it's all for. Today's first and second readings offer some grounds for the homilist to present some reflections on the place of scripture in the life of the Christian. The basic appreciation of the scriptures for any Christian must be to value them as the word of God, not a word spoken in isolation but a word spoken to each one of us. This appreciation is blunted for many people today simply because the written word is less and less used as a medium for personal communication. The one image which may express this idea is that of the Letter. Most of us have had times in our lives when writing and receiving letters has been important. People away from home for long stretches of time, at work, in hospital, in jail, they all appreciate the news the gossip the affection that a letter brings - the letter re-establishes contact for them. So the written word is not just for students, book-worms, serious types, it can be much a part of our personal relationships. It helps to bring people back into contact with one another, those who were strangers are so no longer and those who were losing touch are reunited, the written word still helps to bridge all kinds of distances between people.

This homily is taken from the following website:

<http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/sundays-homily-resources/> and
<http://biblical.ie/Lectons/SB2.asp#3188>

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The Beginning Experience



**Men & Women
Separated, Divorced, Widowed
Are you coping?**

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss

Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide?

Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness

This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship.

Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn

A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme :

**Community Centre, Whitefriar St, (Aungier St) for
7 Wednesday Evenings at 7.15pm Commencing
5th September 2012 - to 17th October 2012**

**Next Residential Weekend: 9th -11th November
2012, in All Hallows, Drumcondra**

For further information, please phone
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE - 01 6790556
Or email: bedublin@gmail.com

Bingo

Every Monday
Night in the
C.Y.W.M.S. to
support our Local
Boys and Girls
Schools. **Doors
Open at 7pm.**

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy
Group meet
every Tuesday at
3.00p.m. in the
church.

**All are
welcome.**

Church Gate Collection

A church gate
collection for The
Samaritans will
take place next
weekend 8th & 9th
September.

**Please give
generously**

Community Notice Board

Message from Google

For anyone who would like to improve their Internet skills, Google & Age Action are holding free drop in sessions in Cambridge Court (**every Tuesday in September from 10am - 1pm**), and in Anchorage Fair Play café (**every Thursday in September from 10.30-12.30**). Tutors will be on hand to answer questions and you can practice on available computers or bring your own!

If you are 50 or over & living in Ringsend/Irishtown, Google would like to invite you to come aboard the Google bus to take part in an Internet survey. All are welcome whether you use the Internet regularly or have not yet ventured online! Google employees will be on board to guide you through the questions in a relaxed atmosphere. There will be tea & biscuits, free goodies & everyone who takes part will be in with a chance of winning a prize! **The bus will be parked beside Tesco on Wed Sept 5th & Thurs Sept 6th from 10am -4pm, and across from the Church on Friday Sept 7th & Sat Sept 8th from 10am - 4pm.**

Child Protection Policy

Please note that a copy of our Parish Child Protection policy is displayed in the church. A copy may be obtained from the parish office.

Parish office opening hours are 9.30 am to 1.30 pm Monday to Wednesday.

Orlagh - Retreat House

Overcoming barriers in communication: to understand and to be understood. A chance to reflect prayerfully on the importance of clear and simple communication with the significant people in our lives, and to recall the lessons we have learned about what helps good communication. The day runs from 10 am to 4,30 pm (with the option of staying on for Mass at 4.30) and will be conducted by Dr. Bernadette Toal and Fr. John Byrne.

€50 (including a full lunch) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING CONTACT Fr. John Byrne OSA, Orlagh, Old Court Road Dublin 16. Tel (01) [495 8190](tel:014958190)

Church Collections

We thank you for your contributions to the church collections. The amounts collected for the last three weeks were:

Date	First Basket	Second Basket	Other Collections
11 th August / 12 th August 2012	€ 755	€ 626	€
18 th August / 19 th August 2012	€ 689	€ 586	€
25 th August / 26 th August 2012	€ 739	€ 546	€

The first basket is a collection for the support of priests of the parish and the Diocese. The second basket is for the Share collection.

Remembrance Service Notice

The National Maternity Hospital will hold its Annual Remembrance Service **on Sunday 7th October 2012 at 3pm in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin 2.** The Service is held in memory of babies who have died in the hospital through miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly after birth. Bereaved parents, their families, and friends are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to meet hospital staff members and other parents. No booking necessary, just come along on the day. Street parking is available in the vicinity of the church.

If you would like any further information contact the Chaplaincy Department in the National Maternity Hospital at 01 6373121 or email chaplain@nmh.ie

The Book of Deuteronomy

The book of Deuteronomy is organized as a series of addresses given by Moses to the people of Israel in the land of Moab, where they had stopped at the end of the long wilderness journey and were about to enter and occupy Canaan. Some of the most important matters recorded in the book are as follows: (1) Moses recalls the great events of the past forty years. He appeals to the people to remember how God has led them through the wilderness and to be obedient and loyal to God. (2) Moses reviews the Ten Commandments and emphasizes the meaning of the First Commandment, calling the people to devotion to the Lord alone. Then he reviews the various laws that are to govern Israel's life in the promised land. (3) Moses reminds the people of the meaning of God's covenant with them, and calls for them to renew their commitment to its obligations. (4) Joshua is commissioned as the next leader of God's people. After singing a song celebrating God's faithfulness, and pronouncing a blessing on the tribes of Israel, Moses dies in Moab, east of the River Jordan. The great theme of the book is that God has saved and blessed his chosen people, whom he loves; his people are to remember this, and love and obey him, so that they may have life and continued blessing. The key verses of the book are 6.4-6, and contain the words that Jesus called the greatest of all commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength".

The Letter from James

The Letter from James is a collection of practical instructions, written to "all God's people scattered over the whole world". The writer uses many vivid figures of speech to present instructions regarding practical wisdom and guidance for Christian attitudes and conduct. From the Christian perspective he deals with a variety of topics such as riches and poverty, temptation, good conduct, prejudice, faith and actions, the use of the tongue, wisdom, quarrelling, pride and humility, judging others, boasting, patience, and prayer. The letter emphasizes the importance of actions along with faith, in the practice of the Christian religion. (Outline of Contents: Introduction 1.1; Faith and wisdom 1.2-8; Poverty and wealth 1.9-11; Testing and tempting 1.12-18; Hearing and doing 1.19-27; Warning against discrimination 2.1-13; Faith and works 2.14-26; The Christian and his tongue 3.1-18; The Christian and the world 4.1-5.6; Various instructions 5.7-20).

- Weekday Morning Mass:** 10.00 a.m.: - Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat
- Weekday Evening Mass:** 7.00 p.m.: - Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri (except Bank Holidays)
- Sabbath Masses:** Sat:- 7.00 p.m. Vigil
Sun:- 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. [Choir](#), 12.00p.m. [Folk Group](#)
- Eucharistic Service:** 10.00 a.m.: - Wednesday (unless there is a funeral)
- Benediction:** Every Monday after 7.00 p.m. Mass (except Bank Holidays) First Friday of each month.
- Rosary:** Monday to Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass
Mon to Friday after 7.00 p.m. Mass
- Baptisms:** Please enquire in the sacristy for available dates. Baptisms are held on Sunday after 12.00 Mass. One months notice is required.

Daily readings for the week :

Although the Mass is made up of the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist, the two parts are so closely connected as to form one act of worship. In the Mass the table of God's word and of Christ's body is prepared and from it the faithful are instructed and nourished. When the scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks.

Sunday 02.09.2012	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Reading •Psalm •Second Reading •Gospel 	The Book of Deuteronomy - ch.4 v.1-2, 6-8 Psalm – 14: 2-5 The Letter of St. James - ch.1 v.17-18, 21-22, 27 Gospel of Mark - ch.7 v.1-8, 14-15, 21-12

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Monday 03.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.2 v.1-5	Gospel of Luke - ch.4 v.16-30
Tuesday 04.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.2 v.10-16	Gospel of Luke - ch.4 v.31-37
Wednesday 05.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.3 v.1-9	Gospel of Luke - ch.4 v.38-44
Thursday 06.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.3 v.18-23	Gospel of Luke - ch.5 v.1-11
Friday 07.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.4 v.1-5	Gospel of Luke - ch.5 v.33-39
Saturday 08.09.2012	The Book of Micah - ch.5 v.1-4	Gospel of Matthew - ch.1 v.1-6, 18-23

Sunday 09.09.2012	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Reading •Psalm •Second Reading •Gospel 	The Book of Isaiah - ch.35 v.4-7 Psalm – 145: 7-10 The Letter of St. James - ch.2 v.1-5 Gospel of Mark - ch.7 v.31-37

The Church has always revered sacred Scripture even as it has revered the body of the Lord, because, above all in the liturgy, it has never ceased to receive the bread of life from the table both of Gods word and of Christ's body and to offer it to the faithful. (Vatican II. Constitution on Revelation, 21)

The Explorers
(Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture
Reading Group)

2012-2013



The Gospel of Mark: six evening gatherings

The first of these meetings will be held in Star of the Sea, Sandymount (enter at the back of the Church). The remaining five meetings will be held in Christ Church Hall, Sandymount Green. All of these meetings will be held between 7.30 - 9 p.m.

Monday, 17 September 2012

Sean Freyne, Emeritus Professor of Theology, TCD

Monday, 15 October 2012

Katherine P Meyer, Minister, Christ Church, Sandymount

Monday, 12 November 2012

Katherine P Meyer, Minister, Christ Church, Sandymount

Monday, 14 January 2013

John McDonagh, Parish Priest, St Mary, Star of the Sea

Monday, 11 February 2013

Katherine P Meyer, Minister, Christ Church, Sandymount

Monday, 11 March 2013

Katherine P Meyer, Minister, Christ Church, Sandymount

The Explorers

are an ecumenical group based in Sandymount and environs, who gather to read Scripture together.

You are most welcome to join us for the 2012-2013 season, during which we will be exploring the **Gospel of Mark**.

For further information, please contact Anngret Simms (269 4374).

Liturgical Section:

Reflection on today's readings

Theme: The way to wisdom is in keeping God's commandments; but we must distinguish between the letter of the law and its spirit, to really follow the example of Jesus.

In today's first reading, we hear that Moses again urges the people to heed God's words and observe them diligently; this is their source of life and wisdom.

In today's second reading, we hear St. James tell us that It is not enough to listen to the word of God. We must put it into practice. St. James gives concrete examples of what this means.

In today's Gospel, we hear that in the clash between Jesus and the Pharisees he accuses them of substituting human regulations for the law of God, so that their worship of God has become mere lip-service

[Continued from the front page] For many people God can seem remote and distant, not someone to be personally known. Yet it is a fundamental of our revelation that this distant transcendent God is closer to us than we are to ourselves. The Deuteronomist could see this idea of God's closeness as something special and unique to Israel: "For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us." A basic expression of this nearness of God is the fact that He speaks to his people, he gives them his word - a word that was spoken but now comes in written form as well. So the scriptures, as the written word of God, are there to bring God close to us, to make him known to us. If we feel that we don't know God at all or that we are losing touch with him, then reading and reflecting on the scriptures is one basic way of overcoming the distance.

In reading the scriptures it is important not just to treat them as a book or books about God. They are a living word which we cannot simply study objectively from the outside, rather they engage us in conversation (if we are really open to listen to the One speaking) - they open us up to God. In the end they may actually tell us more about ourselves than they do about God, they can show us ourselves in a new light, the way God sees us.

Of course we are all aware that God is all-seeing, that he knows our resting and our rising, all our ways lie open to him, before him we can have no pretence. It is also true that entering into dialogue with the scriptures will help us to see ourselves fully revealed before his gaze, seeing ourselves mirrored in his word we can have no pretence. "The word of God is living and active... discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden... (Heb. 4:12-13.) It is this same metaphor of being able to see ourselves in the scriptures that the Letter of James uses in order to emphasise the practical results that should follow from reading and reflecting upon the scriptures... the metaphor that the scriptures are a mirror. However there is nothing vain or narcissistic about self-consideration in this mirror, since this mirror has the effect of turning our gaze beyond ourselves unto God and the doing of his will.

"For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing" (James 1:23-25.)

The practically-minded James saw that the purpose of listening to God's word, of reading the scriptures is to help us to know what God wants of us, and at the same time to motivate us to fulfil his will through a deeper knowledge and love of him. With this achievement comes the greatest gift of the word which is life and salvation (cf. James 1:21; Deut. 4:1.)