

## 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 06.02.2012		
Tuesday 07.02.2012		
Wednesday 08.02.2012		Terry Owens (AR)
Thursday 09.02.2012		Rosie Kelly (AR)
Friday 10.02.2012		
Saturday 11.02.2012		Francis Kiernan (MM)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 12.02.2012	Phyllis Duffy (AR) Kevin Duffy (AR) Kevin Raythorn (AR)	Robert O'Reilly (AR) Agnes O'Reilly (AR)	Laurence & Kathleen Birrell (AR) Ann & Elizabeth Gregg (AR) Kathleen & Michael Hogan (AR)

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

Please remember, in your prayers, the following [parishioner whose funeral occurred recently](#):

### *Elizabeth Whelan*

May her souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, **Amen.**

In fond remembrance of Paul Madill, a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He is always and forever in our thoughts and prayers. Sadly missed and always loved.

From his wife, daughters, sons and grandchildren.



# Weekly Bulletin

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**St Patrick's Parish, Ringsend & Irishtown**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Fifth Week of Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

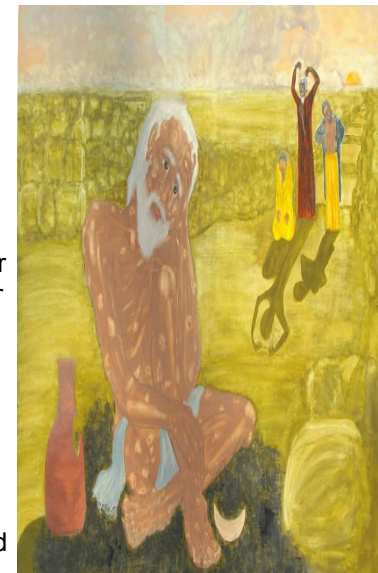


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## *Why me Lord, why me?*

Like Job we can sometimes ask God, "Why me?", we may ask God, "What have I done Lord to deserve this? We wonder why God has allowed hardships and difficult times to test us, and like Job we can have angry words with God. But in all our despair we should remember that our God does not ignore our cries. When we look to God for assistance, do we hope that our Lord will help us or do we truly believe that he will help us. Remember the story of the centurion, a non Jew, who asked our Lord to help his dying servant.



When the centurion hears that our Lord is coming to his home he says "I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed". Jesus pointed out to all around him that this man, who was not a Jew, had greater faith than they had. The people who came to Jesus for help had faith. When things get difficult or it seems like there is no hope, do not lose faith, do not despair. Give your troubles to God for the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

## *Theme for this Sunday*

*Sickness and suffering, especially in the young and innocent, is the hardest test of our faith. But God is merciful and compassionate and invites us to bring all our troubles and sorrows to him*

**Please remember to take a bulletin for your neighbour who, for whatever reason, is unable to join us today.**

**Accord Relationship Counselling Service**

*If you cannot talk to each other, talk to us*

ACCORD offers a safe, professional and confidential service, helping couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage and relationships. Our counsellors deliver a professional service in a reassuring atmosphere. We are a non-profit organisation and, while we ask clients to make a donation if they can, nobody is refused counselling due to lack of money. If you are having difficulty talking to each other, then talk to ACCORD. We are there to help you.

The nearest ACCORD centre to this church is:  
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 93 Upr. George's Street,  
 Dun Laoghaire  
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**The Annual Collection of Accord**

The ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **11th and 12th February 2012**. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers: Marriage Preparation Courses, Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, Marital Sexual Therapy and A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in Schools.

**ACCORD Dublin needs your support**

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY NEXT WEEKEND**

**Legion of Mary**  
 The Edel Quinn Prayer Petition Box is located at the back of the Church. Requests are prayed for at our monthly meeting, which is held on the **last Thursday of each month, from 7.30p.m. to 8.30p.m.**, upstairs in the C.M.W.S in Ringsend.  
**All are welcome**

**St. Pio Mass Group**  
 The St. Pio group would like to remind us that we are all welcome to attend the St. Pio mass on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.00 p.m. in our Church and bless ourselves with the St. Pio relic. Please note that all monies collected at the mass are donated to the homeless shelter run by Bro. Kevin.

**Divine Mercy**  
 The Divine Mercy Group meet every Tuesday at 3.00p.m. in the church.  
**All are welcome.**



**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 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Monday to Wednesday.**

**Baptisms**

**We welcome into our Christian Community**

*Jayden Coughlan Grouse & Luke Johnston*

**who was recently baptised.**

**Do this in Memory**

The monthly "Do This In Memory" Mass, for the boys & girls of the parish First Holy Communion & First Confession Class, will take place on Sunday 12th February, at 12.00.

**Bingo**

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

**Events at Avila**

**Avila's Retreat Centre Programme for 2012:-** Global Awareness Course: VMM is running a course on Global awareness at the Irish Aid Volunteer Centre Dublin, beginning **23rd February** and running for 10 consecutive Thursdays. Cost €50.00.

**B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. 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 will commence on Wednesday 15<sup>TH</sup> February 2012, for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.30pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St. ,Dublin 2. For further information phone 6790556 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)**

**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
14 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	€ 808	€ 719	€
21 <sup>st</sup> / 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2012	€ 744	€ 596	€
28 <sup>th</sup> / 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	€ 677	€ 566	€

**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.**

**The Book of Job**

The Book of Job is the story of a good man who suffers total disaster- he loses all his children and property and is afflicted with a repulsive disease. Then in three series of poetic dialogues the author shows how Job's friends and Job himself react to these calamities. In the end, God himself, whose dealings with humanity have been a prominent part of the discussion, appears to Job. The friends of Job explain his suffering in traditional religious terms. Since God, so they assume, always rewards good and punishes evil, the sufferings of Job can only mean that he has sinned. But for Job this is too simple; he does not deserve such cruel punishment, because he has been an unusually good and righteous man. He cannot understand how God can let so much evil happen to one like himself, and he boldly challenges God. Job does not lose his faith, but he longs to be justified before God and to regain his honour as a good man. God does not give an answer to Job's questions, but he responds to Job's faith by overwhelming him with a poetic picture of his divine power and wisdom. Job then humbly acknowledges God as wise and great, and repents of the wild and angry words he had used. The prose conclusion records how Job is restored to his former condition, with even greater prosperity than before. God reprimands Job's friends for failing to understand the meaning of Job's suffering. Only Job had really sensed that God is greater than traditional religion had depicted him. (Outline of Contents: Prologue 1.1-2.13, Job and his friends 3.1-31.40, Job's complaint 3.1-26, The first dialogue 4.1-14.22, The second dialogue 15.1-21.34, The third dialogue 22.1-27.23, In praise of wisdom 28.1-28, Job's final statement 29.1-31.40, The speeches of Elihu 32.1-37.24, The Lord answers Job 38.1-42.6, Epilogue 42.7-17).

**First Letter from St. Paul to the Corinthians**

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians was written to deal with the problems of Christian life and faith that had arisen in the church that Paul had established at Corinth. At that time Corinth was a great cosmopolitan Greek city, the capital of the Roman province of Achaia. It was noted for its thriving commerce, proud culture, widespread immorality, and variety of religions. The apostle's chief concerns are with problems such as divisions and immorality in the church, and with questions about sex and marriage, matters of conscience, church order, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the resurrection. With deep insight he shows how the Good News speaks to the questions. Chapter 13, which presents love as the best of God's gifts to his people, is probably the most widely known passage in the book. (Outline of Contents: Introduction 1.1-9; Factions in the church 1.10-4.21; Sexual morality and family life 5.1-7.40; Christians and pagans 8.1-11.1; Church life and worship 11.2-14.40; The resurrection of Christ and of believers 15.1-58; The offering for the Christians in Judea 16.1-4; Personal matters and conclusion 16.5-24).

**The Book of Leviticus**

Leviticus contains regulations for worship and religious ceremonies in ancient Israel, and for the priests who were responsible for carrying out these instructions. The main theme of the book is the holiness of God and the ways in which his people were to worship and live so as to maintain their relationship with him. The best known words from the book are those which Jesus called the second great commandment: "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." (19.18). (Outline of Contents: Laws about offerings and sacrifices 1.1-7.38; The ordination of Aaron and his sons as priests 8.1-10.20; Laws about ritual cleanness and uncleanness 11.1-15.33; The Day of Atonement 16.1-34; Laws about holiness in life and worship 17.1-27.34).

**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.

<b>Sunday 05.02.2012</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>First Reading</b></li> <li>•<b>Psalm</b></li> <li>•<b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>•<b>Gospel</b></li> </ul>	The Book of Job - <b>ch.7 v.1-4, 6-7</b> Psalm – <b>146: v1-6</b> First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - <b>ch.9 v.16-19, 22-23</b> Gospel of St. Mark - <b>ch.1 v.29-39</b>

For those who cannot join us for daily mass here are the readings for the week (06.02 - 11.02.2012):

Day	First Reading	Gospel
<b>Monday 06.02.2012</b>	The First Book of Kings - <b>ch.8 v.1-7, 9-13</b>	Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.6 v.53-56</b>
<b>Tuesday 07.02.2012</b>	The First Book of Kings - <b>ch.8 v.22-23, 27-30</b>	Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.7 v.1-13</b>
<b>Wednesday 08.02.2012</b>	The First Book of Kings - <b>ch.10 v.1-10</b>	Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.7 v.14-23</b>
<b>Thursday 09.02.2012</b>	The First Book of Kings - <b>ch.11 v.4-13</b>	Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.7 v.24-30</b>
<b>Friday 10.02.2012</b>	The First Book of Kings - <b>ch.11 v.29-32</b>	Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.7 v.31-37</b>
<b>Saturday 11.02.2012</b>	The First Book of Kings - <b>ch.12 v.26-32; ch.13 v.33-34</b>	Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.8 v.1-10</b>

<b>Sunday 12.02.2012</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>First Reading</b></li> <li>•<b>Psalm</b></li> <li>•<b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>•<b>Gospel</b></li> </ul>	The Book of Leviticus - <b>ch.13 v.1-2, 44-46</b> Psalm – <b>31: v1-2,5</b> First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - <b>ch.10 v.31-33; ch.11 v.1</b> Gospel of St. Mark - <b>ch.1 v.40-45</b>

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 First book of Kings

The First book of Kings continues the history of the Israelite monarchy begun in the books of Samuel. It may be divided into three parts: (1) The succession of Solomon as king of Israel and Judah, and the death of his father David. (2) The reign and achievements of Solomon. Especially noteworthy is the building of the Temple in Jerusalem. (3) The division of the nation into the northern and southern kingdoms, and the stories of the kings who ruled them down to the middle of the ninth century B.C. In the two books of Kings each ruler is judged according to his loyalty to God, and national success is seen as depending on this loyalty. Idolatry and disobedience, on the other hand, lead to disaster. The kings of the northern kingdom all fail the test, while the record of Judah's kings is mixed. Prominent in First Kings are the prophets of the Lord, those courageous spokesmen for God who warned the people not to worship idols and not to disobey God. Especially notable is Elijah and the story of his contest with the priests of Baal (chapter 18). (Outline of Contents: The end of David's reign 1.1-2.12; Solomon becomes king 2.13-46; Solomon's reign 3.1-11.43; a)The early years 3.1-4.34, b)The Temple is built 5.1-8.66, c)The later years 9.1-11.43; The divided kingdom 12.1-22.53, a)The revolt of the northern tribes 12.1-14.20, b)The kings of Judah and of Israel 14.21-16.34, d)The Prophet Elijah 17.1-19.21, c)King Ahab of Israel 20.1-22.40, d)Jehoshaphat of Judah and Ahaziah of Israel 22.41-53).

## The Gospel according to Mark

The Gospel according to Mark begins with the statement that it is "the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God". Jesus is pictured as a man of action and authority. His authority is seen in his teaching, in his power over demons, and in forgiving people's sins. Jesus speaks of himself as the Son of Man, who came to give his life to set people free from sin. Mark presents the story of Jesus in a straightforward, vigorous way, with emphasis on what Jesus did, rather than on his words and teachings. After a brief prologue about John the Baptist and the baptism and temptation of Jesus, the writer immediately takes up Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching. As time goes on, the followers of Jesus come to understand him better, but Jesus' opponents become more hostile. The closing chapters report the events of Jesus' last week of earthly life, especially his crucifixion and resurrection. The two endings to the Gospel, which are enclosed in brackets, are generally regarded as written by someone other than the author of Mark. (Outline of Contents: The beginning of the gospel 1.1-13; Jesus' public ministry in Galilee 1.14-9.50; From Galilee to Jerusalem 10.1-52; The last week in and near Jerusalem 11.1-15.47; The resurrection of Jesus 16.1-8; The appearances and ascension of the risen Lord 16.9-20).

## The Book of Psalms

The book of The Psalms is the hymn book and prayer book of the Bible. Composed by different authors over a long period of time, these hymns and prayers were collected and used by the people of Israel in their worship, and eventually this collection was included in their scriptures. These religious poems are of many kinds: there are hymns of praise and worship of God; prayers for help, protection, and salvation; pleas for forgiveness; songs of thanksgiving for God's blessings; and petitions for the punishment of enemies. These prayers are both personal and national; some portray the most intimate feelings of one person, while others represent the needs and feelings of all the people of God. The psalms were used by Jesus, quoted by the writers of the New Testament, and became the treasured book of worship of the Christian Church from its beginning. (Outline of Contents: The 150 psalms are grouped into five collections, or books, as follows: Psalms 1-41; Psalms 42-72; Psalms 73-89; Psalms 90-106; Psalms 107-150).

## Liturgical Section:

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

## Reflection on today's readings

**In today's first reading**, we hear how Job wrestles with the problem of why the innocent should suffer. As a result of his own sufferings he takes a pessimistic view of life.

**In today's second reading** we hear how St Paul becomes "all things to all" in order to bring them the Good News of Salvation. We need to be both generous and flexible, in finding the best way to share our faith.

**In today's Gospel** St. Mark tells us that after a busy round of activity and healing all who needed him, even Jesus finds it necessary to escape a lonely place to pray. Then he starts a new phase of his mission.

"Whoever does not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:27). What is certain is that suffering can reduce to despair the person without faith, but for those with faith suffering can be faced in the knowledge that they are in God's hands, that God works with those who love him, and turns everything to their good (Rom 8:28). In marked contrast to job, St Paul accepts gladly whatever hardship each day may bring, in order to have the opportunity of sharing with others the blessings God has granted him. It is Paul who gives us the only saying of Jesus not recorded in the gospels: "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35).

Today the Scripture challenges us to listen and to share. We are to follow Jesus on the path which winds through the hunger, and the loneliness, and the tragedies. We too are to reach out and touch the worried, and the weak, and the bored – to let the Lord touch those situations through our hands and to give his time on our clock.

Then he calls us to himself – after we have listened. And after we have brought to him the cries and the fears and the needs of broken humanity, we must thank him; for he has let us be his eyes, his smile, his ears, and his hands, still mightily at work in the world.

(Extract from <http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/02/5th-february-5th-sunday-of-year-b/>)