

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 08.10.2012		
Tuesday 09.10.2012		Nan & Billy Kelly & sons Raymond, Billy & John (AR)
Wednesday 10.10.2012		
Thursday 11.10.2012		
Friday 12.10.2012		John, Bessie & Donald Doyne (AR)
Saturday 13.10.2012		Theresa & Valerie Evans , their father James & sister Geraldine (AR) Eileen Kiernan (AR) Liam Ruttter Brian Moran (AR) Joe Couch (AR) Margaret, Harry Eamon & Patrick Hill & daughter-in-law Evelyn (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 14.10.2012		Thomas Caulfield (AR) Marie Caulfield (AR)	Tom & Cissy Lyons & Marcy, Jinny, Peggy, James & Lilly Lyons (AR) Sarah, Michael Richardson & daughter Jacqueline (AR) Papa Hill (AR)

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

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.

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St Patrick's Parish, Ringsend & Irishtown

Saturday 6th October / Sunday 7th October 2012

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Challenge of Marriage

Even though modern society makes us tolerant of divorce following marital breakdown, Christ's words in today's Gospel invite us to reflect on the permanence of marriage and the dignity of the marriage commitment. His declaration about the indissolubility of marriage presents a difficult ideal for us in our times, who are so often influenced by a libertarian ideology that prizes personal fulfilment above all else.

Marriage as an institution grows from basic human instincts and is capable of surviving even in the present climate of social change. The many happy families who witness to the joy of love and fidelity demonstrate that people can weather the storms that even true love cannot escape. Nevertheless, the fact of so much marital instability in our society, and the increasing number of separations, needs to be thought and prayed about. In the Catholic community the number of such separations and new unions is creating a situation that was almost unknown until a generation ago. It is not enough for the Church to propose an ideal of marriage based on fidelity and will-power alone. The problems of a marriage relationship are not solved by vigorous preaching, no matter how well-meant. Conscious of this, the Church has established agencies to help couples to prepare for marriage, and to cope with the conflicts that can threaten the permanence of many marriages.

It can be that people who were not emotionally mature at the time of their marriage, nor fully, responsibly free in giving their marriage consent. People who were never made aware of the deeper, spiritual meaning of marriage, can later discover that their marriage was an unfortunate mistake.. In helping to prepare young couples for marriage, in fostering their growth in married love and even in declaring certain marriages null and void, those involved must try to combine their ideal of marriage with an appreciation of love between the sexes and with understanding and compassion for those who find difficulty in living up to the challenges of Christian marriage today.

This reflection is taken from the following website: <http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/10/7-oct-27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

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

Church Gate Collection

A church gate collection in aid of "CRY", Cardiac Risk in the Young will take place next weekend 13th & 14th October.

Please give generously

Divine Mercy

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

All are welcome.

Bingo

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

Community Notice Board

Free Bus Service to Post Office.

Just a reminder to anyone who would like free transport over to the Post Office in Barrow Street. **RICC have a free Bus Service every Friday at 10.30am and 2.30pm from outside the Church.**

Recycling

Fr. Fergal will only be too happy to recycle your newspapers during the month of October. You can leave your newspapers in the sacristy. Thank You.

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:
 ACCORD
 93 Upr. George's Street,
 Dun Laoghaire
 Phone 01-2801682
 Email dunlaoghaire@dublin.accord.ie



Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the Big Annual Christmas Raffle are now available. Can all Promoters please see Patsy for their supply of tickets.

People can get the tickets from their usual promoters or contact the Parish Office Monday to Wednesday 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Thank you all for your kind support.

Free Choral Concert at the Pro Cathedral

The superb London Oriana Choir, with their director David Drummond, is coming tour to Dublin this weekend. They will sing a programme which they recently performed to much acclaim at St Martin in the Fields, The Glory of British Sacred Choral Music with music by composers such as Byrd, Tallis, Stanford, Britten and Purcell. This Sunday afternoon, 7th, they will perform in St. Mary's pro Cathedral at 3pm. All are welcome. **Entrance free**

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
15 th / 16 th September 2012	€ 657	€ 543	€
22 nd / 23 rd September 2012	€ 745	€	€ 954 Crosscare
29 th / 30 th September 2012	€ 697	€ 562	€

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.

St. Pio Mass

The St. Pio group would like to remind us that we are all welcome to attend the St. Pio mass on Wednesday the 17th October at 7.00 p.m. in our Church and bless ourselves with the St. Pio relic.

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.

The Book of Genesis

The name Genesis means "origin". The book tells about the creation of the universe, the origin of the human race, the beginning of sin and suffering in the world, and about God's way of dealing with humanity. Genesis can be divided into two main parts: (1) The creation of the world and the early history of the human race. Here are the accounts of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the flood, and the Tower of Babylon (chapters 1-11). (2) The history of the early ancestors of the Israelites. The first is Abraham, who was notable for his faith and his obedience to God. Then follow the stories of his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob (also called Israel), and of Jacob's twelve sons, who were the founders of the twelve tribes of Israel. Special attention is given to one of the sons, Joseph, and the events that brought Jacob and his other sons with their families to live in Egypt (chapters 12-50). While this book tells stories about people, it is first and foremost an account of what God has done. It begins with the affirmation that God created the universe, and it ends with a promise that God will continue to show his concern for his people. Throughout the book the main character is God, who judges and punishes those who do wrong, leads and helps his people, and shapes their history. This ancient book was written to record the story of a people's faith and to help keep that faith alive. (Outline of Contents: Creation of the universe and of the human race 1.1-2.25; The beginning of sin and suffering 3.1-24; From Adam to Noah 4.1-5.32; Noah and the flood 6.1-10.32; The tower of Babylon 11.1-9; From Shem to Abram 11.10-32; The patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob 12.1-35.29; The descendants of Esau 36.1-43; Joseph and his brothers 37.1-45.28; The Israelites in Egypt 46.1-50.26).

The Book of Psalms

The book of 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 of 150 Psalms 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 blessing; 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.

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- 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 07.10.2012	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Reading •Psalm •Second Reading •Gospel 	The Book of Genesis - ch.2 v.18-24 Psalm – 127 The Letter to the Hebrews - ch.2 v.9-11 Gospel of Mark - ch.10 v.2-16

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Monday 08.10.2012	The Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians - ch.1 v.6-12	Gospel of Luke - ch.10 v.25-37
Tuesday 09.10.2012	The Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians - ch.1 v.13-24	Gospel of Luke - ch.10 v.38-42
Wednesday 10.10.2012	The Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians - ch.2 v.1-2, 7-14	Gospel of Luke - ch.11 v.1-4
Thursday 11.10.2012	The Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians - ch.3 v.1-5	Gospel of Luke - ch.11 v.5-13
Friday 12.10.2012	The Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians - ch.3 v.7-14	Gospel of Luke - ch.11 v.15-26
Saturday 13.10.2012	The Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians - ch.3 v.22-29	Gospel of Luke - ch.11 v.27-28

Sunday 14.10.2012	Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Reading •Psalm •Second Reading •Gospel 	The Book of Wisdom - ch.7 v.7-11 Psalm – 89: 12-17 The Letter to the Hebrews - ch.4 v.12-13 Gospel of Mark - ch.10 v.17-30

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)

Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

As the good news about Jesus began to be preached and welcomed among people who were not Jews, the question arose as to whether a person must obey the Law of Moses in order to be a true Christian. Paul had argued this was not necessary—that in fact, the only sound basis for life in Christ was faith, by which all are put right with God. But among the churches of Galatia, a Roman province in Asia Minor, there had come people who opposed Paul and claimed that one must also observe the Law of Moses in order to be right with God. Paul's Letter to the Galatians was written in order to bring back to true faith and practice those people who were being misled by this false teaching. Paul begins by defending his right to be called an apostle of Jesus Christ. He insists that his call to be an apostle came from God, not from any human authority, and that his mission was especially to the non-Jews. Then he develops the argument that it is by faith alone that people are put right with God. In the concluding chapters Paul shows that Christian conduct flows naturally from the love that results from faith in Christ.

The Book of Wisdom / Wisdom of Solomon

The book describes the part that Wisdom plays in the life and destiny of men and how we should acquire it, says much about the divine Wisdom and, in the latter part of the book, relates how the chosen people were guided thereby throughout their history. At times the book proclaims truths not exactly in harmony with beliefs then current, e.g., that suffering is not necessarily the consequence of sin. The book was written in Greek, probably in the first century B.C. Its author is unknown. It is ascribed to Solomon according to a widespread practice of the time of adopting the name of a famous man in antiquity to "father" one's work. Thus David was known to have written psalms and hence many subsequent psalms were ascribed to him. Moses enacted laws and thus many subsequent laws were ascribed to him which at best could be said to be only indirectly connected with the great lawgiver. So here, Solomon was the "wise man"—and hence it was natural to attribute the book to him. (Outline of Contents: Immortality for the righteous and punishment for the wicked 1.1-5.23; In praise of wisdom 6.1-9.18; Wisdom's protection of God's people and punishment of enemies 10.1-12.27; The foolish idolatry 13.1-15.13; blessing and punishment when the Israelites left Egypt 15.14-19.22).

The Letter to the Hebrews

The Letter to the Hebrews was written to a group of Christians who, faced with increasing opposition, were in danger of abandoning the Christian faith. The writer encourages them in their faith primarily by showing that Jesus Christ is the true and final revelation of God. In doing this he emphasizes three truths: (1) Jesus is the eternal Son of God, who learnt true obedience to the Father through the suffering that he endured. As the Son of God, Jesus is superior to the prophets of the Old Testament, to the angels, and to Moses himself. (2) Jesus has been declared by God to be an eternal priest, superior to the priests of the Old Testament. (3) Through Jesus the believer is saved from sin, fear, and death; and Jesus, as High Priest, provides the true salvation, which was only foreshadowed by the rituals and animal sacrifices of the Hebrew religion. By citing the example of the faith of some famous persons in Israel's history (chapter 11), the writer appeals to his readers to remain faithful, and in chapter 12 he urges his readers to continue faithful to the end, with eyes fixed on Jesus, and to endure whatever suffering and persecution may come to them. The book closes with words of advice and warning. (Outline of Contents: Introduction: Christ the complete revelation of God 1.1-3; Christ's superiority over the angels 1.4-2.18; Christ's superiority over Moses and Joshua 3.1-4.13; The superiority of Christ's priesthood 4.14-7.28, The superiority of Christ's covenant 8.1-9.28; The superiority of Christ's sacrifice 10.1-39; The primacy of faith 11.1-12.29; Final exhortations and conclusion 13.1-25)

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Liturgical Section:

[Reflection on today's readings](http://www.biblical.ie/Lectons/SB3.asp#3408) (www.biblical.ie/Lectons/SB3.asp#3408)

Theme: The permanence of marriage is under severe pressure today. The oneness of the marriage promise gives way to the otherness of divorce. The survival of marriage depends on abiding friendship.

In today's first reading, we hear that God made man and woman for each other, to form a bond of mutual support and fidelity. "they become one flesh."

In today's second reading, we hear that by entering fully into human life, and experiencing the bitterness of death, Jesus became fully our brother and a saviour for all.

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus teaches that "what God has joined together, let no one separate" and "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Life Together (by Jack McArdle)

Jesus teaches about marriage, and goes on to speak powerfully about the place of children in his kingdom; this, of course, also includes those who have the heart of a child towards God as a Father. My friend Paddy was a countryman in the truest sense of that word. He kept his cards close to his chest, and he never gave much information when asked a question.

Someone asked him one time how many brothers he had, and his answer, without intending to be funny, was: "I have two brothers dead; I have two brothers alive; and the other two are married!" He wasn't sure which category they belonged to! Jesus is definite in today's gospel. One suspects that there is an attitude out there today that would dismiss most of this gospel as something that does not apply to our times. I think it is important to distinguish between what is actually a rule or a law, and how that law is applied. The application of law in the past was often seen to be arbitrary and insensitive. Not all marriages work out. Of course, people make mistakes, and some people just don't have what it takes to live in a healthy life-giving relationship. Nobody marries with the intention that this marriage will not work. A wedding is for a day, but marriage is for a lifetime.

On their wedding day, a couple set out on a journey, which will lead them into love. They may imagine that they love each other now, but that is not love. It is infatuation, which is important at this stage of their relationship. The word comes from the Latin *ignis fatuus*, which, literally means a false fire! It won't last. It is based on feelings, and feelings, while being good, are uncontrollable. Love is a decision, not a feeling. While I cannot control a feeling, I can renew a decision each and every day. As a matter of fact, living today on the decision of today is the secret of keeping a marriage alive.

For a marriage to succeed requires constant, personal effort. It is a couple growing together. The relationship is dynamic, never static, in that, if it is not moving forward, it is surely going backwards. Most people don't notice this until they have gone back too far. Growing in love with another means facing up to my own selfishness every single day. It means dying to myself in thousands of little ways, because "greater love than this no one has, that a person should lay down a life for a friend." It is only those who die to themselves that are capable of giving life to others. Then, in turn, because of that, they are the ones who receive life.

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