

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 10.09.2012	Michael Holohan (AR) Eileen Holohan (AR)	Emily Kelly (AR)
Tuesday 11.09.2012		John Behan (AR)
Wednesday 12.09.2012		
Thursday 13.09.2012		Francis & Mary McGarry (AR)
Friday 14.09.2012		William McDonnell (AR) Trish McDonnell (AR)
Saturday 15.09.2012		Margaret, Michael & Paddy Kavanagh (AR) John Cassidy (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 16.09.2012			Betty & Maureen Early (AR) Annie & Richard Purdy (AR) Noel & Patricia Beck (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.

Weekly Bulletin

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St Patrick's Parish, Ringsend & Irishtown

Saturday 8th September / Sunday 9th September 2012

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

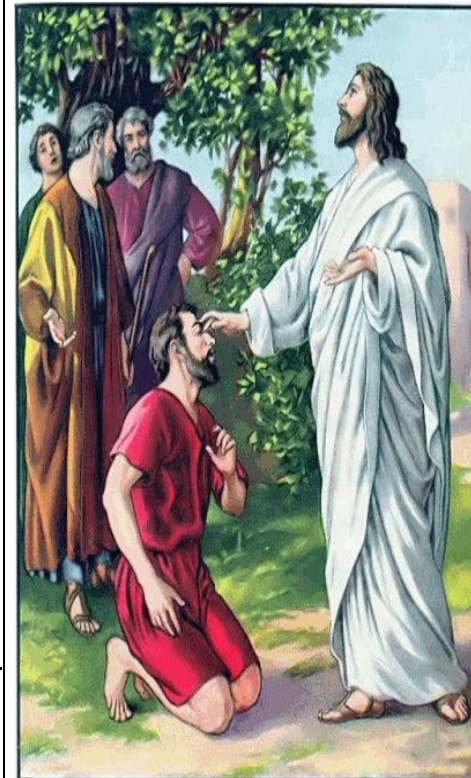
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*The gift of speech is a powerful thing.
Be careful how you use it.*



A woman went to Confession and confessed that she had been gossiping about others. As her penance, the priest told her to go to the market, buy an un-plucked hen, and, on her way home, she was to pluck the hen, feather by feather, and let each feather be carried off by the wind. She did that, and returned to the priest. He praised her for her obedience, and he said "Now, there's one more thing to do. I want you to go back along the road, and pick up every feather belonging to that hen." The woman was dumb-founded. The task was impossible. By now, the wind had scattered those feathers miles away, out across the country. "Exactly," said the priest. "Now you see what happens as a result of your gossiping. It is impossible to call the words back again, once you sent them on their way. Be very careful what you speak, and, especially what you gossip. It is always impossible to repair the damage."

This story is taken from a homily "Hearing and Speech" from the following website: www.biblical.ie/Lectons/SB3.asp#3378. It is continued in the Liturgical Section

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 19th September at 7.00 p.m. in our Church and bless ourselves with the St. Pio relic.

Church Gate Collection

A church gate collection for The Samaritans will take place this 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.**

Message from the Community Centre

The Community Centre in Ringsend is holding a coffee morning on **Sunday 9th September from 1pm to 4pm** to highlight suicide awareness week which runs from **10th to the 17th September**. All proceeds will go to Pieta House, the centre for the prevention of self harm and suicide.

World Suicide Prevention Day 2012

Monday the 10th of September is World Suicide Prevention Day, this is the tenth anniversary of this important day. Each year, over 10 million people die by suicide globally. In Ireland, over 600 people die each year by suicide.

Suicide attempts and suicidal ideas is far more common. The number of suicide attempts may be up to 20 times the number of deaths by suicide. People can be helped through these dark times to find other ways of coping, to find hope. Please support the various charities collecting this year as suicide prevention is dreadfully underfunded in Ireland.

If you know someone who is suicidal, please, talk to them. Don't be scared to name it. Often just airing the concern can be enough to facilitate momentum to seeking assistance.

Let us Pray

Lord Jesus Christ we ask that you help everyone who is suicidal. Guide them so they may receive the help that they need. Protect them from these thoughts. Lord, let them see that we need them, that we love them.

Let them feel our love, and your love, Lord Jesus. Remind them that they are very special people. Provide them with everything that they need Lord.

Amen

Lord, we ask that you comfort the suicide survivors. Ease their pain. Give them hope. Give them comfort. Give them guidance. Help them heal. And help them in every way possible. Let them feel our love, and your love, Lord Jesus.

Amen

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

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.

Church Gate Collection

The monthly St. Vincent DePaul church gate collection takes place next weekend 15th & 16th September.

Please give generously.

Bingo

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

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
18 th August / 19 th August 2012	€ 689	€ 586	€
25 th August / 26 th August 2012	€ 739	€ 546	€
1 st / 2 nd September 2012	€ 704	€ 618	€

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 Deuteronomy

The book of Isaiah is named after a great prophet who lived in Jerusalem in the latter half of the eighth century B.C. This book may be divided into three sections: 1 - Chapters 1-39 come from a time when Judah, the southern kingdom, was threatened by a powerful neighbour, Assyria. Isaiah saw that the real threat to the life of Judah was not simply the might of Assyria, but the nation's own sin and disobedience to God, and their lack of trust in him. In vivid words and actions the prophet called the people and their leaders to a life of righteousness and justice, and warned that failure to listen to God would bring doom and destruction. Isaiah also foretold a time of world-wide peace and the coming of a descendant of David who would be the ideal king. 2 Chapters 40-55 come from a time when many of the people of Judah were in exile in Babylon, crushed and without hope. The prophet proclaimed that God was about to set his people free and take them home to Jerusalem, to begin a new life. A notable theme of these chapters is that God is the Lord of history, and his plan for his people includes their mission to all nations, who will be blessed through Israel. The passages about "the Servant of the Lord" are among the best-known in the Old Testament. 3 Chapters 56-66 are for the most part addressed to people who were back in Jerusalem, and who needed reassurance that God was going to fulfil his promises to the nation. Concern is expressed for righteousness and justice and also for Sabbath observance, sacrifice, and prayer. A notable passage is chapter 61 verse 1-2, words used by Jesus at the beginning of his ministry to express his calling. (Outline of Contents: Warning and promises 1.1-12.6; Punishment of Nations 13.1-23.18; God's judgement of the world 24.1-27.13; Further warnings and promises 28.1-35.1; King Hezekiah of Judah and the Assyrians 36.1-39.8; Messages of promises and hope 40.1-55.13; Warnings and promises 56.1-66.24).

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 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

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Monday 10.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.5 v.1-8	Gospel of Luke - ch.6 v.6-11
Tuesday 11.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.6 v.1-11	Gospel of Luke - ch.6 v.12-19
Wednesday 12.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.7 v.25-31	Gospel of Luke - ch.6 v.20-26
Thursday 13.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.8 v.1-7	Gospel of Luke - ch.6 v.27-38
Friday 14.09.2012	The Book of Numbers - ch.21 v.4-9	Gospel of John - ch.3 v.13-17
Saturday 15.09.2012	The Letter to the Hebrews - ch.5 v.7-9	Gospel of Luke - ch.2 v.33-35

Sunday 16.09.2012	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Reading •Psalm •Second Reading •Gospel 	The Book of Isaiah - ch.50 v.5-9 Psalm – 114: 1-6 The Letter of St. James - ch.2 v.14-18 Gospel of Mark - ch.8 v.27-35

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](http://www.biblical.ie/Lectons/SB3.asp#3378) (www.biblical.ie/Lectons/SB3.asp#3378)

Theme: Today's first reading predicts the restoring of all things to their full potential; and the Gospel says that Jesus "has done everything well." Each Christian must try to work with God for a better world.

In today's first reading, we hear the prophet urges those who are losing heart to take courage, for God is coming to vindicate and save his people.

In today's second reading, we hear St. James tell us that class distinction should have no place among Christians. God champions the poor in the world.

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus cures a man who was deaf and dumb, with the powerful "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

Hearing and Speech

Jesus heals a man who is deaf and dumb. There is something different about this healing, and it will be interesting to see what that is.

One of the miracles of modern science is the development of cornea transplant, and of hearing aid implants. I have known several people who shared their great excitement of being able to hear again, or as a result of laser treatment, they are able to read again. Jesus' methods were much simpler, and the results were more lasting!

The story begins with a prayer of intercession. The man was brought to Jesus by others, and they begged Jesus to heal him. This is quite frequent in the gospels, when the person concerned is unable to get to Jesus, or, in this case, is unable to speak for himself. Such prayers are always pleasing to the Lord. When another man was lowered through the roof in front of Jesus, he marvelled at their faith, and he healed the man. I have often celebrated a Mass for healing with family and friends of someone who was seriously ill.

How Jesus went about healing this man is, indeed, unusual. Firstly, he took him to one side, away from the crowd. That is understandable, if we wanted to avoid a build-up of excitement among the crowd. Touching his ears with his fingers is also understandable, because it was usual for him to heal someone through his touch. Using his spittle on his fingers as he touched the man's ears a second time is not so obvious. We can only hazard a guess. It was a human gesture, using human means, that was accompanied by a gesture, as he looked up to heaven, and sighed "Be opened." There may have been some block within the man against the healing. His complaint may have been the result of some evil in his past that required Jesus to take full control of the situation. The man was deaf and dumb, and it is interesting that Jesus should have used spittle from his own tongue to touch the man's ears, as if he were bridging a gap that was more than something physical.

Another interesting point is that Jesus asked the people not to broadcast what had happened. On other occasions, when he healed someone, he asked the individual concerned not to tell others. It was as if he didn't want others to believe in him just because he healed someone else; he would rather that they themselves should come for healing, and so discover his power for themselves. Asking the crowd not to speak about it was unusual, which points again to the fact that there was more in this situation than met the eye. The fact that the man was healed, of course, is all that matters, even if we don't fully understand why he healed him in this particular way.

Response: I'm sure there were many people with speech impediments in Jesus' day, but there was something special about this man. He was surrounded by people who interceded for him. Even if he himself had no faith, the intercessions of his friends would have touched the heart of Jesus. One can only surmise that, for the remainder of his life, he used his voice to glorify God, and to proclaim the message of Jesus.