

## 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 12.03.2012		
Tuesday 13.03.2012		Rita Coughlan (AR)
Wednesday 14.03.2012		
Thursday 15.03.2012		
Friday 16.03.2012		Jessica Delaney (AR)
Saturday 17.03.2012	Jimmy Hopkins (AR) Alex & Mary McAuley (AR)	Francis Murphy (AR) Bridgit Murphy (AR) Tommy Murphy (AR) Ellen Dunne (MM)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 18.03.2012	Jago Family (AR)	Christopher Chamberlin (AR)	Bernadette Lawless (AR) Benny Lawless (AR) Sadie Lawless (AR) Christy Lawless (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.**

*There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.*

Psalm 26 v4

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 10<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

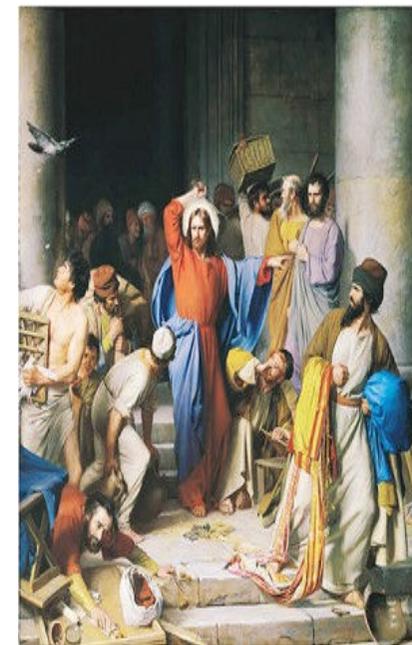


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## The Cleansing of the Temple

Today's Gospel passage shows our Lord getting angry in the Temple in Jerusalem. One might wonder why our Lord was annoyed with something that was allowed under Mosaic Law but we must remember that this was God House, Jesus's House and this business could have been carried out outside the walls of the Temple. Our Lord was making a point that we should not defile what is Holy and the Temple was a Holy



place. We at times should not forget that our Churches are Holy places and should be treated with reverence and respect. Our Lord treated all the places of worship to His Father with respect and we should be no different. We must also remember that our hearts are temples created for God and during Lent we should consider cleansing ourselves and making ourselves a worthy temple for the Lord.

## *Theme for this Sunday*

***Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up***

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

# Community Notice Board

## Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre (RICC)

### 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.**



### Free Citizens Information Service.

There is a Free Citizens Information Service **every Monday evening from 7.00 – 9.30pm & every Thursday morning from 9.30 - 1pm** in the Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre.

This is a free confidential service to all offering advice on benefits and legal issues including making your will.

## Lent & Easter

### The dates for Lent & Easter are:

**22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Ash Wednesday  
**1<sup>st</sup> April** – Palm / Passion Sunday  
**5<sup>th</sup> April** - Holy Thursday  
**6<sup>th</sup> April** - Good Friday  
**7<sup>th</sup> April** - Holy Saturday  
**8<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Sunday  
**27<sup>th</sup> May** – Pentecost Sunday

## Dublin Dock Workers Preservation Society

Photo Exhibition (1940 to 1990)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm**

Port Centre Alexandra Road, Dublin 1

Website: <http://www.bluemelon.com/alanmartin/>

### Eucharistic Ministers

The next meeting for the Eucharistic Ministers will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** in the Parish Priests House.

### Readers

The next meeting for the Readers will take place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** in the Parish Priests House.

### Baptisms

**We welcome into our Christian Community**

*Lucy Ryan & Lewis Neville*

**who were recently baptised.**

## 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.**



### **Volunteer for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress Office**

The closing date for volunteer applications is fast approaching – **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - and we are urgently recruiting volunteers. We would greatly appreciate if you could return forms by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March the closing date for volunteer applications is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that induction training for volunteers will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm with a repeat session on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm. Both training sessions will take place in the RDS, Dublin and volunteers will need to be registered to attend.

Further information on volunteering can be found on our website [www.iec2012.ie/volunteer](http://www.iec2012.ie/volunteer) or if you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact Selina on (01) 2349919, Volunteer Office IEC 2012

### Pieta House

#### Date for your Diary

Pieta House **DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 5K EVENT** is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2012. On line and postal registration for this event will be from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

Watch this space for more details

### Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys & girls from our parish schools who received the sacrament of Confirmation on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am** from his Grace Archbishop Dairmuid Martin. A big thanks to all those who gave their time in the preparation of the Confirmation Candidate and in the organisation of the beautiful ceremony on the day.

### St. Pio Mass

The St. Pio group would like to remind us that we are all welcome to attend the St. Pio mass Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 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.

## Congratulations

Congratulation to Sion Hill Junior Girls Hockey Team, captioned by Lorna Groves. They won the Leinster League Hockey Final beating Dundalk Grammar School 2-0.

This is the first time in 30 years that the school has won a hockey competition.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	€ 700	€ 587	€
25 <sup>th</sup> / 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	€ 646	€ 572	€
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	€ 631	€ 842	€

**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.**

### Active Retirement

Please note that the annual Ringsend Active Retirement Mass will be held in the C.Y.W.M.S. on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00pm.**

### Church Gate Collection

St. Vincent De Paul are holding their Monthly Church Gate collection next **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

Please give generously.

**The Book of Exodus**

The name Exodus means "departure", and refers to the most important event in Israel's history, which is described in this book -the departure of the people of Israel from Egypt, where they had been slaves. The book has four main parts: (1) The freeing of the Hebrews from slavery; (2) Their journey to Mount Sinai; (3) God's covenant with his people at Sinai, which gave them moral, civil, and religious laws to live by; (4) The building and furnishing of a place of worship for Israel, and laws regarding the priests and the worship of God. Above all, this book describes what God did, as he liberated his enslaved people and formed them into a nation with hope for the future. The central human figure in the book is Moses, the man whom God chose to lead his people from Egypt. The most widely known part of the book is the list of the Ten Commandments (20.1-17). (Outline of Contents: The Israelites set free from Egypt 1 .1-15.21; Slaves in Egypt 1.1-22; Moses' birth and early life 2.1-4.31; Moses and Aaron confront the king of Egypt 5.1-11.10; The Passover and the departure from Egypt 12.1-15.21; From the Red Sea to Mount Sinai 15.22-18.27; The Law and the covenant 19.1-24.18; The Sacred Tent and instructions for worship 25.1-40.38)

**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 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.

**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 11.03.2012	Third Sunday of Lent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•First Reading</li> <li>•Psalm</li> <li>•Second Reading</li> <li>•Gospel</li> </ul>	The Book of Exodus - <b>ch.20 v.1-17</b> Psalm – <b>18: v.8-11</b> First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - <b>ch.1 v.22-25</b> Gospel of St. John - <b>ch.2 v.13-25</b>

For those who cannot join us for daily mass here are the readings for the week (04.03 - 10.03.2012):

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Monday 12.03.2012	The Book of Kings - <b>ch.5 v.1-15</b>	Gospel of Luke - <b>ch.4 v.24-30</b>
Tuesday 13.03.2012	The Book of Daniel- <b>ch.3 v.25, 34-43</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.18 v.21-35</b>
Wednesday 14.03.2012	The Book of Deuteronomy- <b>ch.4 v.1, 5-9</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.5 v.17-19</b>
Thursday 15.03.2012	The Book of Jeremiah- <b>ch.7 v.23-28</b>	Gospel of Luke - <b>ch.11 v.14-23</b>
Friday 16.03.2012	The Book of Hosea - <b>ch.14 v.2-10</b>	Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.12 v.28-34</b>
Saturday 17.03.2012	The Book of Jeremiah - <b>ch.1 v.4-9</b>	Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.16 v.15-20</b>

Sunday 18.03.2012	Fourth Sunday of Lent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•First Reading</li> <li>•Psalm</li> <li>•Second Reading</li> <li>•Gospel</li> </ul>	The Second Book of Chronicles - <b>ch.36 v.14-16, 19-23</b> Psalm – <b>136: v.1-6</b> First Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians - <b>ch.2 v.4-10</b> Gospel of St. John - <b>ch.3 v.14-21</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)



## Liturgical Section:

**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.

## Reflection on today's readings

**In today's first reading,** we hear that the ten commandments are a map of life for a people devoted to God.

**In today's second reading** St. Paul tells us that to some the idea of a crucified Saviour makes no sense. But to those who believe, it is a sign of the wisdom of God.

**In today's Gospel** St. John tells us that Christ clears the merchants out of the Temple.

Today's gospel can be taken as a powerfully significant and symbolic gospel, where Jesus clears the Temple of our hearts, which is intended to be a place of prayer, and a place where all kinds of evil and destructive thoughts can evolve into plans and into actions.

There used be an advert for Andrews liver salts some years ago, which told us that "Inner cleanliness comes first." We are all familiar, in the area of health, with the situation where the insides have to be totally cleared of all infections, biles, food poisoning, and anything else whose presence in the system is a health hazard. Sometimes all the blood in the body has to be replaced. At other times it is necessary to use a physic to induce vomiting, to clear the stomach or the intestines of unhealthy substances. We are also familiar with the external sores, skin disorders, etc., that result from something being wrong in the blood or in the digestive system. That is how today's gospel can help us understand what Jesus wishes to effect in all of us.

Today's gospel is presented to us in the context of Lent. Lent is a time for spring-cleaning, a time to hire the skip. Because of our human limitations, our ability to see reality is limited. In other words, I cannot trust myself to clear my own heart, because, with the best intentions in the world, I will run the risk of being selective, and of having blind spots. It is so much easier for me to see the clear out that someone else should do. That is why I must turn to the Holy Spirit and declare my openness and willingness to hand over the task to him.

(Extracts form <http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/03/11-march-3rd-sunday-of-lent/>). *Inner Cleanliness (Jack McArdle)*