

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 13.02.2012		
Tuesday 14.02.2012		Emmanuel Altman (AR) Stephan Ryan (AR)
Wednesday 15.02.2012		
Thursday 16.02.2012		
Friday 17.02.2012		Mona Byrne (AR) Freddy Hawkins (MM)
Saturday 18.02.2012		Patsy & Eileen Rooney (AR) Andrew Redmond (AR) Michael McCabe (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 19.02.2012			Eamonn Downey (AR) James & Jude Gregg (AR)

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

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

Thomas Cuffe

May [his](#) soul 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 11th / Sunday 12th February 2012

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

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Have faith in he who loves you!

Under the law of Moses lepers were deemed to be unclean and a menace to the health of their community. They were, forced to leave their family and friends and live apart from the people they loved. A person who touched a leper was also deemed to be unclean but this did not stop Jesus. In this simple but beautiful picture we see the divine compassion of Jesus. We see his love for the ostracised, we see the love for those who have faith in him. The leper in today's Gospel realised that Jesus is divine, he is the Son of God. The faith of this leper, his courage, his determination



and his need to be healed touched Jesus' heart. The leper knew that there was no life for him without God, and that God was the only one who could cure him. This man risked his life in order to be cured. He knelt down before Jesus with utter humility, knowing that Jesus had the power to heal him and yet he did not ask, he said to Jesus, "If you want to, you can make me clean." Jesus, so moved by the man's faith, raised the leper's head and looked into his eyes and said, "Of course I want to, Be cured." This is a great example to us all of the power of complete faith in God, and the love and compassion that God has us.

Theme for this Sunday

Have faith in Jesus and you will be a witness of His power.

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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The Annual Collection of Accord

The ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses **THIS WEEKEND**. 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
Wednesday 15th February
 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.

Lent & Easter

The dates for Lent & Easter are:
22nd February - Ash Wednesday
1st April – Palm / Passion Sunday
5th April - Holy Thursday
6th April - Good Friday
7th April - Holy Saturday
8th April - Easter Sunday
27th May – Pentecost Sunday

Baptisms

We welcome into our Christian Community
*Alex Ball, Charlie Ball, Shauna Joyce,
 David Molloy & Cian Acosta*
 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.

Bingo

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

Do this in Memory

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

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 15th 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

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
21 st / 22 nd January 2012	€ 744	€ 596	€
28 th / 29 th January 2012	€ 677	€ 566	€
4 th / 5 th February 2012	€ 734	€ 584	€

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 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).

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 Acts of the Apostles

The Acts of the Apostles is a continuation of Luke. Its chief purpose is to tell how Jesus' early followers, led by the Holy Spirit, spread the Good News about him "in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". (1.8) It is the story of the Christian movement as it began among the Jewish people and went on to become a faith for the whole world. The writer was also concerned to reassure his readers that the Christians were not a subversive political threat to the Roman Empire, and that the Christian faith was the fulfillment of the Jewish religion. Acts may be divided into three principal parts, reflecting the ever widening area in which the Good News about Jesus was proclaimed and the Church established: (1) The beginning of the Christian movement in Jerusalem following the ascension of Jesus; (2) Expansion into other parts of Palestine; (3) Further expansion, into the Mediterranean world as far as Rome. An important feature of Acts is the activity of the Holy Spirit, who comes with power upon the believers in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost and continues to guide and strengthen the Church and its leaders throughout the events reported in the book. The early Christian message is summarized in a number of sermons, and the events recorded in Acts show the power of this message in the lives of the believers and in the fellowship of the Church. (Outline of Contents: Preparation for the witness 1.1-26; a)Jesus' last command and promise 1.1-14; b)The successor of Judas 1.15-26; The witness in Jerusalem 2.1-8.3; The witness in Judea and Samaria 8.4-12.25; The ministry of Paul 13.1-28.31; a)The first missionary journey 13.1-14.28; b)The conference in Jerusalem 15.1-35; c) The second missionary journey 15.36-18.22; d)The third missionary journey 18.23-21.16; e)Paul a prisoner in Jerusalem, Caesarea, and Rome 21.17-28.31.)

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 12.02.2012	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
• First Reading	The Book of Leviticus - ch.13 v.1-2, 44-46
• Psalm	Psalm – 31: v1-2,5
• Second Reading	First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.10 v.31-33: ch.11 v.1
• Gospel	Gospel of St. Mark - ch.1 v.40-45

For those who cannot join us for daily mass here are the readings for the week (13.02 - 18.02.2012):

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Monday 13.02.2012	The Letter from James - ch.1 v.1-11	Gospel of Mark - ch.8 v.11-13
Tuesday 14.02.2012	The Acts of the Apostles - ch.13 v.46-49	Gospel of Luke - ch.11 v.29-32
Wednesday 15.02.2012	The Letter from James - ch.1 v.19-27	Gospel of Mark - ch.8 v.22-26
Thursday 16.02.2012	The Letter from James - ch.2 v.1-9	Gospel of Mark - ch.8 v.27-33
Friday 17.02.2012	The Letter from James - ch.2 v.14-24	Gospel of Mark - ch.8 v.34-37; ch.9 v.1
Saturday 18.02.2012	The Letter from James - ch.3 v.1-10	Gospel of Mark - ch.9 v.2-13

Sunday 19.02.2012	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
• First Reading	The Book of Isaiah - ch.43 v.18-18, 21-22, 24-25
• Psalm	Psalm – 40: v2-5
• Second Reading	First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.1 v.18-22
• Gospel	Gospel of St. Mark - ch.2 v.1-12

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 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).

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).

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 under the law of Moses, lepers had to live apart from the community as they were deemed to be unclean and a menace to the health of their community. Only if a priest pronounced a leper cured of the disease could he or she come back into normal life.

In today's second reading we hear Paul's great principle, "do all to the glory of God." In addition, instead of offending people, we must aim to please them if we can.

In today's Gospel St. Mark tells us that Jesus cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. Then he wants the cure recognised, so the man can re-join his local community.

(Extracts from www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/02/12th-february-6th-sunday-of-year-b/)

Jesus crosses social and religious boundaries in order to cure the leper. But before this could happen, the leper had the courage to break the Law of the Old Testament and approach Jesus. The outcast had such a high opinion of this holy man that he risked a rebuke from him for ignoring the normal prohibitions. At the heart of the encounter, compassion moves Jesus not only to respond with a word of encouragement, but also to reach out and touch him. Here Jesus shows us God's attitude to human disability. He wishes to reach us in our weakness and restore us to fullness of life. It is not enough that the outcast is restored to health. Without the permission of the priest he could not regain his place in society and would remain an outcast. Jesus wishes to re-establish communion in a broken human family. Leprosy drove people away from others through the fear of the healthy that they would contract the dread disease Jesus wishes to remove these barriers between human beings and set up a communion that is free and harmonious. We might apply this to our own community by instancing types of bias and prejudice that exist locally and invite people to ask the Lord to heal whatever keeps them at a distance from certain others. Continuing reconciliation is necessary as we go through life and receive various types of hurts, which could make us withdraw from others as the leper did. It requires the courage of the leper to bring these hurts and fears to the Lord for healing.