

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. |
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| Monday 15.10.2012 | | |
| Tuesday 16.10.2012 | | |
| Wednesday 17.10.2012 | | |
| Thursday 18.10.2012 | | Rosaleen Kelly (AR) |
| Friday 19.10.2012 | | Paddy & Martin Connolly (AR) Paula Barry (AR) |
| Saturday 20.10.2012 | | Stephen, Thomas, Joseph & Christopher Rackly (AR) |

| Day | 9.00 a.m. | 10.30 p.m. | 12.00 p.m. |
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| Sunday – 21.10.2012 | Bill Langan (AR) Alic O'Driscoll (AR) | | Bill Saunders (AR) Gerry Gregg (AR) Mary Byrne (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 13th October / Sunday 14th October 2012

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office: 01 6697429 - Opening Hours: 9.30 to 13.30 – Monday to Wednesday

Website: www.stpatrickschurchringsend.com

Church Gate Collection

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



Please give generously

CRY is a registered Irish Charity, established in 2002 by parents and relatives who have experienced the effects of sudden and unexplained deaths within their families. CRY's AIMS are to:

- raise awareness about sudden cardiac death;
- provide counselling and support to families affected;
- fundraising and ongoing support for CRYP Centre

Over 5,000 people suffer sudden cardiac death in Ireland each year, of which 60 to 80 are young people under 35 years. In older people, sudden cardiac death usually occurs as a result of a heart attack caused by coronary disease (hardening of the arteries).

Cardiac disease in young people is mostly due to inherited heart disease or birth defects (congenital heart disease). Awareness of sudden cardiac death has increased in the last few years due to the sudden deaths of high-profile athletes. A conservative estimate is that over 10,000 people in Ireland carry genes for inherited heart disease, more often than not unknowingly.

Year of Faith

With the Apostolic Letter of 11 October 2011, [Porta fidei](#), Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of Faith. This year will begin on 11th of October on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council, and will conclude on 24 November 2013, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. Throughout the year various events and initiatives will be promoted through the Office of Evangelisation of the Archdiocese of Dublin and updated on their new website:

<http://www.evangelisation.ie/category/year-of-faith/>



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.

Tickets are also on sale at the back of the church after Saturday evening and all Sunday Masses

Thank you all for your kind support.

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.

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.

Warm Welcome. Warm Dinners

At the "Iris Charles Centre for Older People" Newbridge Avenue, Sandymount. (Near the Star of the Sea Church). Transport available if necessary.

When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

What Time: 12.45 – 2.00pm

How much: €4 per day

Please contact : Phyllis Ennis – 087 6225471 or Claire McElvaney – 087 2368548

Church Gate Collection

The monthly St. Vincent DePaul church gate collection takes place this next weekend 20th & 21st 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th October at 8pm.

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 |
|--|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 22 nd / 23 rd September 2012 | € 745 | € | € 954 Crosscare |
| 29 th / 30 th September 2012 | € 697 | € 562 | € |
| 6 th / 7 th October 2012 | € 674 | € 588 | € |

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 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.

Paul's Letter 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.

Letter from St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians is concerned first of all with "God's plan... to bring all creation together, everything in heaven and on earth, with Christ as head". It is also an appeal to God's people to live out the meaning of this great plan for the unity of mankind through oneness with Jesus Christ. In the first part of Ephesians the writer develops the theme of unity by speaking of the way in which God the Father has chosen his people, how they are forgiven and set free from their sins through Jesus Christ the Son, and how God's great promise is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit. In the second part he appeals to the readers to live in such a way that their oneness in Christ may become real in their life together. Several figures of speech are used to show the oneness of God's people in union with Christ: the church is like a body, with Christ as the Head or like a building, with Christ as the cornerstone: or like a wife, with Christ as the Husband. This letter rises to great heights of expression as the writer is moved by the thought of God's grace in Christ. Everything is seen in the light of Christ's love, sacrifice, forgiveness, grace, and purity. (Outline of Contents: Introduction 1.1-2; Christ and the Church 1.3-3.21; The new life in Christ 4.1-6.2; Conclusion 6.21-24).

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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)

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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. |

Mission Sunday comes only once a year. On this special day we are given the opportunity to express our unity with and support to Christian communities everywhere. World Mission Ireland provides spiritual and practical assistance to the Church's mission worldwide. "Together in Faith" we can all play an active role in helping more than 1,100 dioceses and communities globally. This is the Church in action – communities supporting communities.



How can you help?

Support is needed by prayer as well as financially. On Mission Sunday, 21st October 2012 please pray for the universal missions of the Church and give as generously as you can to the Mission Sunday Collection. Every cent of the money donated to this collection goes into a universal fund and is distributed to the missions most in need. All aid is greatly appreciated by communities less fortunate than ourselves and "Together in Faith" may we continue to spread the good news in God's name.

Mission Sunday Annual Collection – 21st October 2012
OR Donations can be sent to: World Missions Ireland, 64 Lower Rathmines, Road, Dublin 6.

Mission Sunday takes place this year on Sunday 21st October. World Missions, Ireland – the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, brings the prayers and financial help of the Church in Ireland to Christian communities in other parts of the world. For more details and some fantastic resources please have a look at their website www.wmi.ie.

This includes resources for children arising from the national day of prayer for children to assist schools and parishes. There is also Children's Mission Rosary Beads, Mission Rosary Candles, two little prayer books for children called '[Prayers In My Pocket](#)' and '[jammie prayers](#)', an information A3 size Poster for the notice-board (above) and a [Teacher's Mission Rosary Kit](#) with Activity Sheet for children.

Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

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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#3428) (www.biblical.ie/Lectons/SB3.asp#3428)

Theme: Conspicuous wealth results from some form of exploitation and for this reason is at odds with the gospel. Those who dedicate all their energies to making money should heed Christ's warning.

In today's first reading, we hear that Solomon praises Wisdom as more precious than gold, or silver, or health, or beauty.

In today's second reading, we hear that the word of God is living and active, a source of true wisdom to enable us judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

In today's Gospel, we hear that a good young man regretfully declines to follow Jesus because he is unwilling to let go of his wealth.

Owned by Possessions (by Jack McArdle)

The first thing to notice in today's gospel is that the young man was an exceptionally good person. He was most deferential to Jesus, and he was in search of eternal life. He had kept all the commandments since his youth, and Jesus looked on him with love. To all appearances, he was an ideal person. And yet, without condemning, Jesus just had to show him something about himself of which he may have been totally unaware. He was in bondage to his wealth, and it had a stronger grip on him than he had on it. Jesus invited him to freedom, but the cost was too much for him. "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose."

There is nothing wrong with wealth, or with being wealthy. Some of the world's greatest people, those who did most for the welfare of humanity, have been wealthy people. The fact is, I own nothing. A stroke, a brain haemorrhage or a heart attack, and I am separated forever from all my worldly belongings. "There's no pocket in the shroud." There is a narrow entrance at the side of the temple called the "needle." It is wide enough for a camel to pass through, only if the entire burden is removed from the camel's back. With the satchels of goods the camel carries down either side, it would not be possible for it to pass through the needle. It is difficult for someone who is weighed down with worldly riches and cares to enter the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom belongs to children. It belongs to the poor in spirit; not the poor, but those who are detached in their spirit from riches. In other words, not being misers, they can part with their riches.

And then there are those who give up everything to follow Jesus. He doesn't call everybody to do this. He didn't ask Lazarus or his sisters to leave everything and follow him. This is a special calling. Being called to follow Jesus, however, does mean having to leave something. It involves a change of priorities, a new way of seeing what is important, an interest in riches that are stored in heaven, "where the moth cannot consume, nor the rust corrode." Those who leave everything to follow Jesus are among the most blessed of people. We celebrate the lives of Padre Pio, Mother Teresa, and many other great people of our time. Jesus took first place in their lives, and they were blessed with enormous riches of grace, and were sources of much blessing in the lives of others..

<http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/10/14-oct-28th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>