

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 16.01.2012		
Tuesday 17.01.2012	Willie & Peggy Downey	
Wednesday 18.01.2012	Joseph McGuinness (AR)	
Thursday 19.01.2012		Lynsey Kinsella (AR) – 8p.m. Mass
Friday 20.01.2012		Bernard Groves (AR) Joan Hammond (AR)
Saturday 21.01.2012		James & Kathleen Dunne (AR) Joe & Marge Dunne (AR) Veronica Dunne (AR) Mary Sheriden (AR) Pet Stafford (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 22.01.2012		Carroll Family (AR)	Stephen Crilly (AR) Harry & Teresa Earley (AR) Winifred & Joseph Kenny (AR)

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

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

Freddie Hawkins, Frances Kiernan & Eamonn Byrne

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, **Amen.**

Weekly Bulletin

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St Patrick's Parish, Ringsend & Irishtown

Saturday 14th / Sunday 15th January 2012

Second Week of Ordinary Time

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Speak, Lord, your servant is listening

How often do we go into a church and light a candle and to talk to God, asking him to help us, or someone close to us. We talk to him constantly asking him to stop and listen to us. Have we forgotten to stop and listen to God. How often do we say, '**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening**'. How often do we just go into a church, or sit on our couch at home or even stop for a moment in the park and listen to hear what God has to say. How often is our hearing impaired by our thoughts, our unquiet mind. It can be very difficult to hear anything when there is so



much noise around us. It can be difficult to filter out the noise of the world that distracts us from hearing God. We may not be tuned into what he is saying or choose not to listen because it does not suit us. The Lord is always speaking to us, we just have to be quite and listen. We need to take time and understand what he has to say. We can start with the word of God. The Bible is not just an old story book, it is the living breathing word of God. He speaks to us through the readings at mass. So maybe before the readings start you can say to yourself, '**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening**'.

Theme for this Sunday

We have found the Messiah

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

Baptisms

We welcome into our Christian Community

*James Barber, Tomás Connolly &
Caspas McCrea*

who was recently baptised.

Public Lecture in Gardiner St Church

Fr Brian Grogan SJ on his book
Where to From Here? - The Christian
Vision of Life After Death (Veritas
2012.) **Monday January 30th with
the author. 7.30 pm. Admission
free, donation welcome.** Convivial
cuppa to follow.
The book will be on sale at €14.00.

Community Notice Board

Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre (RICC)

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.**

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.**

St. Pio Mass Group

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. The next scheduled St. Pio mass is on Wednesday 18th January 2012.

Christmas Dues

We would like to thank all parishioners who have already sent in their Christmas Dues. Envelopes may be handed into the sacristy before or after mass each day. They can also be put in the collection basket on Sunday.

Bingo

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

Penny Catechism

Question:

In what is man's soul like to God?

Answer:

Man's soul is like to God in being a spirit and immortal, and in being capable of knowing and loving God.

Question:

What do you mean when you say the soul is immortal?

Answer:

By saying the soul is immortal, means it can never die.

THE EXPLORERS

The next meeting of this inter-church group exploring scripture will take place on **Thursday, 19 January, 2012 between 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. in Star of the Sea.** (Enter at the back of the church). The meeting will again be led by Dr Margaret Daly-Denton. We will look at St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. If you find the whole letter too much start at chapter 10. Please, bring a bible with you. All are welcome whether they were at the earlier meetings or not. There is no charge, but a donation on the night (into a basket) will be gratefully received.

If you have any queries, please ring Anngret Simms at Tel. 2694374.

Do this in Memory

The monthly "Do This In Memory" Mass, for the boys & girls of the parish First Holy Communion & First Confession Class, will take place today, Sunday 15th January, at 12.00.

Ringsend Technical Institute

Enrolment for the Ringsend Technical School's Evening School "Spring Term Programme 2012" continues on Monday 16th January. Classes start the week of the 23rd January 2012. A list of courses can be obtained from the Tech.

Events at Avila

Healing through Music: - Terry Cashion is a Composer / Pianist and Physicist with a focus on using music in the areas of healing and spirituality. Date: Thursday January 26, 2012. Time: 7:30 pm. Location: Avila Carmelite Retreat Center, Bloomfield Avenue, Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. Cost: By Donation.

Avila's Retreat Centre Programme for 2012:- Global Awareness Course: VMM is running a course on Global awareness at the Irish Aid Volunteer Centre Dublin, beginning 23rd February and running for 10 consecutive Thursdays. Cost €50.00.

Amen Support Group

Amen Support Group Meetings have recommenced on a Monday Evening in Navan from 8.00pm – 10.00pm
The Group Meetings are a support for men who suffer domestic abuse or are going through separation.
The meetings will cover issues of Stress, Anxiety, Anger, Grief and New Beginnings
Please call [046 9023718](tel:0469023718) for further information.

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
24 th / 25 th December 2011	€ 1,392	€ 1,178	€
31 st Dec. / 1 st January 2012	€ 530	€ 462	€
7 th / 8 th January 2012	€ 702	€ 578	€

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 First Book of Samuel

The First Book of Samuel records the transition in Israel from the period of the judges to the monarchy. This change in Israel's national life revolved mainly around three men: Samuel, the last of the great judges; Saul, Israel's first king; and David, whose early adventures before coming to power are interwoven with the accounts of Samuel and Saul. The theme of this book, like that of other historical writings in the Old Testament, is that faithfulness to God brings success, while disobedience brings disaster. This is stated clearly in the Lord's message to the priest Eli: "I will honour those who honour me, and I will treat with contempt those who despise me." (2.30). The book records mixed feelings about the establishment of the monarchy. The Lord himself was regarded as the real king of Israel, but in response to the people's request, the Lord chose a king for them. The important fact was that both the king and the people of Israel lived under the sovereignty and judgment of God (2.7-10). Under God's laws the rights of all people, rich and poor alike, were to be maintained. (Outline of Contents: Samuel as judge of Israel 1.1-7.17; Saul becomes king 8.1-10.27; The first years of Saul's reign 11.1-15.35; David and Saul 16.1-30.31; The death of Saul and his sons 31.1-13).

The Second Book of Samuel

The Second Book of Samuel, the sequel to 1 Samuel, is the history of David's reign as king, first over Judah in the south(chapters 1-4), and then over the whole nation, including Israel in the north (chapters 5-24). It is a vivid account of how David, in order to extend his kingdom and consolidate his position, had to struggle with enemies within the nation as well as with foreign powers. David is shown to be a man of deep faith and devotion to God, and one who was able to win the loyalty of his people. Yet he is also shown as being sometimes ruthless, and willing to commit terrible sins to serve his own desires and ambitions. But when he is confronted with his sins by the Lord's prophet Nathan, he confesses them and accepts the punishment that God sends. The life and achievements of David impressed the people of Israel so much that in later times of national distress, when they longed for another king, it was for one who would be "a son of David", that is, a descendant of David who would be like him. (Outline of Contents: David's reign over Judah 1.1-4. '2; David's reign over all Israel 5.1-4.25; The early years 5.1-10.19; David and Bathsheba 11.1-12.25; Troubles and difficulties 12.6-20.26; The later years 21.1-24.25).

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).

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 15.01.2012	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Reading •Psalm •Second Reading •Gospel 	The First Book of Samuel - ch.3 v.3-10 Psalm - 39: v2, 4, 7-10 First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians - ch.6 v.13-15, 17-20 Gospel of St. John - ch.1 v.35-42

For those who cannot join us for daily mass here are the readings for the week (16.01 - 21.01.2012):

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Monday 16.01.2012	The First Book of Samuel - ch.15 v.16-23	Gospel of Mark - ch.2 v.18-22
Tuesday 17.01.2012	The First Book of Samuel - ch.16 v.1-13	Gospel of Mark - ch.2 v.23-28
Wednesday 18.01.2012	The First Book of Samuel - ch.17 v.32-51	Gospel of Mark - ch.3 v.1-6
Thursday 19.01.2012	The First Book of Samuel - ch.18 v.6-9	Gospel of Mark - ch.3 v.7-12
Friday 20.01.2012	The First Book of Samuel - ch.24 v.3-21	Gospel of Mark - ch.3 v.13-19
Saturday 21.01.2012	The Second Book of Samuel - ch.1 v.1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27	Gospel of Mark - ch.3 v.20-21

Sunday 22.01.2012	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Reading •Psalm •Second Reading •Gospel 	The Book of Jonah - ch.3 v.1-5, 10 Psalm - 24: v2, 4-9 First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians - ch.7 v.29-31 Gospel of St. Mark - ch.1 v.14-20

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 God's word and of Christ's body and to offer it to the faithful.

(Vatican II. Constitution on Revelation, 21)

St. Patrick's Church Ringsend

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

September 17th 2012

5 Nights

Travelling with Pilgrimages Abroad T.O. 052

All cheques to be made payable to

Pilgrimages Abroad.

Accommodation in Hotel Alba

Fully inclusive price of

€695.00 per person sharing.

Single room supplement of

€30.00 per night.

For further details

Contact Patsy Doolin, Miriam Murphy, Marie Connolly,

Geraldine Thorp and Catherine Kelly.

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 vocation of the boy Samuel to be a prophet is one of the great Old Testament stories. His response, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening' is an inspiration for all to follow

In today's second reading we hear St Paul tell us that since our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, we will not abuse them in sinful ways, but do all for the glory of God.

In today's Gospel St. John's account of the call of the first disciples, we have the Lord's quiet invitation to them, "Come and see." Like Andrew and Peter, that is how we too can encounter Jesus.

(Extract from 'Called By Name' – Homily Resource -

<http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/01/january-15-2nd-sunday-of-the-year>

God knows each individual by name totally, intimately, always. None of us is ever ignored by him; like the birds of the air, and all created things, we are forever in God's mind, under his care (cf. Mat. 10:29.) Even the person of no particular significance in his neighbour's eyes, the born loser who lives in the shadows of depression most of the time – even he (or she) is precious in the eyes of God, perhaps more precious than anyone can suspect. Some of us may feel a strong, but quite false, sense of our own identity. Our self-understanding derives too exclusively from our own achievements, failures, efforts and ambitions; God's plan for us hardly enters the picture at all or we dismiss it as too uncertain, too "spiritual" and remote from daily life. Biblical faith, on the contrary, insists that God calls us into relationship with himself on a day to day basis, always offering us life, and always making demands on us to live our life worthily in his sight. For Christians, specifically, it is the relationship with Christ our Lord that lies at the heart of our identity. Not only are we called by name to friendship with Jesus – we become "members of his body," sharers in his spirit. Sometimes, in prayer we can taste the rich privilege of belonging to Christ. More often, it is in the darkness of faith that we simply believe in it. But always, and in ordinary details of behaviour, we are called to live up to the standard of love and truth set by the Spirit of Jesus. That is our real Christian vocation; and only by trying to live that vocation are we worthy of our name.