

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 19.03.2012		Bank Holiday – No Evening Mass
Tuesday 20.03.2012		Rita Tilly (AR)
Wednesday 21.03.2012		Phyllis Altman (AR) Joseph Cahill (AR)
Thursday 22.03.2012		
Friday 23.03.2012		
Saturday 24.03.2012		Nora & Stephen Hyland & baby Frederick (AR) Nancy Donnelly & the Donnelly Family (AR) Kevin Byrne (AR) Peggy & Jack Blood (AR) Maurice McCann (AR) Martin Flood (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 25.03.2012		Maire Caufield (AR)	Annie Honeyman (AR) Kay Egan (AR) Annie Pepper (AR) Michael & Katie Egan & their sons daughters & grandchildren & baby Adrean Cummins (AR) Noel and Mary Mahon & son John (AR) Lena O'Brien (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 17th / Sunday 18th March 2012

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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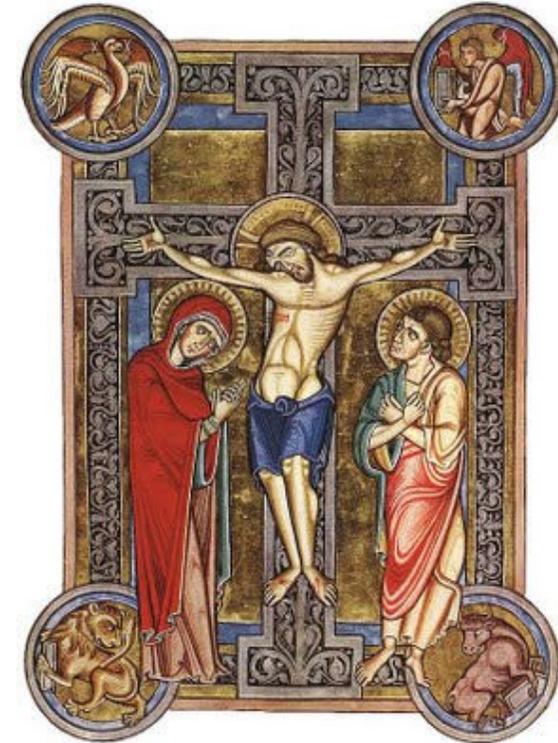


Parish Office: 01 6697429 - Opening Hours: 9.30 to 13.30 – Monday to Wednesday

Website: www.stpatrickschurchringsend.com

We adore you, O
Christ and bless
you.

Because by your
holy Cross you
have redeemed the
world.



Theme for this Sunday

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

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.**

Job Vacancy - Maintenance/Grounds Person Based in Clanna Gael Fontenoy

19 ½ Hours per week
Community Service Programme Rates & Criteria Apply
Please forward CV's to:

Barbara Doyle
Community Services Manager
Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre
Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4.

Informal enquiries Contact Barbara on 087 6230374
Closing date for applications: **Thursday 29th March 2012**

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.



Dublin Dock Workers Preservation Society

Photo Exhibition (1940 to 1990)

Friday 23rd March at 7pm

Port Centre Alexandra Road, Dublin 1

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

St. Pio Mass

This month's St. Pio mass will be held on Wednesday 21st March at 7.00 p.m. Please note that all monies collected at the mass are donated to the homeless shelter run by Bro. Kevin.

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.

Active Retirement

Please note that a Mass to mark the 21st Anniversary of Ringsend Active Retirement Mass will be held in the C.Y.W.M.S. on **Tuesday 20th March at 3.00pm.**

Urgent Request for Overseas Volunteers

Viatores Christi, a Catholic association, founded in 1960, recruits, trains and places people with skills and life experience in roles with our mission partners in areas of need overseas. We are currently seeking people over the age of 21 (retired people especially welcome) who are interested in overseas volunteering. We offer a comprehensive training programme to help you discern whether overseas volunteering is for you and full support before, during and after your placement if you do decide to go overseas. For further information, please visit our website www.viatoreschristi.com or email Colette at colette@viatoreschristi.com Tel. 01-868 9986

Eucharistic Ministers

The next meeting for the Eucharistic Ministers will take place on **Tuesday 20th March at 8.00 p.m.** in the Parish Priests House.

Readers

The next meeting for the Readers will take place on **Wednesday 21th March at 8.00p.m.** in the Parish Priests House

First Penance

The First Penance (First Confession) for the children of this year's Holy Communion Class from our local primary schools will be held on **Tuesday 27th March at 7.45p.m.**

Church Gate Collection

St. Vincent De Paul are holding their Monthly Church Gate collection this weekend. Please give generously.

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
25 th / 26 th February 2012	€ 646	€ 572	€
3 rd / 4 th March 2012	€ 770	€ 559	€
10 th / 11 th March 2012	€ 720	€ 636	€

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.



Pope Benedict XVI received the International Eucharistic Congress Bell in Rome today, Wednesday 14th March. He blessed and rang the Bell as part of preparations for the upcoming 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (IEC2012), calling people from across the world to Dublin for the Congress, which takes place from 10-17 June. The Bell was presented by a delegation headed by the President of IEC2012, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, accompanied by Secretary General of IEC2012, Fr Kevin Doran, and members of IEC2012 staff during a papal audience.

"Pope Benedict XVI blessed the bell, rang it vigorously, and paused to admire the icons as Archbishop Martin explained their significance", explained Fr. Kevin Doran. Colette Furlong, Pastoral Services Manager in IEC2012, presented Pope Benedict XVI with the first commemorative medal struck to mark this year's 50th International Eucharistic Congress. Sheena Darcy, IEC2012 Office Manager presented shamrock to the Holy Father.

The Second Book of Chronicles

The Second Book of Chronicles begins where 1 Chronicles ends, starting with the account of the rule of King Solomon until his death. After recording the revolt of the northern tribes led by Jeroboam against Rehoboam, King Solomon's son and successor, the account confines itself to the history of the southern kingdom of Judah until the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC. (Outline of Contents: The reign of Solomon 1.1-9.31; The early years 1.1-17; The Temple is built 2.1-7.10; The later years 7.11-9.31; The revolt of the northern tribes 10.1-19; The kings of Judah 11.1-36.12; The fall of Jerusalem 36.13-23).

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).

The Gospel according to John

The Gospel according to John presents Jesus as the eternal Word of God, who "became a human being and lived among us." (1.14) As the book itself says, this Gospel was written so that its readers might believe that Jesus is the promised Saviour, the Son of God, and that through their faith in him they might have life (20.31). After an introduction that identifies the eternal Word of God with Jesus, the first part of the Gospel presents various miracles which show that Jesus is the promised Saviour, the Son of God. These are followed by discourses that explain what is revealed by the miracles. This part of the book tells how some people believed in Jesus and became his followers, while others opposed him and refused to believe. Chapters 13-17 record at length the close fellowship of Jesus with his disciples on the night of his arrest, and his words of preparation and encouragement to them on the eve of his crucifixion. The closing chapters tell of Jesus' arrest and trial, his crucifixion and resurrection, and his appearances to his disciples after the resurrection. The story of the woman caught in adultery (8.1-11) is placed in brackets because many manuscripts and early translations omit it, while others include it in other places. John emphasizes the gift of eternal life through Christ, a gift which begins now and which comes to those who respond to Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. A striking feature of John is the symbolic use of common things from everyday life to point to spiritual realities, such as water, bread, light, the shepherd and his sheep, and the grapevine and its fruit. (Outline of Contents: Prologue 1.1-18; John the Baptist and the first disciples of Jesus 1.19-51; Jesus' public ministry 2.1-12.50; The last days in and near Jerusalem 13.1-19.42; The resurrection and appearances of the Lord 20.1-31; Epilogue: another appearance in Galilee 21.1-25)

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 18.03.2012	Fourth Sunday of Lent
•First Reading	The Second Book of Chronicles - ch.36 v.14-16, 19-23
•Psalm	Psalm – 136: v.1-6
•Second Reading	First Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians - ch.2 v.4-10
•Gospel	Gospel of St. John - ch.3 v.14-21

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Monday 19.03.2012	The Second Book of Samuel - ch.7 v.4-5, 12-14, 16	Gospel of Matthew - ch.1 v.16, 18-21
Tuesday 20.03.2012	The Book of Ezekiel- ch.47 v.1-9, 12	Gospel of John - ch.5 v.1-3, 5-16
Wednesday 21.03.2012	The Book of Isaiah- ch.49 v.8-15	Gospel of John - ch.5 v.17-30
Thursday 22.03.2012	The Book of Exodus - ch.32 v.7-14	Gospel of John - ch.5 v.31-47
Friday 23.03.2012	The Book of Wisdom - ch.2 v.1, 12-22	Gospel of John - ch.7 v.1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday 24.03.2012	The Book of Jeremiah - ch.11 v.18-20	Gospel of John - ch.7 v.40-52

Sunday 25.03.2012	Fifth Sunday of Lent
•First Reading	The Book of Jeremiah - ch.31 v.31-34
•Psalm	Psalm – 50: v.3-4, 12-15
•Second Reading	Letter to the Hebrews - ch.5 v.7-9
•Gospel	Gospel of St. John - ch.12 v.20-30

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)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Holy Days of Obligation are major feasts of the Church's year on which - in addition to Sundays - Catholics are obliged to go to Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the due relaxation of mind and body (The Code of Canon Law 1247). In the medieval period, days off work for the workforce in Catholic countries, consisted of Sundays and single days off on major feasts of the Church. So for the workers holyday, was the same as holiday. A combination of the Protestant work ethic and the industrial revolution brought an end to this system of time off from work in the secular world, introducing one extended summer break. The Church has retained a number of its feasts, the major ones are known as Solemnities. Some of these Solemnities are known as 'Holy days of Obligation', when those who are able are expected to attend Mass. **Holy Days of Obligation in Ireland:**

- Immaculate Conception (8th December)
- Christmas Day (25th December)
- Epiphany (6th January)
- St Patrick (17th March) (2008 - 15th March, because 17th falls in Holy Week)
- Assumption of Our Lady (15th August)
- All Saints (1st November)

In Ireland since October 1996, the Irish Bishops' Conference removed the obligation on the feasts of Ascension and the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), and the consequent transfer of these two feasts to the following Sundays in accordance with universal liturgical law. This decision has been confirmed by the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship.

Holy Days Worldwide

The Roman Catholic Church in the Latin rite has 10 obligatory holy days. With its approval the Apostolic See allows national Bishops' Conferences to abolish the obligation of some of these or transfer them to Sundays.

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| •Immaculate Conception | •Christmas Day |
| •Mary Mother of God | •Epiphany |
| •St Joseph | •Ascension of Jesus |
| •Sts Peter and Paul | •Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) |
| •Assumption of Mary | •All Saints |

The rule of precedence

If a Holy Day Solemnity falls on a Sunday in ordinary time, it replaces the Sunday liturgy. But if the Sunday is one of Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter, then the Sunday should take precedence.

Participating at Mass: Canon 1248

This canon explains what is required to satisfy the obligation of participating at Mass:

§1. A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass.

§2. If participation in the Eucharistic celebration becomes impossible because of the absence of a sacred minister or for another grave cause, it is strongly recommended that the faithful take part in a liturgy of the Word if such a liturgy is celebrated in a parish church or other sacred place according to the prescripts of the diocesan bishop or that they devote themselves to prayer for a suitable time alone, as a family, or, as the occasion permits, in groups of families. (www.CatholicIreland.net)

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 for their sins the people were exiled to Babylon. But God's mercy intervenes to give them a joyful home-coming.

In today's second reading St. Paul tells us that we are saved not through our own efforts but through the mercy of God.

In today's Gospel St. John tells us that God sent his only Son, not to condemn but to save us.

The word Lent is derived from an Old English term, "lencten," meaning "spring." And just as spring is a period when nature prepares to clothe itself in a mantle of fresh growth, a wonderful flowering of new life, in the same way Lent is meant to renew our understanding of the events of Calvary, events which led to a new, glorious existence for Jesus Christ, our Saviour. In order to begin to comprehend the significance for us of those events, we must first try and understand the meaning of our own lives and of our destiny as well. Change will only come through grace. It has been said that to grow is to change, and to be perfect is to change many times. We should of course bear in mind that in matters of grace God always takes the initiative. To each of us at baptism he gives the light of Christ, signified by the baptismal candle. In return, just like the Israelites at Mount Sinai, we take on ourselves certain obligations. Following their example we make the same promise they made, "You will be our God, and we will be your people." At every Mass that is celebrated we come into the presence of God, and we are asked to renew those promises made on our behalf at baptism. At the beginning of this Mass we have begged forgiveness for our sins. Let us promise to follow God where he would lead us by the faith which we now profess in the Creed. We see in our own time a growing concern about material things, and a corresponding neglect of the spiritual aspirations of human nature. But each of us can say, there will come a moment in my life when all that will matter is myself and God, and then I will have to face the truth about myself, how I have allowed God to touch my life and use me as an instrument of His love.

(Extracts form <http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/03/11-march-3rd-sunday-of-lent/>). *Lenten Growth (John Walsh)*