

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 20.02.2012		
Tuesday 21.02.2012		
Wednesday 22.02.2012		Ned Keating (BR)
Thursday 23.02.2012		
Friday 24.02.2012		
Saturday 25.02.2012		Jim Byrne (AR) The Byrne & Wisely Family (AR) Elizabeth Whelan (MM)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 26.02.2012			John Farrell (AR)

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

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

Jack Brennan

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 18th / Sunday 19th February 2012

Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

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One might ask how a paralysed man could have sinned for Jesus to say “Son, your sins are forgiven”, but we should remember that sin can be committed in thought as well as in deed. The man may have sinned against God, resenting God for his paralysis. We must also remember that in the time of our Lord, physical afflictions and diseases were seen to be a punishment from God. Maybe the paralysed man did not realise that with his affliction he was an instrument of God, just like the prophets, and that he was chosen to be part of the story of our salvation. We can forget that sin paralyses us. Sin stops us from being close to God and can result in our exclusion from salvation. Our road as Christians can be hard, and for some it can be quite difficult, but we should look to

“I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.”



surround ourselves with friends who are like the friends of the paralysed man. Courage, determination, love and faith. All these qualities are to be found in the friend of the paralysed man. This is what our Lord asks of us in our Christian journey. But we must remember that we do not have to travel this journey alone, we have our friends in Christ and we have Christ.

Theme for this Sunday

We must not look back, we should look forward

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.**

Know your rights coffee morning.

There is a Know Your Rights coffee morning on **Pancake Tuesday, 21st February from 9.30a.m. to 1.30p.m.** in the Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre,

All are welcome.

Free Citizens Information Service.

There is a Free Citizens Information Service **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.



“Do you think you have a problem with drink? Do you want help? Help is available! “
AA meeting every Tuesday night @ 8pm upstairs in St Andrew's Resource Centre.

Upcoming events at Manresa

LENTEN PRAYER EVENINGS – led by Fr. Ciary Quirke, SJ.

These evenings provide a ‘sacred space’ to open your heart to the Word of God and help you prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord in Holy Week. Come for some of these evenings or for all of them. Know that you will be most welcome. Starting Tuesday 21st February, from 7.30pm to 9pm & continuing until April 3rd.

WORDS OF FIRE – Understanding the Prophets

This series of talks will take place over five weeks, beginning on the 26th of April. It will be given this year by Fr. Dermot Mansfield SJ.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR GRADUATES OF THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS' PROGRAMME

This seminar normally takes place in May but has been brought forward to the 3rd of March in order to benefit from the presence of Fr. Paul Coutinho SJ who is visiting Ireland at that time. Paul Coutinho is internationally recognised in the fields of psychology and spirituality. As well as his own rich experience he brings a special perspective from the East to this seminar. Further details are attached.

Venue: Manresa, Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, 426 Clontarf Road, Dollymount, Dublin 3.
Telephone: 01 833 1352; website: <http://www.manresa.ie/>

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

St. Pio Mass

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.

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

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.**

Pieta House

Date for your Diary

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

Watch this space for more details

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.

Service of Light – Thursday 23rd February

This years Service of Light Ceremony, for the boys and girls of the parish primary schools receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, takes place this Thursday evening at 7.45p.m..

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
28 th / 29 th January 2012	€ 677	€ 566	€
4 th / 5 th February 2012	€ 734	€ 584	€
11 th / 12 th February 2012	€ 631	€ 840	€

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.

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).

The Book of Joel

Little is known about the prophet Joel, and it is not clear just when he lived. But it seems likely that the book comes from the fifth or fourth century (BC) during the time of the Persian Empire. Joel describes a terrible invasion of locusts and a devastating drought in Palestine. In these events he sees a sign of the coming day of the Lord, a time when the Lord will punish those who oppose his righteous will. The prophet conveys the Lord's call to the people to repent, and his promise of restoration and blessing for his people. Not worthy is the promise that God will send his Spirit upon all the people, men and women, young and old alike. (Outline of Contents: The plague of locusts 1.1-2.17; Promise of restoration 2.18-27; The day of the Lord 2.28-3.21.)

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 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

For those who cannot join us for daily mass here are the readings for the week (20.02 - 25.02.2012):

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Monday 20.02.2012	The Letter from James - ch.3 v.13-18	Gospel of Mark - ch.9 v.14-29
Tuesday 21.02.2012	The Acts of the Apostles - ch.4 v.1-10	Gospel of Mark - ch.9 v.30-37

Wednesday 22.02.2012	Ash Wednesday	
•First Reading	The Book of Joel - ch.2 v.12-18	
•Psalm	Psalm – 50: v3-6,12-14,17	
•Second Reading	Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.5 v.20-21; ch.6 v.1-2	
•Gospel	Gospel of St. Matthew - ch.6 v.1-6, 16-18	

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Thursday 23.02.2012	The Book of Deuteronomy - ch.30 v.15-20	Gospel of Luke - ch.9 v.22-25
Friday 24.02.2012	The Book of Isaiah- ch.58 v.1-9	Gospel of Matthew - ch.9 v.14-15
Saturday 25.02.2012	The Book of Isaiah- ch.58 v.9-14	Gospel of Luke - ch.5 v.27-32

Sunday 26.02.2012	First Sunday of Lent	
•First Reading	The Book of Genesis - ch.9 v.8-15	
•Psalm	Psalm – 24: v.4-9	
•Second Reading	First Letter of St. Peter - ch.3 v.18-22	
•Gospel	Gospel of St. Mark - ch.1 v.12-15	

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 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).

The Book of Deuteronomy

The book of Deuteronomy is organized as a series of addresses given by Moses to the people of Israel in the land of Moab, where they had stopped at the end of the long wilderness journey and were about to enter and occupy Canaan. Some of the most important matters recorded in the book are as follows: (1) Moses recalls the great events of the past forty years. He appeals to the people to remember how God has led them through the wilderness and to be obedient and loyal to God. (2) Moses reviews the Ten Commandments and emphasizes the meaning of the First Commandment, calling the people to devotion to the Lord alone. Then he reviews the various laws that are to govern Israel's life in the promised land. (3) Moses reminds the people of the meaning of God's covenant with them, and calls for them to renew their commitment to its obligations. (4) Joshua is commissioned as the next leader of God's people. After singing a song celebrating God's faithfulness, and pronouncing a blessing on the tribes of Israel, Moses dies in Moab, east of the River Jordan. The great theme of the book is that God has saved and blessed his chosen people, whom he loves; his people are to remember this, and love and obey him, so that they may have life and continued blessing. The key verses of the book are 6.4-6, and contain the words that Jesus called the greatest of all commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength".

Second Letter from St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians was written during a difficult period in his relations with the church at Corinth. Some members of the church had evidently made strong attacks against Paul, but he shows his deep longing for reconciliation and expresses his great joy when this is brought about. In the first part of the letter Paul discusses his relationship with the church at Corinth, explaining why he had responded with severity to insult and opposition in the church and expressing his joy that this severity had resulted in repentance and reconciliation. Then he appeals to the church for a generous offering to help the needy Christians in Judaea. In the final chapters Paul defends his apostleship against a few people at Corinth who had set themselves up as true apostles, while accusing Paul of being a false one.

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 God is going to give a new and remarkable demonstration of divine, saving love. The people's sins will be forgiven and a better future opened up.

In today's second reading we hear Paul claiming to be reliable, a man of his word, following the faithful Christ, who is not "Yes and No;" for in him it is always "Yes."

In today's Gospel of St. Mark Jesus claims personal authority to forgive sins, and proves it by curing a paralysed man.

(Extracts form <http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/02/19th-february-7th-sunday-of-year-b/>).

Pondering the Miracles

Not many today accept the view that Jesus did not work any miracles except the conversion of hearts. The tradition that Our Lord did signs and wonders is just too powerful to be casually dismissed. The stories do leave open the question of the precise nature of the miracles but we need not doubt that Jesus provoked astonishment. According to Mark, he did signs and wonders to show that the kingdom of God was at hand. The issue of how he did them is less important than that he did them and why he did them. His miracles of healing human bodies showed, as in today's Gospel, that he came to heal our spiritual hunger too.