

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 22.10.2012		
Tuesday 23.10.2012		
Wednesday 24.10.2012		Maureen O'Brien (AR)
Thursday 25.10.2012		
Friday 26.10.2012		Jack Ford (AR) Mattser Ward (AR)
Saturday 27.10.2012		John & Mary Barry Philip Dunne

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 28.10.2012	Jimmy, Annie, Tony & Jimmy Jr. (AR) Dunphy		Maureen Walsh (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 20th October / Sunday 21st October 2012

Twenty-Ninth 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

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 – 20th & 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.

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/>

His Grace, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will be the chief concelebrant at a mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Wednesday 14th November 2012, at 11.00am, to celebrate the Year of Faith and the Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole.



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

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.

Church Gate Collection

The monthly St. Vincent DePaul church gate collection takes place this 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.

Child Protection Policy

Please note that a copy of our Parish Child Protection Statement 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.

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
29 th / 30 th September 2012	€ 697	€ 562	€
6 th / 7 th October 2012	€ 674	€ 588	€
6 th / 7 th October 2012	€ 662	€ 529	€

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.

Legion of Mary

To Auxiliary Members

You are cordially invited to attend an auxiliary re-union on Saturday, 27th October 2012, starting at 4.30 p.m. in Star of the Sea School Hall (behind Church).

If you are unable to attend, we would like to thank you for your continued prayers and support.



Legion of Mary

Edel Quinn Prayer Group

The meeting resumes on the last Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on the last Thursday 25th October.

Time 3.00p.m. – 4.00p.m., upstairs in the C.M.W.S

The Book of Jeremiah

The prophet Jeremiah lived during the latter part of the seventh century and the first part of the sixth century. During his long ministry he warned God's people of the catastrophe that was to fall upon the nation because of their idolatry and sin. He lived to see this prediction come true with the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonian King, Nebuchadnezzar, the destruction of the city and the Temple, and the exile to Babylonia of Judah's King and many other people. He also foretold the eventual return of the people from exile and the restoration of the nation.

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.

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)

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.

New guidelines on First Communion and First Reconciliation

(PRESS RELEASE OCTOBER 1ST)

The Archdiocese of Dublin launched a policy document proposing changes in the way children prepare for the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation. Parents, teachers and parishes are being invited to work together on the proposals which will likely see smaller groups of children receiving the Sacrament during Sunday Mass with their local parish community.

Launching the document, with pupils preparing for First Communion today, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said the focus of the new policy was to root First Communion and First Reconciliation more firmly within the parish. He said he accepted the changes would take time to introduce across the Diocese. He said the aim was that First Communion would in general take place at a Sunday Parish Mass, to stress the fact that First Communion is not a private celebration, but involves a welcome into the parish liturgical community. Archbishop Martin also stressed that in the current economic situation, parishes should work to ensure that the celebration of First Communion not be accompanied as sometimes has been the case, by extravagant expense. He said, "Parishes should encourage people to celebrate the Sacrament with the simplicity and authenticity which will help the child to fully understand the mystery of the Eucharist."

Fr. Kieran Mc Dermott, Diocesan Vicar for Evangelisation said they were at the start of a process of changing attitudes and mindsets around this major annual event in Irish life. He said they wanted to refocus on the fact that there are three partners involved in forming young Catholics in their faith - the home, the school and the parish. Fr. Mc Dermott said this new policy places parents as the main agents accompanying children on their faith journey. While the local parish is being given a more prominent role in the preparation for and celebration of First Communion and First Reconciliation, while the school continues to be the main resource in assisting family and parish.

Fr. Mc Dermott said they were also striving for consistency of practice throughout the Diocese and there would be a significant period of consultation with everyone involved in preparing a child of First Holy Communion. He added that many parishes had already adopted similar programmes of preparation such as "Do This in Memory of me" and they would be drawing on the experience of those involved in such programmes.

The Book of Isaiah

The book of Isaiah is named after a great prophet who lived in Jerusalem in the latter half of the eighth century B.C. This book may be divided into three sections: 1 - Chapters 1-39 come from a time when Judah, the southern kingdom, was threatened by a powerful neighbour, Assyria. Isaiah saw that the real threat to the life of Judah was not simply the might of Assyria, but the nation's own sin and disobedience to God, and their lack of trust in him. In vivid words and actions the prophet called the people and their leaders to a life of righteousness and justice, and warned that failure to listen to God would bring doom and destruction. Isaiah also foretold a time of world-wide peace and the coming of a descendant of David who would be the ideal king. 2 Chapters 40-55 come from a time when many of the people of Judah were in exile in Babylon, crushed and without hope. The prophet proclaimed that God was about to set his people free and take them home to Jerusalem, to begin a new life. A notable theme of these chapters is that God is the Lord of history, and his plan for his people includes their mission to all nations, who will be blessed through Israel. The passages about "the Servant of the Lord" are among the best-known in the Old Testament. 3 Chapters 56-66 are for the most part addressed to people who were back in Jerusalem, and who needed reassurance that God was going to fulfil his promises to the nation. Concern is expressed for righteousness and justice and also for Sabbath observance, sacrifice, and prayer. A notable passage is chapter 61 verse 1-2, words used by Jesus at the beginning of his ministry to express his calling. (Outline of Contents: Warning and promises 1.1-12.6; Punishment of Nations 13.1-23.18; God's judgement of the world 24.1-27.13; Further warnings and promises 28.1-35.1; King Hezekiah of Judah and the Assyrians 36.1-39.8; Messages of promises and hope 40.1-55.13; Warnings and promises 56.1-66.24).

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

**Theme:** Authority often leads to blatant abuse of power. For the Christian it is a service to be exercised from a motive of love. Those who have the care of others fail them when they abdicate their authority.

**In today's first reading,** we hear that the mysterious Servant of God is crushed with pain, bearing the world's sins and sorrow. Through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

**In today's second reading,** we hear that Jesus became like us in all things except sin... so he knows our needs and our weaknesses. Our high priest is very approachable.

**In today's Gospel,** we hear that Jesus overturns all worldly values, declaring that the one who serves others is the greatest in God's sight.

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Unselfish Service

In the way of the world, where most of the characters and celebrities highlighted in the media seem to be motivated by self-interest and self-assertion Jesus' call to disinterested service seems unrealistic, and, one might think, unlikely to succeed. But today's Gospel offers the ideal of dedication to the service of others as fundamental to Christian discipleship. Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve" and this example must always be a guiding light for his followers. He went about doing good (cf. Acts 10:38), bringing justice, healing, forgiveness and kindness into people's lives. This is why those who believe in him are challenged to give themselves, their talents and their time, to the service of others without seeking any other reward than knowing that this is supremely worthwhile. The acted parable of the foot-washing at the Last Supper gives out the same message.

In practice what can we learn from our Lord's life and actions? He clearly said that he came to do the Father's will, and this thought stayed with him, even when it led to suffering and a cruel death. He was always about the Father's business, and made it his business. This prompts us too, with an active sense of duty, and a personal dedication to God's will for us. Normally, we discover our duty and God's will for us, not in world-changing plans or in heroic ideals but in the ordinary tasks of each day. At home or in the office, or the school or other workplace, or wherever the activity of the moment calls us, we try to be aware of duty and a sense of dedication. Whenever we work in a slipshod manner, or fail to offer the needed helping hand, we fall below our personal call to service. What a change it would make, if there was a widespread return to this spirit, with regard to people's daily work. We need to be reminded that in rendering to others the service of a job well done we are imitating the serving Christ and being his fellow-workers in building up the kingdom of God on earth. It is tempting to be selfish with our time and energy. There are so many plausible excuses for excluding ourselves from the work that needs to be done. How easy to join the many who just live for themselves and let society fend for itself. But today's Scripture calls us to examine our conscience, and to face the question, "What can I do for my community, rather than what can my community do for me?" It is one of the most basic values we have to keep on learning throughout our lives.

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<http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/10/21-oct-29th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>