

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 23.04.2012		Eddie Fitzgerald (AR)
Tuesday 24.04.2012		
Wednesday 25.04.2012		
Thursday 26.04.2012		Stephan McPeake (AR)
Friday 27.04.2012		Eamon Byrne (Funeral Mass)
Saturday 28.04.2012		Josie Miley (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 29.04.2012			Philip Honeyman (AR) Alice & Tommy Desay (AR) Eamon McCann (AR)

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

Please remember, in your prayers, the following parishioners whose funerals occurred recently:

Gerard Bermingham, Michael Hughes, William O'Reilly

Elizabeth O'Brien & Martin Redmond

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 21st / Sunday 22nd April 2012

Third Sunday of Easter

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He opened their minds to understand the scriptures

As a child I, like most other children, would have filled in "connect the dots" picture. I would have followed each number in sequence, beginning with the number one and continuing until there were no more numbers, and there before me was a picture. The lines and the numbers guide you along and, upon completion, opened your eyes to the picture that was hidden from sight. In a way scripture, our Bible, is like that. You start with the Book of Genesis and finish with the Book of Revelations. To understand the picture that scripture presents you have to follow the books, and like the connect the dots picture, the picture begins to appear as you go through each book. But as you go along what is also happening is



that the Holy Spirit is opening your mind to help you understand. You read, you pause and you reflect, and the picture of love, forgiveness, salvation and our future with God begins to appear from the prophets and the psalms. In today's Gospel Jesus is the numbers and the lines. He is the key to unlocking the picture in scripture, he is the fulfilment of the Old Testament and the guiding light in the New Testament. Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of who and what he was; how he was there before the beginning, and how all that was revealed to the children of Israel was done in order to prepare for His birth, death and resurrection, so that we may be part of his everlasting Glory.

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 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.

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.**

Baptisms

We welcome into our Christian Community

Hayden Nulty, Annie Barter, James Elliott, Jack Egan & Nathan McGrath-Ferrari

who were recently baptised.

Do this in Memory

The monthly "Do This In Memory" Mass, for the boys & girls of the parish's First Holy Communion classes, takes place today Sunday 22nd April, at 12.00.

Church Gate Collection

The Annual Irish Cancer Society Church gate collection takes place next weekend 28th & 29th April.

Please give generously.

St. Pio Mass

The St. Pio group would like thank all those who attend their monthly Mass. The group donated €1,000 on your behalf to Bro Kevin on 13th April 2012.

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.

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Group meet every Tuesday at 3.00p.m. in the church.

All are welcome.

Arthritis Ireland

Arthritis Ireland's Get your Joints in Motion Walk will take place in the **Phoenix Park on Saturday the 5th of May at 11am.** The walk can either be 2.5km or 5km long depending on how you feel on the day.

It is a very unique and fun event and it is suitable for all ages and we would really appreciate your help in helping to spread the word. I have attached information on the event and photos too for your review.

Pieta House - DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 5K EVENT

In the Phoenix Park, Dublin Saturday 12th May, 2012 starting at 4.00am (early morning). Sign up for this unique experience. Go On line to register for this event @ dil.pieta.ie or contact Pieta House DIL office at 01 6282111.

This event is symbolic of the work of Pieta House, darkness into light, despair to hope.

Bingo

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

CLIMB FOR LIFE 2012

Saturday May 5th, Croagh Patrick, Co.Mayo. 9.45am Rosary at the base at Our Lady's Grotto. Holy Mass on top of the mountain. Witness to the unique and unrepeatability of every human life from conception to natural death. (Join individuals and groups from all walks of life nationally and internationally, thanking God for Ireland's record as a world leader in maternal healthcare in pregnancy, to petition God for protection of Ireland from abortion here and for healing of all those hurt through abortion.) For further info. Hilary: 00353876311381 or climbforlife@gmail.com

Join Amen Support Services for the Flora Mini Marathon

Are you planning to participate in the Flora Mini Marathon in Dublin this year? Amen Support Services Ltd. are looking for volunteers to run, walk or crawl in the 2012 Flora Mini Marathon on June 4th in Dublin to raise much needed funds to provide services for male victims of domestic abuse.

Registration for the Flora Mini Marathon could not be easier, logon to www.florawomensminimarathon.ie and then contact Amen Support Services on info@amen.ie or 046 9023718 to let us know that you will be joining our team on the day.



**It could happen to
Your Son
Your Brother
Your Father
Your Friend**

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
31 st March / 1 st April 2012	€ 680	€ 574	€
7 th April / 8 th April 2012	€ 988	€ 872	€
14 th April / 15 th April 2012	€ 768	€ 659	€

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.

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; Jesus' last command and promise 1.1-14; 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; The first missionary journey 13.1-14.28; The conference in Jerusalem 15.1-35; The second missionary journey 15.36-18.22; The third missionary journey 18.23-21.16; Paul a prisoner in Jerusalem, Caesarea, and Rome 21.17-28.31).

The First Letter from John

The First Letter from John has two main purposes: to encourage its readers to live in fellowship with God and with his Son, Jesus Christ, and to warn them against following false teaching that would destroy this fellowship. This teaching was based on the belief that evil results from contact with the physical world, and so Jesus, the Son of God, could not really have been a human being. Those teachers claimed that to be saved was to be set free from concern with life in this world; and they also taught that salvation had nothing to do with matters of morality or of love for others. In opposition to this teaching the writer clearly states that Jesus Christ was a real human being, and he emphasizes that all who believe in Jesus and love God must also love one another. (Outline of Contents: Introduction 1.1-4; Light and darkness 1.5-2.29; Children of God and children of the Devil 3.1-24; Truth and error 4.1-6; The duty of love 4.7-21; Victorious faith 5.1-21).

The Gospel according to Luke

The Gospel according to Luke presents Jesus as both the promised Saviour of Israel and as the Saviour of the whole human race. Luke records that Jesus was called by the Spirit of the Lord to "bring good news to the poor" (4.18), and this Gospel is filled with a concern for people with all kinds of need. The note of joy is also prominent in Luke, especially in the opening chapters that announce the coming of Jesus, and again at the conclusion, when Jesus ascends to heaven. The story of the growth and spread of the Christian faith after the ascension of Jesus is told by the same writer in Acts. There are two sections (chapters 1-2 and 9-19) which contain much material that is found only in this Gospel, such as the stories about the song of the angels and the shepherds' visit at the birth of Jesus, Jesus in the Temple as a boy, and the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Lost Son. Throughout the Gospel great emphasis is placed on prayer, the Holy Spirit, the role of women in the ministry of Jesus, and God's forgiveness of sins. (Outline of Contents: Introduction 1.1-4; Birth and childhood of John the Baptist and of Jesus 1.5-2.52; The ministry of John the Baptist 3.1-20; The baptism and temptation of Jesus 3.21-4.13; Jesus' public ministry in Galilee 4.14-9.50; From Galilee to Jerusalem 9.51-19.27; The last week in and near Jerusalem 19.28-23.56; The resurrection, appearances, and ascension of the Lord 24.1-53).

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 22.04.2011	Third Sunday of Easter
• First Reading	The Acts of the Apostles - ch.3 v.13-15, 17-19
• Psalm	Psalm – 4: 2, 4, 7, 9
• Second Reading	First Letter of St. John - ch.2 v.1-5
• Gospel	Gospel of Luke - ch.24 v.35-48

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Monday 23.04.2011	Acts of the Apostles - ch.6 v.8-15	Gospel of John - ch.6 v.22-29
Tuesday 24.04.2011	Acts of the Apostles - ch.7 v.51-53: ch.8 v.1	Gospel of John - ch.6 v.30-35
Wednesday 25.04.2011	First Letter of St. Peter - ch.5 v.5-14	Gospel of Mark - ch.16 v.15-20
Thursday 26.04.2011	Acts of the Apostles - ch.8 v.26-40	Gospel of John - ch.6 v.44-51
Friday 27.04.2011	Acts of the Apostles - ch.9 v.1-20	Gospel of John - ch.6 v.52-59
Saturday 28.04.2011	Acts of the Apostles - ch.1 v.15-17, 20-26	Gospel of John - ch.15 v.9-17

Sunday 29.04.2011	Fourth Sunday of Easter
• First Reading	The Acts of the Apostles - ch.4 v.8-12
• Psalm	Psalm – 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29
• Second Reading	First Letter of St. John - ch.3 v.1-2
• Gospel	Gospel of John - ch.10 v.11-18

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)

Prayers to the Holy Spirit

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself soul and body to Thee, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Thy purity, the unerring keenness of Thy justice, and the might of Thy love. Thou art the Strength and Light of my soul. In Thee I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve Thee by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against Thee. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Thy light and listen to Thy voice and follow Thy gracious inspirations. I cling to Thee and give myself to Thee and ask Thee by Thy compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore Thee Adorable Spirit, helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Thy grace that I may never sin against Thee. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to Thee always and everywhere, Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth.
Amen.

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy. Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy.
Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation.
Amen

To the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.
Amen (St. Augustine)

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

Theme: In our time some people prematurely predict the “death of God”. But we proclaim, “Christ is risen, Christ will come again” and try to bear witness that God is alive in our lives.

In today's first reading, we hear Saint Peter lay the blame for the death of Jesus squarely on his Jewish listeners, who pressured Pilate for his execution. Still, he calls them to repentance and to the mercy of God..

In today's second reading Saint John accepts that even Christians are still prone to sins. But if we sin, forgiveness is available through the atoning sacrifice of Christ, so long as we admit the truth about ourselves.

In today's Gospel of Saint Luke we hear that the risen Jesus appears to his apostles. As in all his appearances, his words and gestures are recorded, to assure us that he is real and not a ghost.

(Form <http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/04/22nd-april-3rd-sunday-of-easter/>). *Shaping Stories - (Kathryn Williams)*

What were your favourite bedtime stories? Most of us would remember being tucked up with one. Often enough the story may have been the same one, told over and over again. Depending upon who told the story, different nuances emerged too. Whether we were storyteller or story listener, if it was a really good story, it had an absorbing power and helped to shape our memory and our lives. Each week when we gather for our Eucharistic Celebration, one of the most important things we do is to listen to the greatest story of all time. It's good to remember that this same story is being told all over the world. You and I are one of the millions of people whose lives and faith are being shaped by this story we hear today. In today's Gospel, we hear a story within a story. The disciples, excited from their Emmaus encounter with Jesus have become storytellers too. And then Jesus, (whom many think is the greatest storyteller of all time), appears in the midst of these storytellers and listeners, and reminds them about all the other stories. May we who hear today's Gospel story tell it to others so that it may continue to shape our memories and lives together.