

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 24.09.2012		
Tuesday 25.09.2012		Niamh Walsh (AR)
Wednesday 26.09.2012		
Thursday 27.09.2012		
Friday 28.09.2012		Michael & Francis Kilroy (AR)
Saturday 29.09.2012		Mary & Pierce Murphy (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 30.09.2012			William & Rosaleen Byrne & their son Vincent (AR) Kathleen Crilly (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.

*Death Is Not Extinguishing The Light, It Is Putting Out
The Lamp Because The Dawn Has Come.*

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 22nd September / Sunday 23rd September 2012

The Twenty-Fifth 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

The Price of First Place

One would really expect better of the disciples. Although they had spent so much of their time in the company of Jesus, saw so much of his behaviour and heard so much of his preaching they were still wide of the mark in their understanding of greatness and service. Jesus himself set the pattern of real service: "though he was in the form of God.. he emptied himself, assuming the condition of a slave" (Phil. 2:6f.) In the Gospel of Mark Jesus predicts his passion three times within quite a short period of time. The first is in chapter eight (8:31-33) and takes place in Caesarea Philippi just after Peter's profession of faith which was our Gospel last Sunday.
..... (continued in liturgical section)



This story is taken from a homily "The Price of First Place" from the following website:
(<http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/09/23-september-25th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>)

This weekend, 22nd & 23rd of September, the Share Collection will be replaced by the annual collection for Crosscare. Crosscare is the Social Care Agency of the Dublin Diocese.

Please give generously.



Crosscare is involved in a wide variety of social projects in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Since it was founded 70 years ago CROSSCARE has continued to seek to redress poverty and social exclusion. It continues to develop new and innovative programmes and to sponsor new research to help inform policies on combating poverty and exclusion. In reaching out to those most in need CROSSCARE operates 11 programmes throughout the Diocese.

www.crosscare.ie

Remembrance Service Notice

The National Maternity Hospital will hold its Annual Remembrance Service on **Sunday 7th October 2012 at 3pm in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin 2.**

The Service is held in memory of babies who have died in the hospital through miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly after birth. Bereaved parents, their families, and friends are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to meet hospital staff members and other parents. No booking necessary, just come along on the day. Street parking is available in the vicinity of the church.

If you would like any further information contact the Chaplaincy Department in the National Maternity Hospital at 01 6373121 or email chaplain@nmh.ie

Church Gate Collection

A church gate collection for The Irish Wheelchair Association will take place this weekend 22nd & 23rd September.

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.**

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.**

"Catholic and still lovin it!" - An Apologetics Convention"

Inspired by the Holy Father's "Year of Faith" will take place at St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 from **Sunday Sept 30th to Wednesday Oct 3rd 2012, from 7pm to 9pm each evening.** The main speaker is Steve Ray, the former Protestant Evangelist, who is now a Catholic Apologist and EWTN Guest Speaker.

He will speak on some of the key doctrines of the Catholic Faith which are sometimes misunderstood by non Catholics and issues which some Catholics need reassurance on. These are four evenings aimed at celebrating and explaining the beauty & truth of the Catholic Faith.

All are welcome and there is no cost.

Upcoming events for Pieta House

Pieta House Ladies Night Out is on 5th October 2012 in the Lucan Spa Hotel – Tickets are available from Pieta House on 01 6282111.

A Night at the Dogs – Shelbourne Park 30th November, 2012 – Could this be your Christmas Party Night Out? Tickets for the night will be available from Pieta House. A raffle will be held on the night with a 1st prize of Citroen C1 5 Door Car, 2nd prize Holiday to the value of €1000.00 and 3rd prize 32" TV. Tickets are €10.00 each and are available now from Pieta House 01 6282111.

The Centre for the Prevention of Self-Harm or Suicide
Pieta House | Lucan Road | Lucan | Co Dublin
T: 01-6010000 | W: <http://www.pieta.ie>



Tel: 01-4780866

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Baptisms

We welcome into our Christian Community

Polly Carroll, Joseph Forsyth, Rose Forsyth & Dylan Scanlan.

who were recently baptised.

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 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
1 st / 2 nd September 2012	€ 704	€ 618	€
8 th / 9 th September 2012	€ 714	€ 578	€
15 th / 16 th September 2012	€ 657	€ 543	€

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 Book of Wisdom / Wisdom of Solomon

The book describes the part that Wisdom plays in the life and destiny of men and how we should acquire it, says much about the divine Wisdom and, in the latter part of the book, relates how the chosen people were guided thereby throughout their history. At times the book proclaims truths not exactly in harmony with beliefs then current, e.g., that suffering is not necessarily the consequence of sin. The book was written in Greek, probably in the first century B.C. Its author is unknown. It is ascribed to Solomon according to a widespread practice of the time of adopting the name of a famous man in antiquity to "father" one's work. Thus David was known to have written psalms and hence many subsequent psalms were ascribed to him. Moses enacted laws and thus many subsequent laws were ascribed to him which at best could be said to be only indirectly connected with the great lawgiver. So here, Solomon was the "wise man"-and hence it was natural to attribute the book to him. (Outline of Contents: Immortality for the righteous and punishment for the wicked 1.1-5.23; In praise of wisdom 6.1-9.18; Wisdom's protection of God's people and punishment of enemies 10.1-12.27; The foolish idolatry 13.1-15.13; blessing and punishment when the Israelites left Egypt 15.14-19.22).

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).

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- 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.

**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.

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| <b>Sunday 23.09.2012</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>First Reading</b></li> <li>•<b>Psalm</b></li> <li>•<b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>•<b>Gospel</b></li> </ul> | The Book of Wisdom - <b>ch.2 v.12, 17-20</b><br>Psalm – <b>53: 3-6, 8</b><br>The Letter of St. James - <b>ch.3 v.16-17; ch.4 v.1-3</b><br>Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.9 v.30-37</b> |

| <b>Day</b>                     | <b>First Reading</b>                            | <b>Gospel</b>                        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b><br>24.09.2012    | The Book of Proverbs- <b>ch.3 v.27-34</b>       | Gospel of Luke - <b>ch.8 v.16-18</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>25.09.2012   | The Book of Proverbs- <b>ch.21 v.1-6, 10-13</b> | Gospel of Luke - <b>ch.8 v.19-21</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>26.09.2012 | The Book of Proverbs- <b>ch.30 v.5-9</b>        | Gospel of Luke - <b>ch.9 v.1-6</b>   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>27.09.2012  | The Book of Ecclesiastes - <b>ch.1 v.2-11</b>   | Gospel of Luke - <b>ch.9 v.7-9</b>   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>28.09.2012    | The Book of Ecclesiastes- <b>ch.3 v.1-11</b>    | Gospel of Luke - <b>ch.9 v.18-22</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>29.09.2012  | The Book of Daniel- <b>ch.7 v.9-10, 13-14</b>   | Gospel of John - <b>ch.1 v.47-51</b> |

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| <b>Sunday 30.09.2012</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>First Reading</b></li> <li>•<b>Psalm</b></li> <li>•<b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>•<b>Gospel</b></li> </ul> | The Book of Numbers - <b>ch.11 v.25-29</b><br>Psalm – <b>18: 8, 10, 12-14</b><br>The Letter of St. James - <b>ch.5 v.1-6</b><br>Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.9 v.38-43, 45, 47-48</b> |

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 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.

**The Book of Proverbs**

The book of Proverbs is a collection of moral and religious teachings in the form of sayings and proverbs. Much of it has to do with practical, everyday concerns. It begins with the reminder that "To have knowledge, you must first have reverence for the Lord," and then goes on to deal with matters not only of religious morality, but also of common sense and good manners. Its many short sayings reveal the insights of ancient Israelite teachers about what a wise person will do in certain situations. Some of these concern family relations, others business dealings. Some deal with matters of etiquette in social relationships, and others with the need for self-control. Much is said about such qualities as humility, patience, respect for the poor, and loyalty to friends. (Outline of Contents: In praise of Wisdom 1.1-9.18; The proverbs of Solomon 10.1-29.27; The words of Agur 30.1-33; Various sayings 31.1-31.31).

**The Book of Daniel**

The book of Daniel was written during a time when the Jews were suffering greatly under the persecution and oppression of a pagan king. Using stories and accounts of visions, the writer encourages the people of his time with the hope that God will bring the tyrant down and restore sovereignty to God's people. The book has two main parts: (1) Stories about Daniel and some of his fellow-exiles, who through their faith in God and obedience to him triumph over their enemies. These stories are set in the time of the Babylonian and Persian Empires. (2) A series of visions seen by Daniel, which in the form of symbols present the successive rise and fall of several empires, beginning with Babylonia, and predict the downfall of the pagan oppressor and the victory of God's people.

**The Book of Ecclesiastes**

The Book of Ecclesiastes contains the thoughts of "the Philosopher", a man who reflected deeply on how short and contradictory human life is, with its mysterious injustices and "frustrations, and concluded that "life is useless". He could not understand the ways of God, who controls human destiny. Yet, in spite of this, he advised people to work hard, and to enjoy the gifts of God as much and as long as they could. Many of the Philosopher's thoughts appear negative and even depressing. But the fact that this book is in the Bible shows that biblical faith is broad enough to take into account such pessimism and doubt. Many have taken comfort in seeing themselves in the mirror of Ecclesiastes, and have discovered that the same Bible which reflects these thoughts also offers the hope in God that gives life its greater meaning. (Outline of Contents: Does life have a purpose? 1.1-2.26; Sayings about life 3.1-11.8; Concluding advice 11.9-12.8; Summary 12.9-14).

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**Liturgical Section:**

**Reflection on today’s readings**      ([www.biblical.ie/Lectons/SB3.asp#3398](http://www.biblical.ie/Lectons/SB3.asp#3398))

**Theme:** "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Christ's message calls us to a spirit of humble and generous service, rather than to rivalry, ambition and egoism.

**In today’s first reading,** we hear that godless maliciously plot against the just man, because his blameless life has become a reproach to them.

**In today’s second reading ,** we hear St. James tell us that jealousy, ambition, and self-seeking lead to disharmony and fighting; gentleness, reasonableness, and mercy lead to peace.

**In today’s Gospel,** we hear that after predicting his own future passion, Jesus tells his friends, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

***The Price of First Place .....(continued from front page)***

The second is today’s reading from chapter nine (9:30-32) in Galilee just after the healing of the dumb demoniac. The third comes in chapter ten (10:32-34) on the road to Jerusalem just after the teaching about leaving everything for the sake of the Gospel.

These three predictions of the passion have been compared to the solemn tolling of a bell. Jesus is in the thick of his ministry but is progressing irrevocably towards Jerusalem where all was to be brought to fulfilment. Of these three accounts the one we have today is the simplest and for this reason is regarded as the most primitive. In each case the disciples misunderstand what Jesus is telling them. But they realise that things are slowly coming to a head and they want to be part of it, that’s surely why they were arguing about who was the greatest. The disciples are slow on the uptake but gradually they begin to get the message. This news about a forthcoming passion is hard for them to grasp and that’s why Jesus repeats it on several occasions.

We gather here in this Church week by week, we come here because of our faith and we do so in order to pray and worship God together. We are Christ’s disciples in the world today we are trying our level best to live the way he wants us to live, we try to refrain from struggling for position, we try to live out the prescriptions of the Gospel in our daily lives. We know that we frequently fail, but with the help of God we pick ourselves up and start again in the knowledge that we are moving towards the goal for which we long so much.

If anyone wants to be first he must make himself last of all and servant of all. This teaching is at the heart of the Gospel. It is Jesus’ recipe for discipleship. But be careful and notice what it doesn’t mean. It doesn’t mean a Uriah Heep sort of humility. It doesn’t mean putting yourself down all the time. It doesn’t mean baseness before others. But the actual text says that Jesus wants us to be the servant of all. This sounds like a bit of a tall order but it is actually all of a piece with serving Jesus. Our master gave his life for the whole human race. He valued each and every creature, he served even the lowest of the low. He did so not always in the way they expected but he changed their lives and through his actions enabled them to live in a new and better way. So we should do no less. To put it at its simplest we serve others in the way Jesus serves us.