

## 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 25.06.2012		
Tuesday 26.06.2012		
Wednesday 27.06.2012		
Thursday 28.06.2012		
Friday 29.06.2012		Michael Boland (MM) Betty & Jimmy Turner (AR)
Saturday 30.06.2012		Breda Nangle (AR) Patrick Maguire (AR) Mary Maguire (AR) Mark Maguire (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 01.07.2012		Peter Dorgan & grand daughter Michelle (AR)	Richard Purdy (AR) Annie Purdy (AR) John Kenny (AR) Frank Kenny (AR) Charles & Mary Kenny (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 23<sup>rd</sup> / Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

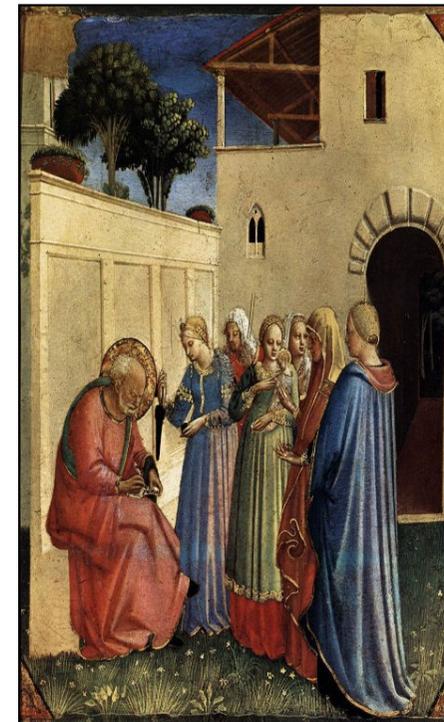


Parish Office: 01 6697429 - Opening Hours: 9.30 to 13.30 – Monday to Wednesday

Website: [www.stpatrickschurchringsend.com](http://www.stpatrickschurchringsend.com)

## *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

*We can sometimes forget that we as Christians are part of something wonderful. To the parents of John the Baptist being blessed by the Lord in their later years was something wonderful. But Zechariah, a good and devout priest, did not initially believe the angel Gabriel when he told him in the temple that his wife Elizabeth, who could not have children, would bear him a son. He forgot that nothing is impossible to God. God reminded him of this by making him dumb for the duration of Elizabeth's pregnancy. But when John was born the Lord gave Zechariah back his*



*Zechariah writes the name of his son on a writing tablet, "His name is John"*

*speech. The hand of God was always on Zechariah. It is at times like this that we should remember how wonderful it is to have the hand of God always upon us. It may be difficult at times to see this, to realise this. It is only our disbelief, our not trusting in the power of God that keeps God's graces from us. We should look beyond our imperfections and disbelief and see the hand of God in everything. We should smile when it rains just as we do when the sun shines, for God is in the Sun that warms us and He is in the rain that gives everything life. Reach out and take the hand of God, accept his gifts and be proud of what you believe. Trust in the Lord.*



## Well Done Mary

Well done to Mary Lawless who participated in the Flora Women's Mini Marathon on June 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the third time Mary raised funds for the Parish Centre by participated in the Mini Marathon .



Mary was Fundraising for the Parish Centre and collected the sum of € 1,330

## Community Notice Board – Summer Camps

### Clanna Gael Summer Camps

Camp 1: Football: Tues 7 to Fri 10 Aug  
Cost: €60 per week

Camp 2: Hurling/Camogie: Mon 13 to Fri 10 Aug  
Cost: € 60 per week

(the cost for attending both week is €100 – saving of €20)

For further information call: 087 901 1716

### FAI Summer Soccer Camp

#### Cambridge Boys Football Club

Week 2 (9<sup>th</sup> Jul – 13<sup>th</sup> Jul)

Week 3 (16<sup>th</sup> Jul – 20<sup>th</sup> Jul)

Hours: 10.30am – 3.00pm

Cost €89

(Age Boys and Girls 6 to 14 years)

[www.summersoccerschools.ie](http://www.summersoccerschools.ie)

## SPORTSCO

Each camp runs from 9:30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Pre-camp and after-camp care is also available from 8.30 - 9.30am and 4.00 - 5.30pm for an additional fee.

- Camp 1: 2 to 6 July 2012
- Camp 2: 9 to 13 July 2012
- Camp 3: 16 to 20 July 2012
- Camp 4: 23 to 27 July 2012
- Camp 5: 30 July to 03 August 2012
- Camp 6: 13 to 17 August 2012
- Camp 7: 20 to 24 August 2012
- Camp 8: 27 to 31 August 2012

Prices:

SPORTSCO members: €99.00 for 1st child member and €90.00 for each additional child member in the same family.

Non-members: €110.00 for non-member children and €105.00 for each additional child non-member in the same family.

Pre & After Care: 8.30 - 9.30am / 4.00 - 5.30pm

Prices: €35 members / €45 non-members per week

Contact Information: [www.sportsco.ie](http://www.sportsco.ie) or 01 6143499

## 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.**

## Bingo

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

## Divine Mercy

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

**All are welcome.**

## 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 7.30pm to 8.30pm**, upstairs in the C.M.W.S. in Ringsend.  
**All are welcome**

## St. Pio Mass

The St. Pio group would like to remind us that we are all welcome to attend the St. Pio mass this Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> June 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.



The 2012 Season has now officially launched, and extends right through until September with a varied programme of [Day Retreats](#), [Tailored Workshops](#), [Faith-Based Seminars](#) and [Family Focused Events](#). In addition, the [traditional Three-Day Pilgrimage](#), and [Day Retreats](#) are still in place and whilst reputed to be the most challenging in the Christian World, they are also perhaps the most Spiritually Rewarding.

### For further Information please contact:

Puragatorium Sancti Patricii

Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal

**Tel/fax:** 00 353 71 986 1518

**Email:** [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)



## 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> June / 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2012	€ 589	€ 507	€
9 <sup>th</sup> June / 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	€ 736	€ 570	€
16 <sup>th</sup> June / 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	€ 703	€ 571	€

**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 Second Book of Kings

The Second Book of Kings continues the history of the two Israelite kingdoms where the first book of Kings leaves off. The book may be divided into two parts: (1) The story of the two kingdoms from the middle of the ninth century BC down to the fall of Samaria and the end of the northern kingdom in 722 BC; (2) The story of the kingdom of Judah from the fall of the kingdom of Israel down to the capture and destruction of Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia in 586 BC. The book ends with an account of Gedaliah as governor of Judah under the Babylonians, and a report of the release of King Jehoiachin of Judah from prison in Babylon. These national disasters took place because of the unfaithfulness of the kings and people of Israel and Judah. The destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of many of the people of Judah was one of the great turning points of Israelite history. The prophet who stands out in 2 Kings is Elijah's successor Elisha. (Outline of Contents: The divided kingdom 1.1'-17.41; a) The prophet Elisha '1.1-8.15: b)The kings of Judah and of Israel 8.16-17.4: c) The fall of Samaria '17.5-41: The kingdom of Judah 18.11-25.30: a) From Hezekiah to Josiah 18.1-21.26: b) Josiah's reign 22.1-23.30: c. The last kings of Judah 23.31-24.20: d). The fall of Jerusalem ; 25.1-30)

## The Book of Lamentations

Lamentations is a collection of five poems lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC, and its aftermath of ruin and exile. In spite of the mournful nature of most of the book, there is also the note of trust in God and hope for the future. These poems are used by the Jews in worship on the annual days of fasting and mourning which commemorates the national disaster of 586 BC. (Outline of Contents : The sorrows of Jerusalem 1.1-22; The punishment of Jerusalem 2.1-22; Punishment and hope 3.1-66: Jerusalem in ruins 4.1-22: A prayer for mercy 5.1-22).

## 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)

## 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.

<b>Sunday 24.06.2012</b>	<b>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b>
• <b>First Reading</b>	The Book of Isaiah - <b>ch.49 v.1-6</b>
• <b>Psalm</b>	Psalm – <b>138: 1-3, 13-15</b>
• <b>Second Reading</b>	Acts of the Apostles - <b>ch.13 v.26-26</b>
• <b>Gospel</b>	Gospel of Luke - <b>ch.1 v.57-66, 80</b>

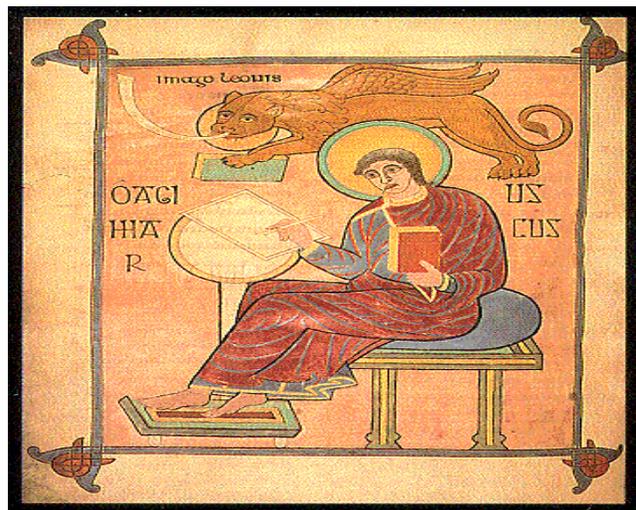
Day	First Reading	Gospel
<b>Monday</b> 25.06.2012	Second Book of Kings- <b>ch.17 v.5-8, 13-15, 18</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.7 v.1-5</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 26.06.2012	Second Book of Kings- <b>ch.19 v.9-11, 14-21, 31-36</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.7 v.6, 12-14</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 27.06.2012	Second Book of Kings- <b>ch.22 v.8-13</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.7 v.15-20</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 28.06.2012	Second Book of Kings- <b>ch.24 v.8-17</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.7 v.21-29</b>
<b>Friday</b> 29.06.2012	Act of the Apostles- <b>ch.12 v.1-11</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.16 v.13-19</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 30.06.2012	The Book of Lamentations <b>ch.2 v.10-14, 18-19</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.8 v.5-17</b>

<b>Sunday 01.07.2012</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
• <b>First Reading</b>	The Book of Wisdom - <b>ch.1 v.13-15; ch.2 v.23-24</b>
• <b>Psalm</b>	Psalm – <b>29: 2, 4-6, 11-13</b>
• <b>Second Reading</b>	Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - <b>ch.8 v.7, 9, 13-15</b>
• <b>Gospel</b>	Gospel of Mark - <b>ch.24 v.35-43</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 God's word and of Christ's body and to offer it to the faithful.  
(Vatican II. Constitution on Revelation, 21)

The Explorers  
(Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture  
Reading Group)

2012-2013



The Gospel of Mark: six evening gatherings

The first of these meetings will be held in Star of the Sea, Sandymount (enter at the back of the Church). The remaining five meetings will be held in Christ Church Hall, Sandymount Green. All of these meetings will be held between 7.30 - 9 p.m.

Monday, 17 September 2012

Sean Freyne, Emeritus Professor of Theology, TCD

Monday, 15 October 2012

Katherine P Meyer, Minister, Christ Church, Sandymount

Monday, 12 November 2012

Katherine P Meyer, Minister, Christ Church, Sandymount

Monday, 14 January 2013

John McDonagh, Parish Priest, St Mary, Star of the Sea

Monday, 11 February 2013

Katherine P Meyer, Minister, Christ Church, Sandymount

Monday, 11 March 2013

Katherine P Meyer, Minister, Christ Church, Sandymount

## The Explorers

are an ecumenical group based in Sandymount and environs, who gather to read Scripture together.

You are most welcome to join us for the 2012-2013 season, during which we will be exploring the **Gospel of Mark**.

For further information, please contact Anngret Simms (269 4374).

## 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 "The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me."

**In today's second reading**, we hear St. Paul outline the background to the Gospel, St. Paul notes the importance of John the Baptist as herald of Christ.

**In today's Gospel** of Saint Luke, we hear about the great joy at the birth of John the Baptist.

<http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/06/sunday-24-june-2012-feast-of-the-nativity-of-st-john-the-baptist/>) - *Herald of the Lord's Gracious Favour*.

We might wonder why the birth of St. John the Baptist is such a big feast-day, in fact a solemnity. The meaning of his name, in Hebrew "Yeho-hanan", means "the Lord is gracious" and as Luke's account underlines, in John the Baptist, God had shown great favour, not just to the childless couple, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but to the whole of humanity. Before John the Baptist came on the scene, the prophetic voice in Israel has been silent for 400 years. When the Baptist came into the wilderness near the river Jordan, he breathed fire and preached repentance and renewal. All four Gospels agree that it was he who prepared the way for Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One of God. So the whole Christian traditions honours John the Baptist as the precursor, the one who ran ahead as herald of the graciousness from God which came through Jesus, filled with grace and truth.

What St. John the Baptist did for the people of his time, each of us, in our various ways, are to do for people in our time. We too are to prepare our people to receive the graciousness and the favour of God. The name John means God is gracious or God shows favour. We too have a significant name, for we are called Christians implying that we share in the anointing or missioning of Jesus. It means that we are to be like other Christ's to the world. May we be filled with God's grace and favour to fulfil our mission as faithfully as John did his.