

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 26.03.2012	Eileen Houlahan (AR)	Patsy Lynch (BR)
Tuesday 27.03.2012		
Wednesday 28.03.2012		Deloras Winstanley (AR)
Thursday 29.03.2012	Sheila Byrne (AR)	
Friday 30.03.2012	James Byrne (AR)	John Keane (AR)
Saturday 31.03.2012	Thanksgiving Mass for Maura McNamara	Mona Leahy (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 01.04.2012			

(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.**

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*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 24<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**



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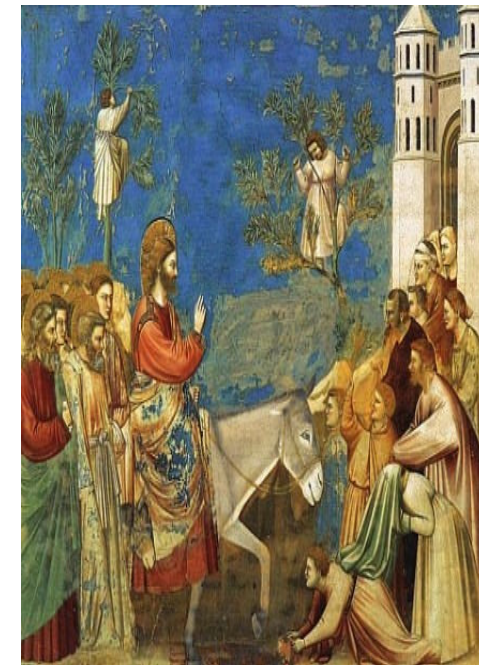
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## *The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified*

This week's Gospel passage, from the Gospel of St. John, occurs after Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem. Jesus sets the scene for his death but tries to make it more bearable for his disciples by telling them that his death will reap great rewards.

The triumphal entry of Jesus' into Jerusalem is not read as part of the main liturgy on Palm/Passion Sunday, it is read as the priest enters the church, before the entrance antiphon, at the beginning of mass.

This is a beautiful opening to Mass as it sets the scene for Gospel, the Passion of the Lord. But what we must not forget about today's Gospel passage is that Jesus points out to us that just like Him, we too have to die, but for us our death begins with the death of our worldly selves, with our complete acceptance of God's will. This, we are reminded by Jesus, is the price of discipleship.



## *Theme for this Sunday*

***Unless a wheat grain falls to the ground and dies***

**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.**

### Easter Camp

**Week 1:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Week 2:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Registration Day:** €5 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 from 9am – 1pm

**Camp:** €25 per week

**Balance to be paid by Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>**



### 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.**

### The Sunshine Fund Annual Collection

The Annual Sunshine Fund Collection take place next **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

The Sunshine Fund provides summer holidays free-of-charge to children aged between 7 & 11 from areas of disadvantage across Dublin and neighbouring counties

Please give generously.

### Legion of Mary - Acies Ceremony

To our auxiliary members,

We are pleased to invite you to attend our Acies ceremony (renewal of Consecration to Our Lady), on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 3.00p.m. (assemble at 2.45 p.m.) in Sacred Heart Church, Donnybrook.**

Refreshments served afterwards.

In the event that you cannot attend this year, we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued prayers and support.

### 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**

### Lent & Easter

The dates for Lent & Easter are:

**1<sup>st</sup> April** – Palm / Passion Sunday  
**5<sup>th</sup> April** - Holy Thursday  
**6<sup>th</sup> April** - Good Friday  
**7<sup>th</sup> April** - Holy Saturday  
**8<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Sunday  
**27<sup>th</sup> May** – Pentecost Sunday

### Penitential Service

Please note that the Lenten Penitential Service take place **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.45p.m.**

### Do this in Memory

The monthly "Do This In Memory" Mass, for the boys & girls of the parish First Holy Communion & First Confession Class, takes place next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April, at 12.00.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Please note that a Eucharistic Ministers schedule, for the Easter Celebration, will be posted in the Sacristy next weekend.

### Readers

Please note that the a Readers schedule, for the Easter Celebration will be posted in the Sacristy next weekend. The reading for Holy Week will also be available.

### First Penance

The First Penance (First Confession) for the children of this year's Holy Communion Class from our local primary schools will be held on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45p.m.**

### Pieta House

#### Date for your Diary

Pieta House **DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 5K EVENT is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2012. Starting at 4.00am** (early morning).

Go On line to register for this event @ [dil.pieta.ie](http://dil.pieta.ie)  
 Or  
 contact Pieta House DIL office at 01 6282111.

### Urgent Request for Overseas Volunteers

**Viatres Christi**, a Catholic association, founded in 1960, recruits, trains and places people with skills and life experience in roles with our mission partners in areas of need overseas. We are currently seeking people over the age of 21 (retired people especially welcome) who are interested in overseas volunteering. We offer a comprehensive training programme to help you discern whether overseas volunteering is for you and full support before, during and after your placement if you do decide to go overseas.

For further information, please visit our website [www.viatreschristi.com](http://www.viatreschristi.com) or email Colette at [colette@viatreschristi.com](mailto:colette@viatreschristi.com) Tel. 01-868 9986

### 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 |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2012 | € 720        | € 636         | €                 |
| St. Patrick's Day 17 <sup>th</sup> March       | € 381        | € 212         | €                 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2012 | € 825        | € 630         | €                 |

**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 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 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).

**The Gospel according to John**

The Gospel according to John presents Jesus as the eternal Word of God, who "became a human being and lived among us." (1.14) As the book itself says, this Gospel was written so that its readers might believe that Jesus is the promised Saviour, the Son of God, and that through their faith in him they might have life (20.31). After an introduction that identifies the eternal Word of God with Jesus, the first part of the Gospel presents various miracles which show that Jesus is the promised Saviour, the Son of God. These are followed by discourses that explain what is revealed by the miracles. This part of the book tells how some people believed in Jesus and became his followers, while others opposed him and refused to believe. Chapters 13-17 record at length the close fellowship of Jesus with his disciples on the night of his arrest, and his words of preparation and encouragement to them on the eve of his crucifixion. The closing chapters tell of Jesus' arrest and trial, his crucifixion and resurrection, and his appearances to his disciples after the resurrection. The story of the woman caught in adultery (8.1-11) is placed in brackets because many manuscripts and early translations omit it, while others include it in other places. John emphasizes the gift of eternal life through Christ, a gift which begins now and which comes to those who respond to Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. A striking feature of John is the symbolic use of common things from everyday life to point to spiritual realities, such as water, bread, light, the shepherd and his sheep, and the grapevine and its fruit. (Outline of Contents: Prologue 1.1-18; John the Baptist and the first disciples of Jesus 1.19-51; Jesus' public ministry 2.1-12.50; The last days in and near Jerusalem 13.1-19.42; The resurrection and appearances of the Lord 20.1-31; Epilogue: another appearance in Galilee 21.1-25)

**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 25.03.2012</b> | <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>                 |
| •First Reading           | The Book of Jeremiah - <b>ch.31 v.31-34</b> |
| •Psalm                   | Psalm – <b>50: v.3-4, 12-15</b>             |
| •Second Reading          | Letter to the Hebrews - <b>ch.5 v.7-9</b>   |
| •Gospel                  | Gospel of John - <b>ch.12 v.20-30</b>       |

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| <b>Monday 26.03.2012</b> | <b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>                 |
| •First Reading           | The Book of Isaiah - <b>ch.7 v.10-14, ch.8 v.10</b> |
| •Psalm                   | Psalm – <b>39: v.7-11</b>                           |
| •Second Reading          | Letter to the Hebrews- <b>ch.2 v.6-11</b>           |
| •Gospel                  | Gospel of .Luke - <b>ch.1 v.26-38</b>               |

| <b>Day</b>                  | <b>First Reading</b>                               | <b>Gospel</b>                         |
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| <b>Tuesday 27.03.2012</b>   | The Book of Numbers- <b>ch.21 v.4-9</b>            | Gospel of John - <b>ch.8 v.21-30</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 28.03.2012</b> | The Book of Daniel- <b>ch.3 v.14-20, 24-25, 28</b> | Gospel of John - <b>ch.8 v.31-42</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 29.03.2012</b>  | The Book of Genesis - <b>ch.17 v.3-9</b>           | Gospel of John - <b>ch.8 v.51-59</b>  |
| <b>Friday 30.03.2012</b>    | The Book of Jeremiah - <b>ch.20 v.10-13</b>        | Gospel of John - <b>ch.10 v.31-42</b> |
| <b>Saturday 31.03.2012</b>  | The Book of Ezekiel - <b>ch.37 v.21-28</b>         | Gospel of John - <b>ch.11 v.45-56</b> |

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| <b>Sunday 01.04.2012</b> | <b>Palm / Passion Sunday of Lent</b>                      |
| •First Reading           | The Book of Isaiah - <b>ch.50 v.4-7</b>                   |
| •Psalm                   | Psalm – <b>21: v.8-9, 17-20, 23-24</b>                    |
| •Second Reading          | Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians- <b>ch.2 v.6-11</b> |
| •Gospel                  | Gospel of .Mark - <b>ch.14 v.1-72 ;ch.15 v.1-47</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 Annunciation of the Lord

## Monday March 26th



The **Annunciation**, also referred to as the **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, is 4<sup>th</sup> Feast Day in the Roman Catholic Liturgical Calendar. It is celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup> each year unless the feast falls on a Sunday, then the feast is transferred to the next day,

The celebration of the feast invites us into mystery, the mystery of Mary's cooperation in God's plan. In the midst of all of the challenges we face as Catholic Christians in a culture which has forgotten God, we celebrate God's loving plan and the remember the heart of the Christian message, conversion through Jesus Christ.

The great event of the Annunciation reveals the path to salvation and to cultural recovery. Our Lady teaches us how to live our real lives in a real world! When the Angel of the Lord appeared, bearing the message and calling

her to a special mission, she said "YES." We must say "Yes" as well and believe that "nothing is impossible with God." Let's consider her response to the message:

***"I am the handmaid of the Lord"  
"Be it done unto me according to thy word"***

It is in these words that we discover the heart of the Christian vocation. When Mary spoke those words, human history was forever changed. They came from a deep spiritual reservoir within the heart of a young Jewish girl who was in love with the God of her fathers - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Mary's "Yes" was spoken from a heart filled with love for God. In a Biblical context, "heart" is a word that means much more than the fleshy organ at the centre of our chest. It refers to our centre, the core of each of us, the place where our deepest identity is rooted, and from which our fundamental choices about life are made. Mary's words proceeded from a humble heart.

This young woman was not full of herself, not self-protective, not cynical, she was emptied, in order to be filled. She was therefore able to completely surrender herself in love, to Love. Her initial assent to the Angel Gabriel's announcement reveals the very meaning of another Biblical word, "holy". holiness is not about looking pious. It is about being selfless. Mary was holy, and she shows us the way to become holy, too.

**To give oneself completely to God, to unconditionally surrender to His will and to fully trust in his divine plan, is what the Blessed Virgin Mary did. Is this something we could do?**

## 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 Jeremiah comforts a shattered people with the assurance that God never forsakes them. The day is coming when he will make a new and deeper covenant with his people.

**In today's second reading** St. Paul tells us that Christ endured sorrow and anguish during his passion, but opens for us the door to eternal life.

**In today's Gospel** St. John tells us that Jesus talks of his death – how he both fears and yet desires it, for the hour of his suffering will be the hour of his glory. His followers too must somehow die to themselves.

(Extracts form <http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/03/25-march-5th-sunday-of-lent/>).  
*The Finest Hour* (Kathryn Williams).

*If each of us were asked, "Why are you here today?" we would hear a variety of responses. "It's the Sunday obligation," "I feel the need to thank God," "I love being a part of this vibrant worshipping community," "My week's not complete without Sunday Eucharist" and the like.*

*However, at the heart of these responses lies a very simple truth (and we know how words falter when it comes to spiritual stuff). The truth may or may not be deeply felt. It may or may not be clearly expressed. That's not the essential thing. What's essential is that we are here. Like the Greeks in today's Gospel who wanted to see Jesus, we know that by coming to this consecrated place week after week, we have the chance to meet him in lots of ways. It could be called the finest hour of our week.*

*Throughout the Liturgical year we see Jesus under many different aspects. Some months ago we welcomed Jesus as an infant. Today he is a troubled man, uneasy about his impending death. At each Eucharist we celebrate, we lovingly remember these final moments of his life – what Jesus calls his hour. Our participation in this Eucharist is the privileged place where we spend this hour with him.*