

## 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 27.02.2012		Josie Miley (BR)
Tuesday 28.02.2012		Betty Whelan (MM)
Wednesday 29.02.2012		Hugh Murphy, his wife Kathleen, their daughter Bernie & grandson Emmit (AR)
Thursday 01.03.2012		Bridget & James Nangle (AR)
Friday 02.03.2012	November Dead List	November Dead List
Saturday 03.03.2012		Andy Dent (AR) Susan & Michael Brennan (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 04.03.2012	Joseph Morris & his Parents (AR) Lillie Chambers (AR) Winnie Chambers (AR) Chambers Family (AR)	Mikey Caulfield (AR) Liza Caulfield (AR)	Maureen & Gene Joyce (AR) Carmel & Joseph Cleary (AR)

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

Please remember, in your prayers, the following parishioner whose funeral occurred recently:

### *Nellie Dunne*

May her soul 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 25<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012

First Sunday of Lent

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## Lent – 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> April

Lent is a time of fasting, penance, and almsgiving, and good works. A time of self examination in preparation for the resurrection of the Lord. It is a major penitential season of preparation for Easter and is celebrated for forty days between Ash Wednesday and the Easter Triduum. It begins on Ash Wednesday and, if the penitential days of Good Friday and Holy Saturday are included, lasts for forty days, since the six Sundays within the season are not counted.

The number forty has many Biblical references: the forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18); the forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8); the forty days and nights God sent rain on the great flood of Noah (Genesis 7:4); the forty years the Hebrew people wandered in the desert while travelling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33); the forty days Jonah in his prophecy of Judgements gave the city of Nineveh in which to repent. Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-2). He overcame all three of Satan's temptations by citing scripture to the devil, at which point the devil left him, angels ministered to Jesus, and He begun his ministry. Jesus further said that his disciples should fast "when the bridegroom shall be taken from them" (Matthew 9:15), a reference to His passion.

Liturgically the alleluia (which is used before and after the psalm) ceases during lent. The liturgical colour for Lent is purple.

### *Theme for this Sunday*

*Victory over Temptation*

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 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.**



### 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.



“Do you think you have a problem with drink? Do you want help? Help is available! “  
AA meeting every Tuesday night @ 8pm upstairs in St Andrew's Resource Centre.

### Baptisms

We welcome into our Christian Community

*Anna Collins, Ellie Goulding  
& Dara Meehan*

who were recently baptised.

### Dublin DockWorkers Preservation Society

Photo Exhibition (1940 to 1990)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm**

Port Centre Alexandra Road, Dublin 1

<http://www.bluemelon.com/alanmartin/>

### Are you between 35 and 45?

Would you like to meet other Catholics of your age from parishes in the Dublin Diocese for social and spiritual events?

The Fortysomethings invite you to a New Members Meeting in the **Trinity Capital Hotel, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, at 8.pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and/or a Lenten retreat mass in St. John Vianney's, Ardlea Road, Artane, Dublin 5 at 4:30pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

For more information or to receive our newsletter of events, email [dublin40somethings@gmail.com](mailto:dublin40somethings@gmail.com) or ring

Declan on [087 760 8268](tel:0877608268)  
or Linda on [085 754 1696](tel:0857541696)."

### Lent & Easter

The dates for Lent & Easter are:

**22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Ash Wednesday  
**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

### St. Pio Mass

The St. Pio group would like to remind us that we are all welcome to attend the St. Pio mass on the third Wednesday of every month 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.

### 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

### 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.**

### Pieta House

#### Date for your Diary

Pieta House **DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 5K EVENT** is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2012. On line and postal registration for this event will be from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

Watch this space for more details

### 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.**

### Church Gate Collection

There will be a church gate collection in aid of the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind next Saturday & Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012. **Please give generously.**

### 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
4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	€ 734	€ 584	€
11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	€ 631	€ 840	€
18 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	€ 700	€ 587	€

**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 Genesis**

The name Genesis means "origin". The book tells about the creation of the universe, the origin of the human race, the beginning of sin and suffering in the world, and about God's way of dealing with humanity. Genesis can be divided into two main parts: (1) The creation of the world and the early history of the human race. Here are the accounts of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the flood, and the Tower of Babylon (chapters 1-11). (2) The history of the early ancestors of the Israelites. The first is Abraham, who was notable for his faith and his obedience to God. Then follow the stories of his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob (also called Israel), and of Jacob's twelve sons, who were the founders of the twelve tribes of Israel. Special attention is given to one of the sons, Joseph, and the events that brought Jacob and his other sons with their families to live in Egypt (chapters 12-50). While this book tells stories about people, it is first and foremost an account of what God has done. It begins with the affirmation that God created the universe, and it ends with a promise that God will continue to show his concern for his people. Throughout the book the main character is God, who judges and punishes those who do wrong, leads and helps his people, and shapes their history. This ancient book was written to record the story of a people's faith and to help keep that faith alive. (Outline of Contents: Creation of the universe and of the human race 1.1-2.25; The beginning of sin and suffering 3.1-24; From Adam to Noah 4.1-5.32; Noah and the flood 6.1-10.32; The tower of Babylon 11.1-9; From Shem to Abram 11.10-32; The patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob 12.1-35.29; The descendants of Esau 36.1-43; Joseph and his brothers 37.1-45.28; The Israelites in Egypt 46.1-50.26).

**First Letter of St. Peter**

The First Letter from Peter was addressed to Christians, here called "God's chosen people," who were scattered throughout the northern part of Asia Minor. The main purpose of the letter is to encourage the readers, who were facing persecution and suffering for their faith. The writer does this by reminding his readers of the Good News about Jesus Christ, whose death, resurrection, and promised coming give them hope. In the light of this they are to accept and endure their suffering, confident that it is a test of the genuineness of their faith and that they will be rewarded on "the Day when Jesus Christ is revealed". Along with his encouragement in time of trouble, the writer also urges his readers to live as people who belong to Christ.

**The Gospel according to Mark**

The Gospel according to Mark begins with the statement that it is "the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God". Jesus is pictured as a man of action and authority. His authority is seen in his teaching, in his power over demons, and in forgiving people's sins. Jesus speaks of himself as the Son of Man, who came to give his life to set people free from sin. Mark presents the story of Jesus in a straightforward, vigorous way, with emphasis on what Jesus did, rather than on his words and teachings. After a brief prologue about John the Baptist and the baptism and temptation of Jesus, the writer immediately takes up Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching. As time goes on, the followers of Jesus come to understand him better, but Jesus' opponents become more hostile. The closing chapters report the events of Jesus' last week of earthly life, especially his crucifixion and resurrection. The two endings to the Gospel, which are enclosed in brackets, are generally regarded as written by someone other than the author of Mark. (Outline of Contents: The beginning of the gospel 1.1-13; Jesus' public ministry in Galilee 1.14-9.50; From Galilee to Jerusalem 10.1-52; The last week in and near Jerusalem 11.1-15.47; The resurrection of Jesus 16.1-8; The appearances and ascension of the risen Lord 16.9-20).

**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 26.02.2012	First Sunday of Lent
•First Reading	The Book of Genesis - <b>ch.9 v.8-15</b>
•Psalm	Psalm – <b>24: v.4-9</b>
•Second Reading	First Letter of St. Peter - <b>ch.3 v.18-22</b>
•Gospel	Gospel of St. Mark - <b>ch.1 v.12-15</b>

For those who cannot join us for daily mass here are the readings for the week (27.02 - 03.03.2012):

Day	First Reading	Gospel
Monday 27.02.2012	The Book of Leviticus - <b>ch.19 v.1-2, 11-18</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.25 v.31-46</b>
Tuesday 28.02.2012	The Book of Isaiah- <b>ch.55 v.10-11</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.6 v.7-15</b>
Wednesday 29.02.2012	The Book of Jonah- <b>ch.3 v.1-10</b>	Gospel of Luke - <b>ch.11 v.29-32</b>
Thursday 01.03.2012	The Book of Esther- <b>ch.4 v.1-7</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.7 v.7-12</b>
Friday 02.03.2012	The Book of Ezekiel - <b>ch.18 v.21-28</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.5 v.20-26</b>
Saturday 03.03.2012	The Book of Deuteronomy - <b>ch.2 v.16-19</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.5 v.43-48</b>

Sunday 04.03.2012	Second Sunday of Lent
•First Reading	The Book of Genesis - <b>ch.22 v.1-2, 9-13, 15-18</b>
•Psalm	Psalm – <b>115: v.10, 15-19</b>
•Second Reading	First Letter of St. Paul to the Romans - <b>ch.8 v.31-34</b>
•Gospel	Gospel of St. Mark - <b>ch.9 v.2-10</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)



## What is a Eucharistic Congress

Since Pope Benedict XVI announced that the 50th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Dublin in June 2012, people have been asking "what exactly is a Eucharistic Congress and what is its purpose?"

A Eucharistic Congress is an international gathering of people which aims to:

- promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church
- help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy
- draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.

The Congress normally takes place every four years. The daily celebration of the Eucharist is at the very heart of the Congress. The wider programme of the Congress includes other liturgical events, cultural events, catechesis and testimonies, and workshops during the week of the Congress. The most recent Congress was held in Quebec in 2008 and was a source of encouragement and renewal for the many thousands who took part.

Most people in Ireland are familiar with the fact that a Eucharistic Congress was held in Ireland in 1932. Our parents and grand-parents speak of it as a significant event in their own experience of Church. Since we started preparing for the Congress, people from all over Ireland and even further afield have sent us a wide range of memorabilia relating to the 1932 Congress, some of which will be on display at a special exhibition in 2012.

Archbishop Piero Marini, President of the Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses, explains in greater detail the meaning of a Eucharistic Congress in his address to the Irish Catholic Bishop's' Conference in June 2009: [The Shape, Significance & Ecclesial Impact of Eucharistic Congresses](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pont_committees/eucharist-congr/documents/rc_committ_euchar_doc_20090609_fisionomia-congressi_en.html). - This address can be found on the following website: - [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pont\\_committees/eucharist-congr/documents/rc\\_committ\\_euchar\\_doc\\_20090609\\_fisionomia-congressi\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pont_committees/eucharist-congr/documents/rc_committ_euchar_doc_20090609_fisionomia-congressi_en.html)

## **Prayer of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress**

Lord Jesus,  
You were sent by the Father  
to gather together those who are  
scattered.  
You came among us, doing good and  
bringing healing,  
announcing the Word of salvation  
and giving the Bread which lasts forever.  
Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts,  
enliven our hope and open our minds,  
so that together with our sisters and  
brothers in faith  
we may recognise you in the Scriptures  
and in the breaking of bread.  
May your Holy Spirit transform us into  
one body  
and lead us to walk humbly on the earth,  
in justice and love,  
as witnesses of your resurrection.

In communion with Mary,  
whom you gave to us as our Mother  
at the foot of the cross,  
through you  
may all praise, honour and blessing be  
to  
the Father  
in the Holy Spirit and in the Church,  
Now and forever.  
**Amen**

50th International Eucharistic Congress  
10th-17th June, 2012, Dublin, Ireland  
[www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie)

## Liturgical Section:

<b>Weekday Morning Mass:</b>	10.00 a.m.:- Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat
<b>Weekday Evening Mass:</b>	7.00 p.m.:- Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri (except Bank Holidays)
<b>Sabbath Masses:</b>	Sat:- 7.00 p.m. Vigil  Sun:- 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. <b>Choir</b> , 12.00p.m. <b>Folk Group</b>
<b>Eucharistic Service:</b>	10.00 a.m.:- Wednesday (unless there is a funeral)
<b>Benediction:</b>	Every Monday after 7.00 p.m. Mass (except Bank Holidays) First Friday of each month.
<b>Rosary:</b>	Monday to Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass Mon to Friday after 7.00 p.m. Mass
<b>Baptisms:</b>	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 after the flood God made a new agreement (covenant) with Noah and his descendants. The rainbow is a lovely sign of God's reliable friendship towards us.

**In today's second reading** St. Peter sees the waters of the flood of Noah's time as a reminder of the waters of Baptism by which we are saved from sin.

**In today's Gospel** of St. Mark tells us that after being baptised by John the Baptist Jesus spends forty days in the desert. Then he begins to spread his Gospel.

As we recall Christ's victory over temptation in the desert, it is a good time for us to confront temptation in our own lives and pray for discernment between good and evil.

## Lenten Thoughts

Some may wish to propose works of prayer and penance at the outset of Lent. They will want to present the meaning of penance as renewal, as getting to the spiritual roots of our being, rather than calling for feats of endurance during the seven weeks. The Gospel ideal of penance invites a re-think of our outlook on life, so that we can turn aside from our selfishness and our sins. Penance has too often been preached as endurance, and therefore as a challenge to the macho spirit of achievement. It could better be shown as a desire to limit or root out the roots of our sin, especially whatever blocks our love for our neighbour.

(Extracts form <http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/02/26-february-first-sunday-of-lent/>).