

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 27.08.2012		
Tuesday 28.08.2012		Lilly Faulkner (AR)
Wednesday 29.08.2012		
Thursday 30.08.2012		
Friday 31.08.2012		Sean And Mamie O'Hanrahan (AR)
Saturday 01.08.2012		James Lawless (MM) Paul Glynn

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 02.08.2012		Beatrice Early (AR) Jim Early (AR)	Christopher, Patrick & Ann Mullen (AR) Noel O'Brian (AR) Bobby Ferry (AR) Alice Ladrigan (AR) Seamus Ladrigan (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 25th August / Sunday 26th August 2012

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B



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

Website: www.stpatrickschurchringsend.com



Married Holiness

(by Monsignor Peter Briscoe)

The following reflection is taken from a homily posted on the following website:

<http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/08/26-august-21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

I wonder how most of us would react to the idea that there is a crisis of holiness in the Church today. If we agree on this, how many of us would immediately associate it with the decline in vocations, the crises facing priests and religious? There is still a tendency in many parts of the Church to see holiness as some kind of professional pursuit, something for those with "vocations." If there were such a thing as a crisis of holiness (and who could be the judge of that?) it would exist at a more fundamental level in the Church; not at the level of religious vocations – which are a minority in the Church at any time – but where such vocations are said to begin – in the family, in marriage.

We all need the reminder that marriage is the most general vocation to holiness in the Church. Every Christian who marries is called to holiness, to integrity, through and in their marriage. The idea would probably make many of our people decidedly nervous, partly because they have too strict, austere or pious a notion of what holiness means, and who consequently find it hard to see what it might mean in their marriage.

There are those who would be prepared to admit that the married can try to become holy, but they would see this as some kind of devotional or charitable activity outside their married lives. They would tend to see their striving for holiness and their marriage as two parallel lines of their lives which don't intersect with one another. (Obviously this is an exaggerated statement of the case but it is expressive of a dichotomy which seems to underlie many attitudes in the Church, especially those which see the Christian understanding of marriage as a body of negative restrictions.) What we have to emphasise is that[cont'd in the liturgical section]



**Men & Women
Separated, Divorced, Widowed
Are you coping?**

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss
Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide?
Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness
This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship.
Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn
A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme :
Community Centre, Whitefriar St, (Aungier St) for 7 Wednesday Evenings at 7.15pm Commencing 5th September 2012 - to 17th October 2012
Next Residential Weekend: 9th -11th November 2012, in All Hallows, Drumcondra

For further information, please phone
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE - 01 6790556
Or email: bedublin@gmail.com

Bingo

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

St. Pio Group

Bro. Kevin, of the Capuchin Day Centre, would like to thank all the parishioners who contribute to the collection at the St. Pio Monthly Mass. The St. Pio Group presented Bro. Kevin with €1,000. Br. Kevin would also like to thank Fr. Ivan, Fr. Fergal and all the prayer groups for their continued support and prayers.

Divine Mercy

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

Parish Primary Schools

St. Patrick's Boys and Girls Primary Schools re-open on Thursday 30th August at 8:50am.

Community Notice Board

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Theatre comes to the Club. A chance to enjoy a wonderful bit of Theatre here in the Club on the eve of the All-Ireland Football Final. A real GAA/Property Developer tale -The Field and true GAA folklore all in one. **The Pitch by Shane Connaughton, Directed by Kerry Crabbe.**

A new play from the Oscar nominated writer of My Left Foot, The Playboys and Run of The Country. The Pitch, set in Cavan, tells the story of Philly Halton 'a renowned Gaelic footballer in his own mind.' This poignant tale of an old man living in isolation on his own land with forces conspiring to relieve him of the very pitch on which he played his greatest games. The Maguires, his bitterest enemies, have hatched a devious plot to consign him to a nursing home for the rest of his days. See what transpires in this ferocious and comic drama of emotion and language. **Appearing At Clanna Gael Fontenoy, Saturday, 22nd Sept 2012 (eve of All-Ireland Football Final) from 8.00 pm.**

Tickets €10.00
Contact Shay Connolly 087-9011716

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.

Baptisms

We welcome into our Christian Community
Sophia Meier, Juno Donohoe Harbridge
& Lucas Geoghan

who were recently baptised.

Marian College

Marian College re-opens on Tuesday 28th September with the induction of new first year students from 9.30am to 11a.m. The 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 6th year students have morning classes from 9.00am to 12.50am on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st of August. 4th/5th year classes resume on Monday 3rd September. The full timetable resumes on Monday 3rd September for all years.

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 th August / 5 th August 2012	€ 581	€ 509	€
11 th August / 12 th August 2012	€ 755	€ 626	€
18 th August / 19 th August 2012	€ 669	€ 586	€

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.

Greetings from Viatores Christi!

Viatores Christi Overseas Volunteering Information and Recruitment Sessions Dublin on Saturday 1st September 2012 at 11am in the Irish Aid Volunteering Centre, 27 - 31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

For more details contact
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Tel. 00 353 18689986
www.viatoreschristi.com

Church Gate Collection

A church gate collection for the Irish Society for Autism takes place this weekend 25th & 26th August.



The Book of Joshua

The book of Joshua is the story of the Israelite invasion of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua, the successor of Moses. Notable events recorded in this book include the crossing of the Jordan, the fall of Jericho, the battle at Ai, and the renewal of the covenant between God and his people. One of the best known passages in the book is. "Decide today whom you will serve... As for my family and me, we will serve the Lord" (24.15).

The Book of Deuteronomy

The book of Deuteronomy is organized as a series of addresses given by Moses to the people of Israel in the land of Moab, where they had stopped at the end of the long wilderness journey and were about to enter and occupy Canaan. Some of the most important matters recorded in the book are as follows: (1) Moses recalls the great events of the past forty years. He appeals to the people to remember how God has led them through the wilderness and to be obedient and loyal to God. (2) Moses reviews the Ten Commandments and emphasizes the meaning of the First Commandment, calling the people to devotion to the Lord alone. Then he reviews the various laws that are to govern Israel's life in the promised land. (3) Moses reminds the people of the meaning of God's covenant with them, and calls for them to renew their commitment to its obligations. (4) Joshua is commissioned as the next leader of God's people. After singing a song celebrating God's faithfulness, and pronouncing a blessing on the tribes of Israel, Moses dies in Moab, east of the River Jordan. The great theme' of the book is that God has saved and blessed his chosen people, whom he loves; his people are to remember this, and love and obey him, so that they may have life and continued blessing. The key verses of the book are 6.4-6, and contain the words that Jesus called the greatest of all commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength".

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).

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.

Sunday 26.08.2012	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Reading •Psalm •Second Reading •Gospel 	The Book of Joshua - ch.24 v.1-2, 15-18 Psalm – 33: 2-3,16-23 The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians - ch.5 v.21-32 Gospel of John - ch.6 v.60-69

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Monday 27.08.2012	The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians - ch.1 v.1-5, 11-12	Gospel of Matthew - ch.23 v.13-22
Tuesday 28.08.2012	The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians - ch.2 v.1-3, 14-17	Gospel of Matthew - ch.23 v.23-23
Wednesday 29.08.2012	The Book of Jeremiah - ch.1 v.17-19	Gospel of Mark - ch.6 v.17-29
Thursday 30.08.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.1 v.1-9	Gospel of Matthew - ch.24 v.42-51
Friday 31.08.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.1 v.17-25	Gospel of Matthew - ch.25 v.1-13
Saturday 01.09.2012	The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians - ch.1 v.26-31	Gospel of Matthew - ch.25 v.14-30

Sunday 02.09.2012	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Reading •Psalm •Second Reading •Gospel 	The Book of Deuteronomy - ch.4 v.1-2, 6-8 Psalm – 14: 2-5 The Letter of St. James - ch.1 v.17-18, 21-22, 27 Gospel of Mark - ch.7 v.1-8, 14-15, 21-12

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 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 4974).

Liturgical Section:

Reflection on today's readings

In today's first reading, we hear that when the people reach the Promised Land, will they go on serving the one true God or to "go native" and serve the gods of Canaan?.

In today's second reading, we hear St. Paul's image of a marriage relationship expresses the faithful love that exists between Christ and the Church.

In today's Gospel, we hear that when many turn away from him, Jesus' apostles face the same choice: "Will you also leave me?" Peter answers, "Lord, to whom can we go?."

.....[Cont'd from the front page - Married Holiness by Monsignor Peter Briscoe]

.....the first and basic way to holiness for the married person is through their married and family life. We have to see clearly that this is not some kind of second best for those who have neither the talent nor the zeal for apostolic works. It has also to be clear that the path to holiness in marriage is not some kind of tricky and hazardous pathway through a bog of negative rules and regulations but rather the call to be holy by reflecting the love that Christ has for the Church. This call to love in Christ is realised simply by the way you love your husband or wife and children.

To love your wife, your husband and your children – it sounds banal, it sounds like what we would expect to find in most homes on our street! Is such a general expectation the ideal of holiness?

If this is a problem for us it may be that we still see holiness too much as a reality of the other world, a world that we have to enter in order to be holy. We have still to learn that holiness is really for us the perfection, the making whole of this world which is destined in Christ to become a new creation. What we have to learn is that the apparently ordinary things of this world are the medium of God's transforming power in Christ.

So the transformation of the married Christian's life must begin with their showing love as husband, wife, mother, father. What soon becomes clear is that to exercise this love in Christ is not so ordinary as at first appears, and where it appears in all its clarity it has the quality of the miraculous. Consider briefly the secular reality of romantic and exotic love which appears as the basis of so many relationships of our permissive age. The statistics of breakdown suggest that such love is becoming less and less capable of sustaining a permanent relationship. In contrast to the self-concern which marks so much of modern living the Christian ideal of dedicated, unselfish faithful and life-long love, actually begins to look more and more like a holy ideal, it almost looks like a reality of another world.

Most of us have met people with the extraordinary courage and perseverance to remain faithful and loving despite the strain of the prolonged illness of their partner, separation due to conditions of employment, tremendous loneliness or poverty. These are, of course, situations of trial, hopefully they are not the only conditions where true love can appear, but they are a true test of what is involved. The commitment that is made in Christian marriage is the commitment to no longer being the sole master or mistress of your own life and destiny. The married Christian can no longer think in terms of "my life" – everything is now subject to another. This commitment is not one-sided of course, it is mutually shared but this hardly makes it less mysterious, it is the mystery of Christ's love, laying down your life for another. It is in and through this loving relationship in the joy of giving and receiving love that the married Christian is called to holiness.