

## 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 30.07.2012		No Mass
Tuesday 31.07.2012	Rosemary Sheen (AR) Paddy Sheen (AR)	No Mass
Wednesday 01.08.2012		No Mass
Thursday 02.08.2012	Special Intention	No Mass
Friday 03.08.2012		No Mass
Saturday 04.08.2012		Patrick Murphy (AR) John & Julie Gregg (AR) John & Mary Redmond & Family (AR) Charles Martin (AR) Patrick Tracey (AR)

Day	9.00 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.
Sunday – 05.08.2012			

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

May their soul 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 28<sup>th</sup> July / Sunday 29<sup>nd</sup> July 2012

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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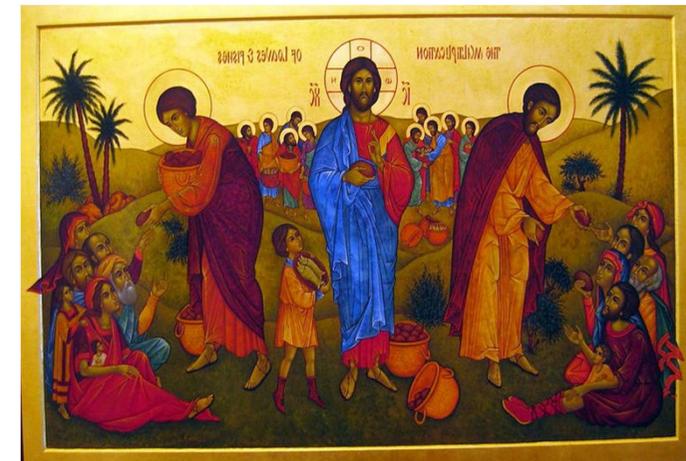
Website: [www.stpatrickschurchringsend.com](http://www.stpatrickschurchringsend.com)

## *The multiplication of the loaves and fish*

This story multiplication of the loaves and fish is the story of a miraculous event, a supernatural event. From time to time we hear people try to take the miraculous from this miracle. They try to explain that the miracle of the loaves and fish was that our Lord taught the people to share. They explain that people in those days had hidden stashes of food concealed on their person and that they would not share it, that they were selfish. This is incorrect. We should note that this miracle is told in all four Gospels and at no point is it stated or suggested, in any of the four Gospels, that Jesus taught the people to share food. In the Gospel of Matthew the parable of the loaves and fish begins as follows (Matt 15:32):

***“Then Jesus called the disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for the crowd, because they have***

***with me now for three days and have nothing to eat: and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way”***. If the people had brought food with them as they followed Jesus around the countryside it would have been eaten after three days. We must remember that a miracle is not simply a natural event which seems bigger than life. A miracle is the hand of God acting within nature to produce an effect that neither man nor nature unaided could do on its own. The Second Vatican Council taught in Dei Verbum that all that the Scripture writers affirm as true is without error. The passage about the multiplication of the loaves and fish certainly affirms a miracle.



### Church Gate Collection

There will be a church gate collection this weekend 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July in aid of Pieta House. (Please see the article on the *Tomás Mulligan Memorial Cycle in aid of Pieta House*).

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.**

## Last call for those interested in joining

**Fr. Ivan on the Bi-annual**

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes on**

**September 17th 2012 for 5 Nights.**

**Accommodation in Hotel Alba**

**Fully inclusive price of €695.00 per person sharing.**

**Single room supplement of €30.00 per night.**

**For further details**

**Contact Patsy Doolin, Miriam Murphy, Marie Connolly, and Catherine Kelly.**

### 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.

### Community Notice Board

#### 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

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Kay and Bernard Flood who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary recently.

Congratulation to Connie Doyle on her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Congratulations to Kathleen Redmond on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### Accord Relationship Counselling Service

***If you cannot talk to each other, talk to us***

ACCORD offers a safe, professional and confidential service, helping couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage and relationships.

Our counsellors deliver a professional service in a reassuring atmosphere.

We are a non-profit organisation and, while we ask clients to make a donation if they can, nobody is refused counselling due to lack of money. If you are having difficulty talking to each other, then talk to ACCORD. We are there to help you.

The nearest ACCORD centre to our church is:

ACCORD

93 Upr. George's Street,  
Dun Laoghaire

Phone 01-2801682

Email [dunlaoghaire@dublin.accord.ie](mailto:dunlaoghaire@dublin.accord.ie)

### No Evening Mass during the month of July

#### Monday to Friday

There will be no 7pm evening mass, Monday to Friday during the Month of July. There will be 7pm Mass every Saturday evening during July.

Please note that the 7pm evening mass will return on the Monday 6th August.

### 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
8 <sup>th</sup> July / 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	€ 678	€ 592	€
14 <sup>th</sup> July / 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	€ 676	€ 548	€
21 <sup>st</sup> July / 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2012	€ 684	€ 568	€

**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.**



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## **The Tomás Mulligan Memorial Cycle**

*The Tomás Mulligan Cycle is an annual event that raises awareness and funds for Pieta House, the suicide and self-harm crisis centre.*

*Suicide is a growing problem in Ireland. Suicide is something that can happen to anyone. Suicide affects families, communities and towns all over Ireland.*

*Tomás Mulligan was popular, talented, healthy, young Dublin footballer who had everything to live for. In August 2007 Tomás Mulligan was lost to suicide. Tomás' death left the Mulligan family shocked and devastated. In 2008 the family channelled their grief into organising an event to celebrate Tomás' life and raise awareness of suicide in Ireland.*

*The first annual Tomás Mulligan Memorial Cycle took place in August 2008. 26 cyclists took part in the two-day cycle from Belmullet to Dublin, raising €20,000 for suicide awareness. By 2011, the number of cyclists had grown to 75 and the amount raised was over €52,000. In 2009, the Tomás Mulligan Memorial Cycle teamed up with suicide and self-harm crisis centre, Pieta House. Pieta House is a non-profit organisation which provides a professional, face-to-face, free-of-charge therapeutic service for people in the acute stages of distress. The primary aim of Pieta House is to reduce suicide by helping people get through that critical phase when suicide becomes a plan rather than just an idea.*

*The cycle aims to celebrate Tomás' life, the lives of those lost to suicide, to raise awareness about suicide and to inform people in distress of where they can go for help. This year the cycle will depart Dublin for Dundalk on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of August and return on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>. Organising a cycle of this size and distance is a major logistical undertaking and wouldn't be possible without copious amounts of food, drinks, gallons of tea and coffee for the cyclists and the crucially important support teams, (health and safety, first aid, bicycle repair, motor cycle crew, stewards, collectors and catering personnel).*

*Each year after the cycle there is an unforgettable sense of achievement. The sense of achievement is made all the more significant when a cheque is presented to Pieta House.*

*Pieta House estimate that for every €1000 raised, they can provide help and treatment to someone in serious need. That means that in 2011, the Tomás Mulligan Memorial Cycle helped 52 people to receive treatment.*

**All donations and sponsorships are gratefully appreciated**

**Thomas Mulligan Sr. will speak at all Masses on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July.**

## **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 29.07.2012	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
•First Reading	The Second Book of Kings - <b>ch.4 v.42-44</b>
•Psalm	Psalm – <b>144: 10-11, 15-18</b>
•Second Reading	The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians - <b>ch.4 v.1-6</b>
•Gospel	Gospel of John - <b>ch.6 v.1-15</b>

Day	First Reading	Gospel
<b>Monday</b> 30.07.2012	The Book of Jeremiah - <b>ch.13 v.1-11</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.13 v.31-35</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 31.07.2012	The Book of Jeremiah - <b>ch.14 v.17-22</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.13 v.36-43</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 01.08.2012	The Book of Jeremiah - <b>ch.15 v.10, 16-21</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.13 v.36-43</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 02.08.2012	The Book of Jeremiah - <b>ch.18 v.1-6</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.13 v.44-46</b>
<b>Friday</b> 03.08.2012	The Book of Jeremiah - <b>ch.26 v.1-9</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.13 v.47-53</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 04.08.2012	The Book of Jeremiah - <b>ch.26 v.11-16</b>	Gospel of Matthew - <b>ch.13 v.54-58</b>

Sunday 05.08.2012	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
•First Reading	The Book of Exodus - <b>ch.16 v.2-4</b>
•Psalm	Psalm – <b>77: 3-4, 23-25, 54</b>
•Second Reading	The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians - <b>ch.4 v.17, 20-24</b>
•Gospel	Gospel of John - <b>ch.6 v.24-35</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 Second Book of Kings

The Second Book of Kings continues the history of the two Israelite kingdoms where 1 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)

## Letter from St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians is concerned first of all with "God's plan... to bring all creation together, everything in heaven and on earth, with Christ as head". It is also an appeal to God's people to live out the meaning of this great plan for the unity of mankind through oneness with Jesus Christ. In the first part of Ephesians the writer develops the theme of unity by speaking of the way in which God the Father has chosen his people, how they are forgiven and set free from their sins through Jesus Christ the Son, and how God's great promise is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit. In the second part he appeals to the readers to live in such a way that their oneness in Christ may become real in their life together. Several figures of speech are used to show the oneness of God's people in union with Christ: the church is like a body, with Christ as the Head or like a building, with Christ as the cornerstone: or like a wife, with Christ as the Husband. This letter rises to great heights of expression as the writer is moved by the thought of God's grace in Christ. Everything is seen in the light of Christ's love, sacrifice, forgiveness, grace, and purity. (Outline of Contents: Introduction 1.1-2; Christ and the Church 1.3-3.21; The new life in Christ 4.1-6.2; Conclusion 6.21-24).

<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. <a href="#">Choir</a> , 12.00p.m. <a href="#">Folk Group</a>
<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.

## Liturgical Section:

### Reflection on today's readings

**In today's first reading**, we hear the prophet Elisha miraculously provides abundant food for a hundred men. This foreshadows our Lord's miracle of the loaves.

**In today's second reading**, we hear that from prison St. Paul invites his readers to live a life in keeping with the Gospel, emphasising unity and harmony.

**In today's Gospel** of Saint John, we hear that like Elisha Jesus feeds the people in the desert, using five barley loaves and two fish provided by a young boy; with a little cooperation, he can enhance life so much".

**Extracts form ([www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/07/29-july-17th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/](http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2012/07/29-july-17th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/)) - *Eucharist in Daily Life***

On hearing of the death of John the Baptist Jesus was deeply upset and in need of finding a quiet place where he could share his grief with his apostles. However, when he stepped ashore there were thousands waiting for him. Immediately he made them welcome, talked to them about the kingdom of God and cured those who were in need of healing. This healing was not just a magic wave of the hand. It would have involved listening to the people and their stories, spending time with them, showing care and concern and empathising with them. Here we have a picture of the Church in every age. Jesus did not feed the hungry crowds on his own. He did it with the help of the apostles who were reluctant to accept responsibility for the hungry crowds. Their first reaction was to send the people away. Get somebody else to deal with the problem. Don't we often do the same when faced with a difficult situation: send them off to some so called expert or other. However, Jesus challenged them to look to their own resources. They remembered that they had 5 loaves and 2 fish which they brought to Jesus. The little they had when placed in his hands turned out to be more than enough for all. The five loaves and two fish are symbols of the power for goodness which we all possess. In our eyes our gifts may appear to be insignificant, but they are what the Lord has given us and expect us to use in his service. This, in fact is their living out in daily life what the Eucharist is all about. Every single person is called upon to a life of service in their own way. It does not have to be spectacular or extraordinary – parents caring for their children, children helping in the home, doing one's job of work whatever it may be to the best of one's ability. Even the sick, the old and the housebound. The blind poet John Milton put it well: "they also serve who only watch and wait. A smile, a kind word, a listening ear, a warm heart – these cost nothing but can mean so much.

Sometimes people say to me: I have nothing to contribute to any one any more. I am too old and to infirm to have anything to offer. This is false. In my life as a priest I have learnt so much from people like that. In spite of their infirmities they can be an inspiration to us all: their strong faith, their trust in God, their cheerfulness, their gratitude for small mercies. And so, on this the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ), the Lord invites us to be nourished at his table and always remember that the Eucharist is food for the sinner, not the prize for the perfect. As well as that the Lord sends us forth to give as we have received, to forgive as we have been forgiven and to love as we have been loved.