

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€678**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€498**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: **No collections this week**

Are you playing your part?

Family Offering envelopes / Standing Order forms are available through the parish office.

The Vine Mass Team Presents

Movies with Meaning

Sunday, 13th January, at 7.30pm
in the

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

this month's movie is

'Rabbit Proof Fence'

Movie is FREE - Light refreshments available
All Welcome

Christmas Dues

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Christmas Dues. The dues form part of the income of our priests, those working, sick and retired. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Spare envelopes are available in the church porch.

Exploring the Bible

and its meaning in our lives -

Mondays - 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Shalom
(beside St. Mark's Church). All welcome.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of John Byrne, Patricia (Patty) Wallace and Patrick (Paddy) Hughes whose funerals took place recently in our parish.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

You are invited to come along to the monthly Prayer Meeting of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society on **Monday, 7th January, at 7.30pm** in Shalom Parish Centre (beside the church) to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer, and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."

- Pope Francis

The monthly **Vine Mass** in **St. Thomas' Church, Jobstown** will be celebrated next **Saturday, 12th January at 7pm** with Fr. Ben Moran. All Welcome

The monthly 'Movies with Meaning' will take place on Thursday, 10th January in St. Thomas' Church at 7.30pm. The film being shown is 'Miracles from Heaven'. Film is Free.

Date for Your Diary

A Service for Christian Unity Week will take place in St. Mark's Church on **Friday, 18th January at 7.30pm**. More information will be in next week's newsletter.

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a **Parent Evening** on **Monday, 14th January, at 7.20pm** in the **Maldron Hotel, Tallaght**. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not. Visit our website: www.anamcara.ie

Holy Family Oratory

Mass is celebrated in The Holy Family Oratory in the Square every **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12 noon**. All welcome.

Family Offering / Weekly Envelope Collection

The new contribution year for the Family Offering collection begins in January. This collection helps pay for the day to day running costs of the parish (electricity, heating, maintenance, etc.). Boxes of envelopes for this weekly collection are currently being distributed to families in the parish who support it. If there is no collector for your road and you have been contributing or would like to contribute please call into the parish office to collect a box of envelopes or contact Marian at 01-4620777. Your weekly envelope can be left in the metal box at the back of the church any weekday morning or when you come to Mass on Saturday/Sunday.

Your contribution, no matter how small, is very much appreciated.

Contributions can also be made through your bank by setting up a **monthly standing order**.

Forms are available in the parish office.

Thank you to the many families in the parish who are already contributing, to our volunteer collectors and those who count the money every week.

Again, your support is greatly appreciated

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Fridays after 10am Mass until 3pm. All are welcome to come along and spend a little of that time in quiet prayer and reflection.

Church Art calendars for 2019 @ €2 each.
The shop/office is open Monday to Friday, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

John Byrne, Patricia (Patty) Wallace and Patrick (Paddy) Hughes who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

**Bridget Leydon
Loretta and Tony Bruce
Ellen Minihan
Joe Kendrick
James and Margaret Gavin and their deceased relatives
Margaret Kavanagh**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

BOOKINGS FOR BAPTISMS:

Bookings for baptisms take place in the parish office (church porch) Mon to Fri- 10.30am -12.30 pm, tel: 4620777. Three month's notice is required. Baptisms take place: 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in St. Mark's Church at 1.30pm.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Mark's Church

Monday - Friday: 10am

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Mark's Parish Church

Saturday: Vigil - 6.30pm

Sunday: 12.30pm

**1st Sunday of the month: 12.30pm - Family (Children's) Mass
(St. Mark's Youth Choir - 12.30 Mass 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month)**

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

Sunday: 10.00am

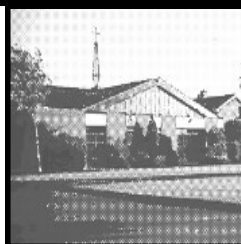
Last Sunday of the month: 10am - Family (Children's) Mass

**1st Saturday of the month:
Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm**

Confessions

6pm - 6.20pm on Saturdays (subject to availability of a priest)

6th January 2019 - The Epiphany of the Lord



Fr. Pat McKinley

**68 Maplewood Rd.
Tel. 451 3109**

Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy

**70 Maplewood Rd.
Tel. 4590746**

Fr. Martin Hughes

C/o Parish Office

Parish Office

**Monday to Friday
10.30 – 12.30pm
Tel: 462 0777**

Duty Phone

**087 4652258
(emergencies only,
when above contacts
are unavailable)**

The Deep End - 'We observed his star at his rising'

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6BC was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God.

We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

'We often make do with looking at the ground ... I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?'

Pope Francis

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