Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests 1st Collection : €740
- Share 2nd Collection: €564
- Family Offering (weekly envelope) €946

The monthly Church Gate Collection for the **St. Vincent De Paul Society** takes place **after Mass this weekend**. Please support if you can.

Hi! My name is Aisling Burke and I am a local parishioner. I am looking for sponsorship to help raise funds for Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross and the Animal Trust Fund. I will be doing the Women's Mini Marathon (10K) on June 5th for the Hospice and doing 'Hell and Back' - a 12k obstacle course - for the animal trust fund on June 17th. All donations will be split 50/50. These are worthwhile charity's with whom I have had personal experience and both need all the help they can get. I would be grateful for all donations, big or small, to help these charities continue their great work. Donations cards have been left in the sacristy/office this weekend and I will be here at the back of the church after each Mass next weekend. Thank you - Aisling

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

For the Parishes of Springfield/Jobstown/Brookfield

The annual parish pilgrimage to Knock for our parish grouping will take place on Saturday, 17th

June. The cost has still to be confirmed but is expected to be around €35 (or less). Those interested in going please leave your name and phone no. into the parish office as soon as possible so that we can get an idea of how many will be travelling.

Congratulations to the children from Scoil Solas Chriost who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday. We ask God's blessing on them and their families that their faith, hope and love will continue to grow in the years to come.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

BOOK AND CAKE SALE

We will be having a Book and Cake Sale in the Scout
Den on the weekend of 27th/28th May after the 6.30 and
12.30 Mass to raise funds for the parish. Books and
cakes would be greatly appreciated - please contact the
parish office with your details if you need anything
collected - cakes will be accepted on the days of the sale.
Books can be left into the office or if you leave your
phone no. with Marian in the office we will collect them
- If you have no books and cannot bake - we need volunteers to help on both days and would appreciate any
help - just leave your name and we will contact you.

'Flower Sunday' - Next Sunday, 28th May, we are Inviting, once again, the children coming to the 12.30 Mass to bring a flower/s in honour of Our Lady. This lovely tradition, brought to us by the Filipino community, is an opportunity for children in the parish to come along and place flowers at the statue of the Blessed Virgin when invited to do so during the Mass. The children who received their First Holy Communion this year are especially welcome and are invited to come in their Holy Communion clothes.

Teenline Volunteers Needed

Teenline is a local charity in Old Bawn, Tallaght, that helps teenagers who need help and need to talk to someone who will listen and not judge. Due to high demands on our telephone lines we are currently looking for volunteers to help out. Experience is not required but is an advantage, training will be provided. If you could spare a few hours a week to help out please contact 01-4622122 / 01-4622124 or email us at info@teenline.ie Thankyou

GODLY PLAY - continues over the next few weeks with the Resurrection stories - 'Knowing Jesus in a New Way'. Join us on Tuesdays: 23rd, 30th May and also: 6th and 13th June in Jobstown Pastoral Centre (in the grounds of St. Thomas' Church) -Godly Play for adults - 11am to 12pm and Godly Play for children - 2.45pm to 4pm

Child Safeguarding Training

Training takes place for all those directly working with children, and safeguarding representatives, will take next Saturday, 27th May in St. Aidan's Church,

Brookfield, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Light lunch included. Please leave your name and phone no. in the sacristy/parish office if you can attend the training day by Tuesday, 23rd May.

Many thanks in advance from the Parish Team.

INTERCULTURAL MASS

On Sunday, 4th June - Pentecost Sunday - at 12.30 Mass - we are having a concelebrated intercultural Mass to celebrate our great multicultural Christian community. There will be light refreshments afterwards. We are looking for flags for the different nationalities in our parish, to hang up in the church on the day of the Mass, so if you have one at home please drop it into the office and it will be returned to you later on. Thank you

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Exploring the Bible and its meaning in our lives - Mondays - 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Shalom (Beside St. Mark's Church). ALL WELCOME!

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017

We are still taking bookings for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage takes place from the 18th - 23rd August and we will be staying once again at the Hotel Saint Sauveur which is very close to the grotto. The cost is €699 per person sharing (full board). A non-refundable deposit of €200 is required to secure a place and can be paid in instalments. The balance can also be paid on a weekly/monthly basis. If you wish to book please call in to the parish office any weekday morning or call in to Sylvia in the office after 12.30 Mass on Sundays.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY INTO OUR COMMUNITY OF SAINT MARK

Tadhg Seán Doyle Zach Barry

We welcome you as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Michaela Gonde who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

Catherine Coloe
Tom McKenna
Kevin and Maureen Cushen
Avelino Panal
Patrick John O'Brien
Frank Halpin
Deborah Smyth
James Fitzpatrick (Birthday Remembrance)
Patricia Whelan
Bridget Healy (1st Anniversary)
Anna and Thomas Kavanagh (Birthday
Remembrance)

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)

21st May 2017 - Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Fr. Chris Derwin

70 Maplewood Rd. Tel. 089 4655775

Fr. Jimmy McPartland

Brookfield Tel: 462 5894

Parish Office

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Duty Phone

087 1092426 (emergencies only, when above contacts are unavailable)

The Deep End - The Spirit Within

"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you." - Corrie ten Boom

Imagine how the disciples must have reacted to the way Jesus was talking. In John's Gospel, as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and his death approaches, he starts to talk about leaving the disciples. They will no longer be able to see him. He predicts that Judas will betray him and Peter will deny him. The disciples are in turmoil. 'Where are you going?' they ask; 'Why can't I follow you?'; 'How can we know the way?'

On top of this, Jesus has started to give them instructions for after he is gone. The disciples still do not understand where, or why, Jesus is going, so you can sense their panic and fear at the task that lies ahead, the work they will have to do without their teacher and friend to help them. They will be like lost sheep, without a shepherd, to borrow one of Jesus' own metaphors.

So the promise they hear from Jesus that he will send his Spirit must be very welcome. 'I will not leave you orphans,' says Jesus, to a group who must have been afraid of just that. What's more, they already know this Spirit, because he is in them. That same Spirit is in us. We are not alone in our struggles.

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