

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€840**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€582**

No Family Offering envelope collection due to bank holiday.

Congratulations to all the children from St. Mark's and St. Anne's Schools 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be **no** Eucharistic Adoration **next Friday, 12th May** due to Confirmation taking place on that day.

The Vine Mass Team Presents
in Collaboration with St. Mark's World Youth Day Team

Movies with Meaning

**Sunday, 14th May at 7pm in
The Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn**

This month's movie is '**Dominic**' the story of the founding of the Dominican order

Follow us on facebook or vinemass@gmail.com

Wanted

We are looking for statues of Our Lady, in good condition, for school(s) in the area.
Contact Fr. Pat or parish office.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Elizabeth (Betty) Murphy and Simon Hederrman whose funerals took place this week in our parish.
May they rest in peace.

This Sunday is **VOCATIONS SUNDAY**, an opportunity for us all to reflect on our Baptismal calling to live a life of grace and holiness and an opportunity to pray for and foster vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

A special collection to support our students for the Priesthood takes place this weekend. It will replace the usual SHARE collection. Please support if you can.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017

We are currently 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.

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.

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 this **Monday, 8th May, at 7.30pm** in Shalom Parish Centre (beside the church) to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

Young Adults

The first meeting of our young Adult Faith and Friendship Group was a great success. Our next meeting will be on **Friday 19th May at 7.30pm in St. Mark's Church**. Come along, bring a friend, make new friends [ages 16 to mid 20's (ish)].

Well done to two of our young people, Mary Escoto and Reiltin Geoghegan, who recently graduated with certificates in youth leadership from the diocese. Well done girls and thank you for your time and commitment.

Child Safeguarding Training

Training takes place for all those directly working with children, and safeguarding representatives will take place on **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.

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

GODLY PLAY

Godly Play is back for five more weeks with the Resurrection stories -

'Knowing Jesus in a New Way'

Join us on Tuesdays: 16th, 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

Godly Play for children - 2.45pm to 4pm



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

**Elizabeth (Betty) Murphy and
Simon Hederman who died recently**

ANNIVERSARIES

**John Redmond
Anne and Frank Pitts
Liam Myers (Birthday Remembrance)
Gerry Nolan
Anne Keegan (Birthday Remembrance)
Ciara Ruane
James Wallace
Deceased Members of the Nolan Family
Thomas and Christina Corrigan**

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 - Thursday: 10am
Friday: 9.30am**

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)**

7th May 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Easter



'8th Amendment'

Listening to some of the commentary on the recent Citizens' Assembly and the campaign to repeal the 8th Amendment you would be forgiven for thinking that abortion is not even a moral issue, let alone a hugely important one which will impact on the lives of thousands of people, born and unborn, into the future.

It is difficult for a 'pro-life' perspective to be even heard in the public square. While these are difficult and complex issues at its heart this is an issue on how we value/treasure (or not) the life of **THE MOST VULNERABLE** in our society, the unborn. As Catholic Christians we have a duty to be clear as to the issues involved and should be able and willing to defend the 'right to life' of the unborn. This means educating ourselves on both sides of the argument. With this in mind, we'll offer some small help by designating the notice board at the back of the church (outside sacristy) as a 'love them both' board for the immediate future. If some parishioners were prepared to begin a 'love them both' group in the parish it would be a valuable asset.

Finally, we should all pray every day for all those with influence in this debate, pray for women (and their partners) in difficult pregnancies and pray for our children, born and unborn.

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