

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €752
- Share - 2nd Collection: €544
- Running expenses of the parish (Family Offering / Weekly Envelope - €1,514

Are you playing your part? Family Offering envelopes / Standing Order forms are available through the parish office.

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

As part of the Vine Group 'Sharing our Gifts' programme there will be a photo exhibition by award winning photographer Edward Byrne on **Thursday, 30th November**. The exhibition is titled 'Through the Looking Glass' and it takes place at **7.30pm in the Church of the Incarnation**. Admission is free and all are Welcome.

Congratulations to Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy who was ordained to the Priesthood in the Pro- Cathedral last Tuesday. We look forward to Bill's return on the first Sunday of Advent.

Exploring the Bible

and its meaning in our lives -

Mondays - 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Shalom

(Beside St. Mark's Church).

ALL WELCOME!

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Fridays after the 10am Mass until 3pm.

All are welcome to come and spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection.

Church Gate Collection

There will be a Church Gate Collection **next weekend** to help raise funds for St. Mark's Senior Citizen's Club. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to deliver the parish calendars for 2018, along with the Christmas timetable and dues envelopes which will be ready shortly for distribution to all homes in the parish. If you have some spare time and can deliver the above to your own, or nearby, road please leave your name and phone no. on the sheets provided on the table at the back of the church (outside sacristy in St. Mark's). You can also leave your details with Marian in the office during the week, tel. 01-4620777. When the packs are ready we will contact you to let you know. Your help and support in reaching as many homes as possible will be very much appreciated.

Light Up a Life **Celebrating 25 Years**

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross Light Up a Life event with guest of honour, Daniel O'Donnell, takes place on **Sunday, 26th November at 3.45pm**.

You can sponsor a light at www.lightupalife.ie

Volunteer stewards are needed for the day.

Please call 01-4911072 if you can help.

Our Lady's Hospice and Care Services, Fundraising Department 01-4911072.

PLEASE USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS THERE IS NO PARKING ON SITE

The 9,16, 49 and 54a all pass the hospice. Thank you for your support over 25 years.

Sale of Work

There will be a Sale of Work in St. Anne's National School, Fettercairn on **Thursday, 23rd November, from 9.30 - 2pm**. The Sale of Work has been organised to raise much needed funds for the school.

Donations of cakes, bric-a-brac and new toys would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped into Mary Kelly in St. Anne's School, Fettercairn by next Wednesday.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept donations of clothes or electrical goods.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 3rd December

Carol Service at 1.15pm in St. Mark's Church (after 12.30pm Mass) followed by light refreshments

Thursday 7th December

Monster Christmas Bingo in St. Mark's G.A.A. Club at 8.45pm sharp. All proceeds will be shared between St. Mark's Parish and St. Mark's G.A.A. Club

Wednesday 13th December

Service of Reconciliation at 7.30pm

PRAYER SERVICE

for those bereaved by suicide or other tragic death

Service will take place in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Jobstown on **Friday, 24th of November at 7.30pm**.

All are welcome!

Organised by H.O.P.E. Tallaght

Hold On Pain Eases

Trustus House, Main Street, Tallaght. Tuesday 7pm - 9pm
Mary McLoughlin, tel: 087-136 3082

Christmas cards (Divine Word Missionaries) are on sale in the parish shop - **€5 per pack of 12 cards**. Church Art calendars for 2018 are also on sale **@ €2 each**. The shop/office is open Monday to Friday, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

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

Alisa-May Maria Perry
Luke David Kidney
Lola Daisy McCarthy
Grace Hannah Ennis
Cody John Kenna Flynn

We welcome you as our brothers and
sisters in Christ.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE
FOLLOWING:**

Eimear Noonan and Terence Leydon
who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

John Martin
Edward and Mary Fitzsimons
Agnes Thompson
Martin Wilson
Carole Meehan
Pat Drew
Breda Dooley (10th Anniversary)
John and Rita Jameson
Jack and Madge Murphy
Mariah and Bob Ingram
Roddy Teehan
Margaret and Vincent Brennan

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

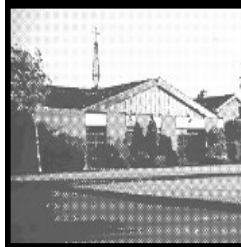
Last Sunday of the month: 10am -
Family (Children's) Mass

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

Confessions

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

19th November 2017 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Pat McKinley
68 Maplewood Rd.
Tel. 451 3109

Fr. Jimmy
McPartland
Brookfield

Rev. Bill
O'Shaughnessy
70 Maplewood Rd.

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 - Dive in!

Ruth Fitzmaurice was 32 years old when her husband Simon was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2008. He was given four years to live; two years later his lung function collapsed and he chose to be mechanically ventilated. He communicates using an 'eye gaze' computer, and their home is a whirlwind of 24-hour nursing care—as well as buckets of joy and love. The family of five has grown to seven since the diagnosis, Simon directed his first feature film, and Ruth has found solace in a daily sea swim with friends near their County Wicklow home while also writing a book, *I Found My Tribe*, about her experiences.

It is more than some individuals or families have to cope with in a lifetime, but the story Ruth tells is not a sad one. She and her family have taken a challenging situation and turned it into a positive story of love, friendship and hope.

Ruth and Simon came to mind when I read the gospel story for today. We are all dealt different cards in life, and some are tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. What's important is not the life we are given, but what we do with it. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. The Fitzmaurice family are doing a lot more than just 'getting on with it'. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, they meet their challenges head on. 'Dive in' is Ruth's message, no matter what life throws your way.

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