

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.

The next **Vine Mass** will take place next **Saturday, 2nd December in Fettercairn Church at 7pm** (doors open 6.30pm). Confession will be available after Mass. The celebrant is Fr. Bryan Shortall.

There will be a collection at this Mass for Brother Kevin to help the homeless.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments.

You are welcome to come along to our **Padre Pio devotions on Friday, 1st December**, in St. Mark's Church. Mass at 7.30pm and the Rosary at 7.15pm.

Volunteers Needed

Parish calendars, and timetable for Christmas ceremonies are now ready 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 take a pack and leave your name, phone no. and the road you have taken on the sheets provided on the table at the back of the church (outside sacristy in St. Mark's). Those who already volunteered will find a pack on the table with their name clearly marked on it. Your help and support in reaching as many homes as possible will be very much appreciated. If you take a pack please deliver them as early as you can so that as many people as possible will know in plenty of time about our carol service and especially the Reconciliation Service in St. Mary's Priory in Tallaght Village. Thank you.

Church Gate Collection

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

CHURCH - A HOSPITAL FOR SINNERS

Christmas Reconciliation Service

While Christmas brings its own stresses and strains for many people it is also a time where people take the opportunity to make new beginnings in damaged relationships. It can be a time of great healing between people and families. This is also true of our relationship with God. The birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, reminds us that God is with us in all the beauty and brokenness of our lives.

We live in a rapidly changing world and a rapidly changing Church which brings its own opportunities and challenges. This year we have the opportunity to explore a new way to be Church together in the area of reconciliation. We will have one Reconciliation Service this year for our Tallaght Deanery (10 parishes). It promises to be a beautiful evening of reflection and healing. Priests from each of the ten parishes in our deanery will be present.

There will be **NO** Reconciliation Service in individual parishes this year. We are combining resources to have one quality liturgy. This is an act of communion, of working more closely together in new ways, to encourage and support one another in faith, hope and love. This new arrangement at deanery level is a response to the increasing demands and diminishing resources among priests and parish communities.

Do join us in this golden opportunity for healing, prayer and reconciliation. **Where: St. Mary's Priory, Tallaght Village**
When: Wednesday, 13th December at 7.30pm

Holy Family Oratory

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

Monster Christmas Bingo

St. Mark's G.A.A. Club, in association with St. Mark's Parish are holding a Christmas Bingo on **Thursday, 7th December**. Bingo begins at 8.45pm sharp, with spot prizes and big cash prizes to be won. Large books are €20 (including jackpot sheets) and small books are €10 (with jackpot sheets). All funds raised on the night will be shared between St. Mark's Parish and St. Mark's G.A.A. Club. Please come along and support.

Crosscare Christmas Food Appeal

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is seeking support for a Parish Food Appeal to support Crosscare Food Banks.

We are asking everyone who can afford it to bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend and over the coming weeks. Donations will be passed on to the Outreach Centre in Jobstown who will distribute food parcels to needy families in our community before Christmas. The number of people seeking food supplies during these winter months is particularly high and staff are struggling to keep ahead. Types of foods urgently needed include soups, tinned meats, seasonal biscuits, tinned veg./fruit, tea/coffee, pasta, rice, sugar, powdered milk, etc.

Hygiene products, shampoo, etc. are also very welcome. Please donate if you can. Thank you.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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 PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

ANNIVERSARIES

Noel Lane
Robert O'Hara
Brian McDonald
James Evans (1st Anniversary)
Margaret Merriman
Christopher Byrne
Paddy Brady and his deceased relatives
Eamonn Royal (20th Anniversary)
Jack and Madge Murphy

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: 10am and 7.30pm with St. Pio devotions (Rosary at 7.15pm)

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)

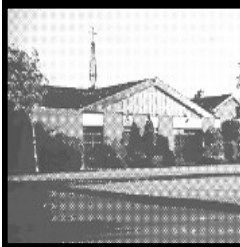
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Sunday: 10.00am
Last Sunday of the month: 10am - Family (Children's) Mass
1st Saturday of the month: Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

26th November 2017 - Our Lord Jesus Christ - Universal King



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)

We invite you to join us for our International Carol Service

In St. Mark's Church, Springfield after the 12.30pm Mass (1.15-1.30pm approx.)

Choirs representing India, The Philippines, Africa, Ireland, etc. will participate.

It will be followed by light refreshments at the back of the church.

All are very welcome to come along to this very festive event.

Goodbye Fr. John

Fr. John Attoh stepped in at short notice last February to support our grouping of parishes in the absence of a full-time priest. He has been saying week-day and Sunday Masses in all our parishes since then. Another dimension of Fr. Joh's service to us was that he lives in the city centre and relies on public transport to get here for each celebration. Without his practical help and support it would have been necessary to make further cuts to our Mass schedule this year.

I know anyone who took the time to get to know Fr. John a little found him to be a very cheerful, open and kind man. He is a man of deep prayer and this was evident in his prayerful celebration of Mass.

Many thanks Fr. John for your joyful service in our parishes and we wish you every blessing in your continued studies in Maynooth.

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