

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €827
- Share - 2nd Collection: €641
- Running expenses of the parish (Family Offering / Weekly Envelope - €1,160

The Vine Mass Team Presents

in Collaboration with St. Mark's World Youth Day Team

Movies with Meaning

Sunday, 10th December at 7.30pm

in the

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

this month's movie is

'The Christmas Tree'

A touching story to get us in the festive mood

Movie is FREE -

Light Refreshments Provided - All Welcome

Church Gate Collection

Thank you to everyone who supported last week-end's Church Group Club. The amount collected was €525.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Next **Friday, 8th December**, is the feast of The Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. There will be a **vigil Mass** on **Thursday, December 7th, at 7.30pm** and **Mass at 10am on Friday in St. Mark's Church.**

Road Volunteers Needed

Thank you to everyone who took a Christmas pack to deliver last week. However, there are still a number of roads that we need collectors for. The packs are available at the back of the church. Your help and support will be very much appreciated.

We invite you to join us for our International Carol Service

**in St. Mark's Church, Springfield after the 12.30pm
Mass this Sunday (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.

St. Vincent de Paul - ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 9th/10th December. It will replace the the Share (2nd) collection. This collection is essential to the work of the Society in order to reach out and help as many families as possible in our parish who may be going through difficult times. Your support and generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Memorial Cards

To avoid loss, please collect Memorial Cards that were on the Cross for November from the parish office during the coming week.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly **Parent Evening on Monday, 11th of December, from 7.30pm to 9pm 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.

For more information visit our website: www.anamcara.ie or phone 01-4045378.

Monster Christmas Bingo

St. Mark's G.A.A. Club, in association with St. Mark's Parish are holding a Christmas Bingo next **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

The Christmas Appeal for Crosscare Food Banks begins this weekend. We are asking everyone who can afford it to bring non-perishable food items to Mass 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 WELCOME THE FOLLOWING
WHO WERE BAPTISED
RECENTLY INTO OUR COMMUNITY OF
SAINT MARK

Emilee Nicole Howell
Dawson John Delahunty
Callum Anthony Sweeney
Sophia Christina Dunne
Kai Gavin Dowdall

We welcome you as our brothers and
sisters in Christ.

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

Mary O'Brien who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Brady
Rose, Nita and Nan Reilly
Zara Breen
Oliver Mulligan (21st Anniversary)
Tony Convery
Frederick Walpole
Gerard McNally (Month's Mind)
Thomas Allen
Baby Holly Lakes Farrell
Baby Aaron O'Neill
Baby Jonathan O'Neill
Páid and Frances Clancy and their
deceased relatives

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 - Wednesday: 10am
Thursday: 10am and 7.30pm (vigil
Mass for Feast of Immaculate
Conception)
Friday (holy day): 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

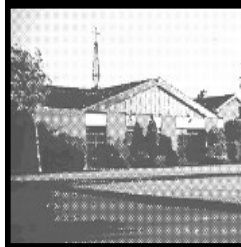
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

3rd December 2017 - First Sunday of Advent



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, Eammanuel, 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**

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

**Fr. Jimmy
McPartland**
Brookfield

Rev. Bill
O'Shaughnessy
70 Maplewood Rd.
Tel. 4590746

Parish Office
Monday to Friday
10.30 - 12.30pm
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when above contacts
are unavailable)

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