

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €799
- Share - 2nd Collection: €641
- Running expenses of the parish (Family Offering / Weekly Envelope - 1,242

Are you playing your part?

Family Offering envelopes / Standing Order forms are available through the parish office.

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

Exploring the Bible

and its meaning in our lives -

Mondays - 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Shalom
(beside St. mark's Church). All welcome.

Tallaght Cancer Support Group's Drop In

Centre is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am - 2pm. This is a place where people touched by cancer and their families can find support in a caring, confidential and welcoming environment. We are not confined to people from Tallaght - **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**. All our services are free of charge and include Counselling, Complimentary Therapies (Reflexology, Meditation, Mindfulness, Indian Head Massage), Information - Talks, Books, Leaflets. For more info call 086 4002736 or just drop in to Trustus House, 1-2 Main Street (opposite Dominican Priory), Tallaght Village.
www.tallaghtcancersupport.com

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Christy Curry, Marie Foran and Teresa Cruise whose funerals took place this week in our parish. May they rest in peace.

Tallaght Churches Together organised the 'Grace' series of talks, which began last week, on the 1st day of Christian Unity Week. If you really want to know how amazing '**GRACE**' really is, take a good look at the broken world it heals

What's So AMAZING about GRACE

by Philip Yancey
Thursday Evenings

INVESTIGATION OF GRACE

Ends on: Thursday, 22nd March - 7.30pm

in

St. Thomas The Apostle Parish Church,
Jobstown

All are most welcome to come along

Take the First Step to Overseas Volunteering!

Viatore Christi runs Overseas Volunteer training weekend courses in Dublin - if you are interested in becoming an overseas volunteer or just want to learn more about social justice at home or away, this course is for you.

Call today—Viatore Christi 01-8689986 or email: apply@viatorechristi.com for more information.

Family Offering Collection

Boxes of envelopes for the weekly Family Offering (Planned Giving) collection for 2018 are available in the parish office for those who don't have a collector for their road and would like to start / continue contributing to this collection. The family offering collection helps pay for the day to day running costs of the parish. Alternatively, you can set up a Standing Order with your bank to contribute to this collection on a monthly or annual basis. Forms are available in the parish office. Please support your parish if you can. Thank you

CALCUTTA 2018

Norah Merriman will be making her annual trip with a small group to Calcutta on February 4th 2018 to try and continue to take children off the streets and on to education. Norah has been travelling to Calcutta for many years now and the people of St. Mark's Parish have been extremely generous during that time. This has enabled improvements to be made in the lives of many children and also some destitute people in need of operations. All money raised goes directly to the most needy, there are no administration costs and the group pay all their own expenses. If you would like to give a donation, no matter how small, please give it directly to Norah or drop it into the office over the next couple of weeks. **Thank you.**

Christian Unity Week - Prayer Service

Sacred Heart Church, Killinarden
Sunday, 21st January at 3pm

All Welcome

An Evening of Music

Featuring: The Now and Then Production Company
With Special Guests: DAMS Vocal Ensemble - Laureate Lorcan Farrell - Catherine Griffin - Oblates Gospel Choir - Cára Davey - The Shadow of the Cross Folk Group

Musical Commentary by Eddie Brennan

Friday, 26th January at 7.30pm in
St. Dominic's Church, Tallaght

Donations Most Welcome

In aid of the Now And Then Production Company

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Friday after 10am Mass until 3pm.
All are welcome to come and spend some of that time in quiet prayer and reflection.



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

**Christy Curry, Marie Foran,
Monsignor Richard Sherry and
Teresa Cruise who died recently**

ANNIVERSARIES

**Ned and Kitty Williams
Jacinta Dunne
Rebecca Hopkins
Thomas Elston
Kevin Mulholland
Joan Nolan
Simon Hopkins
Sarah May
Con Farrelly**

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

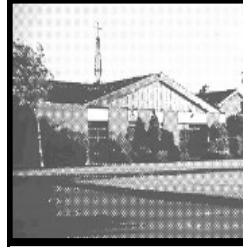
**Last Sunday of the month: 10am -
Family (Children's) Mass**

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

Confessions

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

21st January 2018 - 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.
Tel. 4590746

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 - The Call

'Will you come follow me if I but
call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and
never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will
you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?'

The hymn 'The Summons', by John L. Bell, consists of a list of questions from Jesus as he calls each of us to be disciples. Each one begins with the words 'Will you...?' The final verse is our response as disciples: 'Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.'

Today we reflect on Jesus' call to the very first disciples. There is a simplicity to the scenes where Jesus gathers his first disciples. He issues the invitation to follow him, and the fishermen respond with a resounding yes, leaving their nets, boats, and even their families behind, no questions asked. In the opening chapters of Mark's gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of urgency; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to leave aside our worldly concerns, see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus.

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