

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €723
- Share - 2nd Collection: €543
- Running expenses of the parish (Family Offering / Weekly Envelope - 1,120

Are you playing your part?

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

You are welcome to come along to our **Padre Pio devotions on Friday, 2nd February**, in St. Mark's Church. Mass at 7.30pm and the Rosary at 7.15pm.

Family Mass - Our monthly Family Mass will be celebrated next **Sunday, 4th February, at 12.30**. Families with children are especially welcome.

The Fatima Vigil

The Fatima Vigil which goes from church to church in the diocese will take place in **Holy Rosary Church, Old Court Road, Ballycragh, Tallaght on Friday, 2nd February, starting at 7.30pm.**

The 9 First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart was already established when Our Lady appeared to the children in Fatima and asked that devotion to her Immaculate Heart should be linked with this and people encouraged to practice the 5 First Saturdays.

So we gather at the vigil to make reparation to her Immaculate Heart for offences committed against her and to pray for peace in our world. We all know how much we need to pray and this is an opportunity to do so and to express our devotion to Mary, our Mother, who helps us so much. The vigil always includes a Holy Hour led by Fr. Piaras MacLochlainn, and the Rosary. There is an opportunity for Confession and the vigil concludes with Mass at 9.30pm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bernard Lynam whose funeral took place this week in our parish. May he rest in peace.

The 'Grace' series of talks, organised by Tallaght Churches Together continues with the third session next **Thursday, 1st February, at 7.30pm**. If you really want to know how amazing '**GRACE**' is, take a good look at the broken world it heals

'What's So AMAZING about GRACE'

by Philip Yancey

Thursday Evenings at 7.30pm

INVESTIGATION OF GRACE

in

St. Thomas The Apostle Parish Church,
Jobstown

Ends on: Thursday, 22nd March - 7.30pm

All are most welcome to come along

CALCUTTA 2018

Norah Merriman will be travelling with a small group to Calcutta next Sunday, 4th February, to help care for the street children and the destitute. Lots of improvements have been made over the years since Norah began going to Calcutta but there's still a long way to go. The group pay all their own expenses and any money raised goes directly to the most needy, with no administration costs.

Norah would like to thank everyone who has given donations to date. There's still time to make a donation if you wish, during the coming week by dropping it into the parish office or giving it directly to Norah.

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

The next **Vine Mass will take place next Saturday, 3rd February in Fettercairn Church at 7pm** (doors open 6.30pm). Confession will be available after Mass.

The celebrant is Fr. Donal Roche. Mass will be followed by light refreshments.

The Deep End - Genuine Authority

'But man, proud man,
Dress'd in a little brief authority,
Most ignorant of what he's most
assur'd...'

Measure for Measure - William Shakespeare

We probably wouldn't have to look too hard for examples of public figures who seem to fit the above description. Puffed up with a sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as the expert on a given subject, in spite of their limited knowledge or experience. We criticise politicians if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it's like, for example, to live on a minimum wage, or be at risk of homelessness. On the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have faced some of these issues themselves, or have made the effort to do their research and to listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking with genuine authority and care.

Those who listen to Jesus teaching in the synagogue in today's gospel know there is something different and exciting about him. His teaching is in sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing. The difference, stated twice in this passage, is his authority, and it leaves his audience 'astonished'. He does not use it the way we might tend to use our 'little brief authority', to make ourselves look good. Instead he uses his authority to serve, to love, and to bring mercy and freedom.

Triona Doherty

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 every Friday after 10am Mass until 3pm. All are welcome.



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Brendan Lynam who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Morrison (Month's Mind)

Julia Fishbourne

Marcella McDonnell

Billy Doyle

Christy Rowe (10th Anniversary)

Gary Clyne (1st Anniversary)

Pauline Dunne

Mariyamma Mathew

Rosaleen Longshore (Month's Mind)

Philip Andrews

Christy Couch (25th Anniversary)

Mary and Michael Kavanagh

Fr. Paddy Battelle

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 (preceded by the 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)

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

Sunday: 10.00am

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

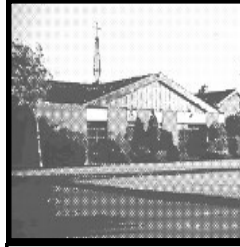
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

28th January 2018 - 4th 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)

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Preparations for World Meeting of Families 2018 are now in full swing. We are hopeful that Pope Francis will confirm his attendance in the coming weeks. The organisers here in Dublin are still in great need of volunteers for all sorts of roles and also people willing to host pilgrims from around the world in their own homes. If you can help please contact www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Further information on preparations, getting involved and registration are available at the same web address.

Here in our parishes we will begin praying the prayer of the World Meeting of Families every day before Mass.

If your family will volunteer to receive a statue of Our Lady for a few days on a rostered basis, please leave your contact details in the office, sacristy or with one of the priests, pastoral worker or deacon. Each family will be asked to pray together each day they have the statue for themselves, the families of our parishes, the Pope's intentions and the spiritual success of the World Meeting of Families.

Pope Francis' pastoral letter on the family 'Amoris Laetitia' (The Joy of Love) is available in Veritas shops. In it he addresses many digestible chunks. We could all benefit from reading it, discussing it with family and friends, praying with it in preparation for the meeting of families in August. Maybe some parishioners might like to get together as a little 'book club' to share its insights??

As we prepare for the forthcoming referendum on the repeal of the 8th Amendment, we hold in prayer the families of unborn children, especially those who for any reason are struggling with their pregnancy.

In his letter 'The Joy of Love' Pope Francis says "The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church.... The Christian proclamation of the family is good news indeed."

Let's all do what we can during these months to promote harmony and healing in all our families as we wait in hope to greet Pope Francis in Dublin in 2018.