

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€1,066**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€859**
- Running expenses of the parish (Family Offering / Weekly Envelope - No collection due to Bank Holiday)

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

The Vine Mass Team Presents
in Collaboration with St. Mark's World Youth Day Team

Movies with Meaning

Sunday, 14th January at 7.30pm

in the

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

this month's movie is

'It's a Wonderful Life'

A seasonal favourite - Movie is FREE -
Light Refreshments Provided - All Welcome

Family Offering Collection

Boxes of envelopes for the Family Offering (Planned Giving) collection for 2018 are available in the parish office if you don't have a collector for your 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/direct debit mandate 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

There are still a few **Church Art Calendars for 2018** on sale in the parish shop @ **€2** each.

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

10 Thursday Evenings - 10 sessions

INVESTIGATION OF GRACE

Begins on: Thursday, 18th January - 7.30pm

Ends on: Thursday, 22nd March - 7.30pm

in

St. Thomas The Apostle Parish Church, Jobstown

You are not going to miss it, are you?

Organised by Tallaght Churches Together

PARENTS PLUS

Adolescent Programme

An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 17 years.

An 8 week course taking place every Wednesday morning from 24th January to 21st March 2018.

It will take place in Springfield, Tallaght from 10am to 12.30pm

The course will be facilitated by Irene Quinn from Crosscare Teen Counselling and Jacqueline Smith from Crosscare Youth Services.

For more information or to reserve your place, please contact: Irene Quinn: 01 5576002 ext. 507 or iquinn@crosscare.ie

Jacqueline Smith: 086-7802754 or jacqueline.smith@crosscare.ie

Christmas Dues

Thank you to everyone who has given in their Christmas dues envelope in support of your priests, those working, sick and retired. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated. Spare envelopes are available at the back of the church.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

You are invited to come along to the monthly Prayer Meeting of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society on **Monday, 8th January, at 7.30pm** in Shalom Parish Centre (beside the church) to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.
"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer, and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."

- Pope Francis

Exploring the Bible

And its meaning in our lives -

Mondays - 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Shalom

(beside St. Mark's Church).

All welcome.

CALCUTTA 2018

Norah Merriman will be making her annual trip with a small group to Calcutta on February 4th 2018 to try to 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 coming weeks. **Thank you.**

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:

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Wogan

Baby Emma Denieffe (21st Birthday Remembrance)

Baby Seán Denieffe (19th Birthday Remembrance)

Ellen Minihan

Joe Kendrick (1st Anniversary)

Anne Keegan

Michael Morrison

Rosaleen and Joseph Cullen

James and Margaret Gavin 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 - 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

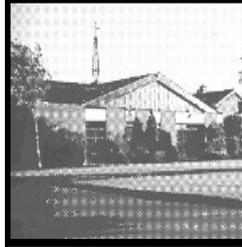
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

7th January 2018 - The Baptism of the Lord



The Deep End - A searching for God

He came in search of John.
He came in search of baptism.
He came in search of blessing.
He came in search of the Spirit.
He came in search of God's favour.
He came in search of God's love.

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The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptised. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead.

'You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you.'

St. Augustine

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