

EARTH HOUR - Care For Our Earth

On **Saturday, 24th March**, skylines across the world will go dark, as millions of people turn off their lights. This is the world's biggest annual event to help protect the environment. This year Earth Hour is at **8.30 - 9.30pm**. Make a commitment to our common home - help turn small actions into big change.

Volunteers Needed - We are looking for volunteers to distribute the timetable for Holy Week ceremonies and the Easter Dues envelopes to all roads in the parish. The packs are at the back of the church. Just write your name and phone no., and the road you have taken, on the sheets provided. We would also ask that the packs are **delivered by next weekend** so that everyone will be informed about the Reconciliation Service in St. Mary's Priory, Tallaght Village on March 26th. Your help and support in reaching as many homes as possible will be very much appreciated. **Thank you to everyone who has already taken a pack .**

St. Vincent de Paul - Advocate Collection

The annual Advocate Gate Collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul's Sunshine Fund takes place **next weekend, 24th/25th March**. The Fund provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

We are inviting everyone to bring a **yellow** or **white** flowering plant to the church for Easter, in remembrance of a loved one who died recently or long ago. The plants will form part of the Easter Garden and decoration of the church. **Plants can be left into the parish office or sacristy from next weekend, 24th/25th March.**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Rita Boland whose funeral took place this week in our parish. May she rest in peace.

CROSSCARE Youth Services Collection

The Annual Collection for CROSSCARE Youth Services - Social Service Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will take place at all Masses **this weekend**. It will replace the normal share Collection. CROSSCARE provides a wide range of focused supports and programmes aimed at empowering people to achieve their own potential. Their work is person centred, rights based and supports peer led initiatives that give people the power to make changes in their own lives. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

Mercy Like Rain - Reconciliation Service for Lent

There will be one Reconciliation Service during Holy Week for our Tallaght Deanery (10 parishes) which will take place in **St. Mary's Priory Church, Tallaght Village on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm**. There will be **NO** Reconciliation Service in individual parishes for Easter. We are once again combining resources to have one quality liturgy (as was done for Christmas 2017).

Pope Francis on the Right to Life

"Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person ... even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!"

Pope Francis' speech to Catholic healthcare professionals and gynaecologists. September 20, 2013.

Famous People and Abortion

Celine Dion credits her family's parish priest for convincing her mother not to abort her, recounting, "I owe my life to that priest."

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2018

We are taking bookings for our annual parish pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place this year from the **23rd - 28th August**. The cost is **€699 per person sharing (full board)**. The hotel is the Sant Sauveur which is very close to the grotto.

A non-refundable deposit of €200 is required which can be paid weekly in the parish office or with Sylvia after 12.30 Mass on Sundays. When deposit is paid the remaining balance can be paid on a weekly/ fortnightly/ monthly basis.

'What's So Amazing About GRACE?'

Session SEVEN: GRACE ABUSE - CHEAPENING GRACE AND ROBBING ITS POWER

Continues on Thursday, **22ND March at 7.30pm** in **St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Jobstown**
All are welcome to come along

Please note the last three sessions will continue after Easter break, beginning the **12th of April**.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

If you would like a deceased loved one remembered at Mass this Easter please leave their name(s) into the parish office during the coming week. The names will be put up on our Wall of Remembrance.

Daffodil Day

Daffodil pins will be on sale at the back of the church (St. Mark's) after 10am Mass **next Thursday, 22nd March**. Daffodil Day is in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, which helps many families who have been affected by cancer. They provide nursing care, support and information for cancer patients and their families.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING
WHO WERE BAPTISED
RECENTLY INTO OUR COMMUNITY OF
SAINT MARK

Ella Carleen O'Connor
Riley Holly McLoughlin
Senán James Sheridan
Lauren Jennifer O'Reilly
Charlie Jack Jeff Costello

We welcome you as our brothers and sisters
in Christ.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE
FOLLOWING:

Rita Boland who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

Andy McNevin
Theresa and Thomas Donnelly
Michael Lohan
Sr. Rosina O'Leary
Larry and Mary Dolan (30th
Anniversary)
Ellen and Joseph Potter
Jim, Nell and Ken O'Callaghan
Mary and Baby Theresa Donaghy

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

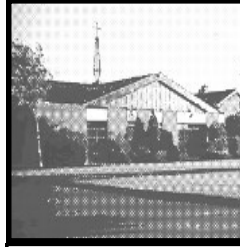
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

18th March 2018 - 5th Sunday of Lent



The Living Passion

In celebration of World Meeting of Families, the Vine
Group will be holding the **Living Passion during Holy
Week, March 25th-30th, around the churches of
Tallaght**. This is a unique and truly spiritual testimony
to our living God. The planned schedule for the Vine
group Living Passion witnesses will be advertised in local
papers and through posters.

The leader of the wilderness is Fr. John Attoh.

- **Vine Mass at 6.45pm Sunday 25th March in
St. Aengus Church, Balrothery - start of the Living
Passion in Tallaght - celebrated by the Living
Passion witnesses. All welcome.**
- **Monday 26th March - 10am Mass and the witnesses'
testimony of God in St. Mark's Church, Springfield
The witnesses will travel to Glendalough and
celebrate Mass in God's cottage.**

See poster in church porches for more events taking place
during Holy Week.

INVITE MARY INTO YOUR HOME

**As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families, why
not invite the Blessed Mother into your home for a few
days?**

How it works:

Simply leave your details into the sacristy, parish office or
with one of the priests. A statue of the Blessed Virgin
Mary will be given to you to take home and pray each day
with Mary for the success of the World Meeting of
Families and the protection of your own family. **At the end
of the few days**, simply return the statue to any of the
priests or the parish office so that the next family can
receive the statue!

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