

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €560
- Crosscare Youth Services Collection: €457
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: No collection this week due to bank holiday

Are you playing your part?

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

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.

The Living Passion Witnesses, led by Fr. John, will be arriving by bus to the Square stop at approximately 5.30pm on Palm Sunday. Our hope is that a large group of people will be there to meet them. This will be followed by a Vine Mass on the Sunday evening at 6.45pm in St. Aengus Church, Balrothery. All welcome.

10am Mass will be celebrated in St. Mark's Church on the Monday with the witnesses' testimony of God. The witnesses will then travel to Glendalough and celebrate Mass in God's cottage. The Witnesses will be at many events taking place in various churches throughout Tallaght during Holy Week. Please take time to look at the poster in the church porch. We hope that you can participate in some of the events taking place during this Holy Week.

St. Vincent de Paul - Advocate Collection

The annual Advocate Gate Collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul's Sunshine Fund takes place **this weekend**. 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.

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). St. Mark's Youth Choir will be providing the music during the ceremony. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Choose Life

"I'm so thankful the Eighth Amendment was there to protect me from making a quick and rash decision when I was experiencing a crisis pregnancy" -
Emma Maloney, 25, from Co. Kildare

"To be a mother is an opportunity for a lifetime of love. To be a mother to a baby with a terminal illness is no less a privilege. It is an extraordinary opportunity for a deep and lasting love." - Cliona Johnson, from Dublin, whose son John Paul lived for just 17 minutes.

Famous People and Abortion

Jack Nicholson's 17 year old mother was pressured by her peers to have an abortion. She did not go through with it, and he was raised by his maternal grandparents. Nicholson describes his current views as out of step with many in Hollywood, "I'm very contra my constituency in terms of abortion because I'm positively against it. I don't have the right to any other view. My only emotion is gratitude, literally, for my life," said Nicholson.

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.

Volunteers for Cleaning of Church for Easter Can You Help?

We have a great, but small, team of volunteers who tirelessly give their time every Thursday to clean our church. We cannot thank them enough for the work that they do all year round. However, extra help is always welcome at Christmas and Easter. With this in mind, we are looking for volunteers who can lend a hand after the 3 o'clock ceremony on Good Friday (around 4pm). The more volunteers the quicker it can be done. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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.

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 this week.**

'What's So Amazing About GRACE?'

Please note the last three sessions will continue after Easter break, beginning on Thursday, **12th April** in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown at 7.30pm.



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Pat McLoughlin who died recently
ANNIVERSARIES

- James King**
- Eddie Byrne**
- Bridget Hughes**
- Paddy and Kathleen Johnston**
- Joseph Murray (1st Anniversary)**
- John Harrington**
- Mrs. Harrington**
- Deborah Denby**

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

Mon - Wed: 10am
 Thurs: 10am - Morning Prayer
 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8.30-9.30pm 'Watch and Pray' before the Blessed Sacrament
 Good Fri: 10am - Morning Prayer
 3pm - Liturgy of the Passion
 7.30pm - Stations of the Cross
 8-9pm - Prayer around the Cross
 Holy Sat: 10am - Morning Prayer
 10-11am - Confessions

Fettercairn Church:

Good Friday:
7.30pm - Prayer around the Cross

WEEKEND MASSES

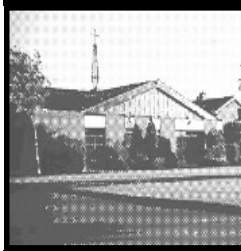
St. Mark's Parish Church

Saturday: Easter Vigil - 9pm
 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

25th March 2018 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



News for World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis has confirmed the good news that he will be coming to Dublin for two days during World Meeting of Families 2018 in August.

Volunteering for WMOF201

There's still a great need for volunteers who can give 2-4 days between 19th-28th August. There are roles in welcome, information teams, stewards, media support, event support, logistics, exhibition support, venue teams and lots of other areas! For more details see: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Volunteer

Host a Pilgrim / Family

Thousands of people will be travelling to Ireland from across the globe to participate in WMOF2018. If you can host a family, a couple or an individual pilgrim next August please go to: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostapilgrim

Registration for Pastoral Congress

Registration is now open for the Pastoral Congress which will run from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th August in the RDS. Details of how to get tickets for the Festival of Families on the Saturday night the final Mass on Sunday, 26th August will be provided in due course. However, if parishioners register for the Pastoral Congress now, they will be guaranteed their ticket for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass. Details are available at: Www.worldmeeting2018.ie/tickets

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