

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€841**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€663**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: **€2,110** (2 weeks)

Are you playing your part?

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

## **An Evening of Music**

in aid of Autism Ireland

### **Amy Costello (Soprano)**

(Amy is a member of our parish community )

### **Emily Boyle (Piano)**

**Special Guests:**

### **Niall O'Sullivan (Trumpet)**

### **Jessica Harris (Oboe)**

### **Damian Gallagher (Piano)**

An Evening of Song and Music  
Mozart, Haydn, Puccini, Strauss, Hahn, Mahn, Menotti,  
Head, Rota, Piazzolla, Morricone and Gallagher

**This Sunday, 15th April, at 7.30pm**

**in the Ruah Pastoral Centre**

**Marian Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14**

**Admission €10**

**All proceeds go to Autism Ireland**

## **Exploring the Bible**

*and its meaning in our lives -*

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Brian Bannerman, Trish Brennan, Gerard Cassidy, James Casey and Maureen Blake whose funerals took place this week. May they rest in peace.

## **'What's So Amazing About GRACE?'**

Session Nine - **DISPENSING GRACE—HOW CAN WE DO IT? Thursday, 19th APRIL at 7.30pm** in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown. All welcome.

**Congratulations** to the children from St. Mark's Junior School who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday at 10am and 12.30pm Mass in St. Mark's Church. We ask God's blessing on them and their families as they celebrate this special day. The children from Solas Christ school will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday, 22nd April, in St. Mark's Church at 10am. Please keep them all in your prayers.

## **The Vine Mass Team Presents**

### **Movies with Meaning**

**This Sunday, 15th April at 7.30pm**  
in the

### **Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn**

this month's movie is

### **'RISEN'**

Movie is FREE - Light Refreshments Provided -  
All Welcome

## **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.

**Trócaire Boxes** - Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Trócaire campaign. If you have a box at home that you got through the church please drop it into the office/sacristy as soon as possible so that we can send on your donations. Spare Trócaire envelopes are available in the church porch if you didn't have a box but would like to make a donation.

Next Sunday, 22nd April, is **VOCATIONS SUNDAY**, an opportunity for us all to reflect on our Baptismal calling to live a life of grace and holiness and an opportunity to pray for and foster vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. **A special collection** to support our students for the Priesthood takes place at all Masses **next weekend, 21st/22nd April**. It will replace the usual Share collection. Please support if you can.

## **Dublin Diocesan and Parish Pilgrimage to Knock**

**Saturday 21st April 2018**

**'WE ARE PILGRIMS - KNOCK INVITES US TO HEALING AND PEACE'**

**Spiritual Director** - Deacon Derek Leonard

**Cost - €35 per person.** Tea/Coffee and a scone on the way to Knock and dinner on the way home will be provided by the Road House Café.

**Bus is leaving at :**

**7.15am sharp** from St. Mark's Church car park,  
Springfield

7.30am from St. Aidan's Church, Brookfield  
7.45am from St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Jobstown

**Places must be booked in the parish office NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 16TH APRIL** and full payment must be made no later than Wednesday, 18th April. Office is open 10.30am to 12.30pm.

## **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.

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

Baby Chloe Mary Byrne

We welcome you as our sister  
in Christ.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE  
FOLLOWING:**

**Brian Bannerman, Trish Brennan,  
Gerard Cassidy, James Casey and  
Maureen Blake who died recently**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Tom O'Hara  
Teresa Keegan  
Paul Clooney  
Bridget Malone  
Maureen Gaffney  
Richard Harper  
Lazar and Aurelia Malai  
Jack and Rose Doyle  
Mary Ryan  
Elizabeth Tynan  
May Barry  
Brenda Barry (Birthday Remembrance)  
Jane Kennedy (1st Anniversary)  
Lorraine McDonnell (1st Anniversary)  
Mary, Michael and John Ruane  
May Barrett (100th Birthday Remembrance)**

**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)

15th April 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter

**Choose Life**

"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.

**Cliona's Story** - "At my 22-week scan I was given the diagnosis  
that my son had anencephaly, a condition where the baby's brain  
doesn't develop fully. I felt complete devastation as the future  
my husband and I had seen for our child disappeared before our  
eyes.

"At the same time, we realised this child was a gift from  
God. We believe all of us are made in the image of God so  
every child brings an image of who God is into our lives.

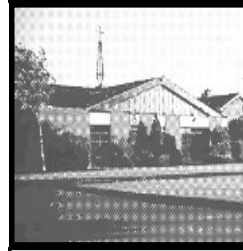
"The doctors told me I had two choices. I could travel to  
England and have a termination or I could continue with my  
pregnancy. I remember at the time asking the doctor 'will he  
suffer?'. That was my big question. The doctor assured us 'no'.  
This baby did not know any different. He was safe in my womb.  
Everything in me wanted to protect John Paul.

When John Paul was born he lived for 17 minutes. He  
was held for all 17 minutes and loved his entire life. My  
prevailing memory of that time is one of peace. We walked the  
journey of life as far as we could with him. We had done every-  
thing we could for him. We had given him everything that we  
wanted to give him and now we could let him go.

"For us, as parents who have faith in God and in God's  
Kingdom, we were letting him go somewhere he could be  
complete, where he could be fully healthy, where he could be  
fully alive but always with us.

"To be a mother is a great privilege and 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.

"There is some treasure in life you have to dig for. The  
lives of babies like John Paul are a treasure way beyond what  
you could have asked or imagined. To lose this in our society is  
to lose something very profound."



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when above contacts  
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