

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€1,296**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€835**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: **€1,181**

Are you playing your part?

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

St. Mark's Parish Lourdes Fund

There will be a **Church Gate Collection** after Mass **next weekend, 28th/29th April** to raise funds to send someone to Lourdes with the parish in August this year. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Exploring the Bible

and its meaning in our lives -

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

All welcome.

Easter Dues

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Easter Dues. The dues form part of the income of our priests, those working, sick and retired. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Spare envelopes are available in the church porch.

GODLY PLAY

EASTER STORIES -

KNOWING JESUS IN A NEW WAY

For three Tuesdays only: May 15th, 22nd and 29th in St. Thomas the Apostle Pastoral Centre, Jobstown - 11am-12 noon for adults and 3-4pm for children. All welcome.

'What's So Amazing About GRACE?'

Session Ten (final session) - **COUNTER FORCE - GRACE SET LOOSE IN THE WORLD**
Thursday, 26th APRIL at 7.30pm in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown. All welcome.

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.

Congratulations

to the children from Scoil Solas Chríost who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday at 10am Mass in St. Mark's Church. We ask God's blessing on them and their families as they celebrate this special day.

Tallaght Cancer Support Group's Drop In Centre is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am - 2pm. This is a place where people touched by cancer and their families can find support in a caring, confidential and welcoming environment. We are not confined to people from Tallaght - **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**. All our services are free of charge and include Counselling, Complimentary Therapies (Reflexology, Meditation, Mindfulness, Indian Head Massage), Information - Talks, Books, Leaflets. For more info call 086 4002736 or just drop in to Trustus House, 1-2 Main Street (opposite Dominican Priory), Tallaght Village.
www.tallaghtcancersupport.com

This Sunday 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 **this weekend**. It will replace the usual Share collection. Please support if you can.

A Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus send labourers into
your fields,
which are awaiting holy apostles,
saintly priests,
heroic missionaries and
dedicated sisters and brothers.

Enkindle in the hearts of men and
women the spark of a vocation.

Grant that Christian families may
desire to give your Church
helpers
in the work of tomorrow.

Amen

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.

Holy Family Oratory

Mass is celebrated in The Holy Family Oratory in the Square every **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12 noon**. All welcome.



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert O'Connor
Robert and Sonny Doyle
Alan Banks (1st Anniversary)
Annie Walsh
John and Bridget Leonard
Ruby Hynes (Month's Mind)
Billy McDonagh
Tommy King
Derek Loftus
Michael O'Reilly

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)

22nd April 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Easter



Choose Life

"I'm challenged on my views a lot because I'm a man. There are some who feel I shouldn't have an opinion. As a father, I say we should all have a voice in this debate. It's a family issue at heart."

- *Seán Feeney from Castleknock, Dublin 15.*

Seán's Story - "The up and coming referendum on the Eighth Amendment essentially provides for the removal of the most fundamental human right - the right to life of a little baby.

"Repealing the Eighth Amendment will have a significant impact on the unborn, on mothers, on families and on society as a whole. Protecting the Eighth Amendment is a positive thing for Irish society because it protects the lives of both mother and baby equally.

"It is a scientific fact that the life of a little baby begins at the moment of conception. The heart starts beating at 21 days. By week 8, everything found in a fully grown person is formed. All that is needed is time to grow and develop. The biggest growth spurt takes place in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy and we will never grow at that rate again.

"These gestational milestones are something that pro-choice advocates deny when they refer to the baby as a 'foetus' and a 'blob of tissue'. Without the Eighth Amendment an entire group of human beings will be denied their right to life. This is also a threat to the hope of society, as who knows the potential an unborn child could have when they are born?

"I am challenged on my views a lot because I am a man. I like to engage with my friends and encourage them to take part in this important debate. Some people feel I shouldn't have an opinion. As a father, I say, we should all have a voice in this debate. It's a family issue at heart.

"The existence of the Eighth Amendment has had a positive impact not only on women but also on men. I would encourage all men to speak out and express their views on this fundamental social topic."

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