

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €1,020
- Share - 2nd Collection: €581
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: No collection last week due to bank holiday)

Are you playing your part?

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

The Deep End - The Peace of Jesus

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often they bring some sort of growth into our lives and that is usually not a pleasant experience. Today's Gospel shows us that even in those difficult times, faith can be transformative. Jesus came and stood amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (*shalom*) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit; it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, must be for others what Jesus has been for them. The risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. This is not easy as we often meet cynicism and doubt. Yet, John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life; reminding us of the importance of the Word of God for our lives. Through the Word we come to know Jesus more deeply and can experience this *peace* that he offers us.

'For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until someone breathes new life into them.'

Shane Claiborne

'What's So Amazing About GRACE?'

SERIES WILL BE BACK ON THURSDAY, **12th APRIL at 7.30pm** in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown with Session 8 - **'THE CHURCH BACKSLIDES'** (the last two sessions will follow on Thursdays, 19th and 26th April. It's not too late to join!

The First Vine Mass in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Jobstown will be celebrated on Saturday, 14th April at 7pm. ALL WELCOME!

'Our Common Humanity' - Life Issues

Extracts from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

Two Lives, one love

An expectant mother needs and deserves the care and support of everyone around her, particularly if her pregnancy poses a serious crisis for her and her family. A mother may be informed that her baby faces serious challenges or is perhaps terminally ill. She might be pregnant as a result of rape. Especially in those tragic cases both the mother and her unborn child can - and must - be loved and cherished.

A compassionate society will do all in its power to support and love both mother and baby, and encourage responsible support from fathers. This vision of life makes sense to people of all faiths and none. While it is enriched by our Catholic faith, it is our common humanity that convinces us of the right to life of every human being.

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 this week so 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.

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.

Dublin Diocesan and Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

There will be parish pilgrimage to Knock, as part of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage, on Saturday, April 21st. **There will be no parish pilgrimage going in June.** The cost will be €35 approximately (to be confirmed later in the week. This will include transport and food. The bus will depart at 7.30am. There will be special activities for young people in Knock on the day. Bookings need to be made in the Parish office as soon as possible, the office is open between 10.30am and 12.30pm. A non-refundable deposit of €10 is required to secure your place.

Exploring the Bible

and its meaning in our lives -

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

'God Himself doesn't propose to judge a person until they are dead. So why should you?'

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

Jayden Thomas Hanley
Karson Joseph McGrath
Ricky Joseph Fowler
Zoe Elaine McHugh

We welcome you as our brothers and sisters
in Christ.

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

**Brian Bannerman and Eddie O'Donnell
who died recently**

ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry Swift (1st Anniversary)

John McCallion

Corinna Spratt (Birthday Remembrance)

Patrick Lawlor

Michael and Lena Daly

Rita Boland (Month's Mind)

Margaret Hogan

Jennifer Gunning

Margaret and James Gavin and their

deceased relatives

Christine Tyrrell

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

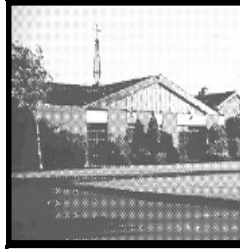
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

8th April 2018 - Second Sunday of Easter



Mary Magdala's Easter Prayer

Ronald Rolheiser

I never suspected

Resurrection, and to be so painful

to leave me weeping

With joy

to have met you, alive and smiling, outside an empty
tomb

With regret

not because I've lost you

but because I've lost you in how I had you -

in understandable, touchable, kissable, clingable
flesh

not as fully Lord, but as graspably human.

I want to cling, despite your protest

cling to your body

cling to your, and my, clingable humanity

cling to what we had, our past.

But I know that ... if I cling

you cannot ascend and

I will be left clinging to your former self

... unable to receive your present Spirit.

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