

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€690**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€520**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: **€955**

Are you playing your part?

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

A new European Data Protection law, the **General Data Protection Regulation** (“GDPR”), is being introduced on **25th May 2018**. This new law applies to any Organisation, including our parish, that manages and processes people’s personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Francis (Fran) Moran whose funeral took place in our parish this week. May he rest in peace.

### **Exploring the Bible**

*and its meaning in our lives -*

There will be **no meeting** of the Bible Group this week. **Meetings will resume on Monday, 11th June.**

### **Volunteers Needed for Barnardos National Collection Day**

Barnardos is seeking parishioners to support them with 1-2 hours of their time to help collect funds on Barnardos National Collection Day on Friday, 14th September 2018. We need to help with organised bag-packs or on-street collections in their local community. All money raised on the day will help change the lives of vulnerable children and their families in communities around Ireland. Every hour volunteered will give hope and create brighter futures. To hear what’s planned in your community for the day and how you can get involved please contact Robyn Macken on 01-7080418 or email [buckets @barnardos.ie](mailto:buckets@barnardos.ie)

### **Consecration of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The Consecration of St. Thomas’ Parish will be celebrated next Sunday, 10th June, at the 11.30am Family Mass. Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all our trust in YOU!

**Congratulations** to all the 6th class children from St. Aidan’s School who were confirmed by Bishop Eamonn Walsh in St. Mark’s Church this week.

“Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.”

### **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.**

When deposit is paid the balance can be paid on a weekly/ fortnightly basis in the parish office or with Sylvia after 12.30 Mass on Sundays.

### **Compulsive eating is an illness... but There is a Solution!**

“If, when you honestly want to, you cannot quit entirely or you have little control over the amount you take, you are probably alcoholic. If that be the case, you may be suffering from an illness which only spiritual experience will conquer.” (Big Book of AA, page 44).

Overeaters Anonymous will meet every Monday at 6pm in Dominic’s Community Centre. Contact Sarah at 083-8839632 or email: [recoveredoasponsor@yahoo.com](mailto:recoveredoasponsor@yahoo.com)

### **The Vine Mass Team Presents**

### **Movies with Meaning**

Next Sunday, 10th June at 7.30pm in the **Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn** this month’s movie is **‘The Mission’** (with Robert de Niro and Jeremy Irons)

Movie is FREE - All Welcome



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

**Francis (Fran) Moran who died recently**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**John and Mary Smyth  
Nora O'Hara  
Christy Murphy  
Margaret King  
Phyllis Ruane**

**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**

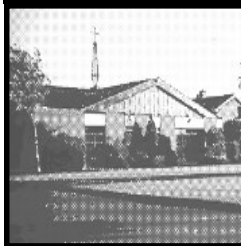
**1st Saturday of the month:**

**Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm**

**Confessions**

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

3rd June 2018 - The Body and Blood of Christ



**The Deep End - Corpus Christi**

On the feast of Corpus Christi we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist. It was one of the last actions of Jesus to give us this nourishment for our life journey, to remember him and to help us live out his teachings in our daily lives.

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**Fr. Jimmy  
McPartland**

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O'Shaughnessy**  
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**Parish Office**

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10.30 - 12.30pm  
Tel: 462 0777

**Duty Phone**

087 4652258  
(emergencies only,  
when above contacts  
are unavailable)

As Christ's followers we are all called to change from within so that we can be part of the building of a kingdom of love, justice and peace in this world, so that we ourselves are transformed in some way. The Eucharist, as Pope Francis says, *'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak'*. It is a call for all of us to grow and to share with one another Christ's message of love and peace. The Eucharist sustains us on this Christian path and brings us together as sisters and brothers travelling together on this journey of faith. We should leave this table changed by the encounter, a little lighter, a little more hopeful and joyful, a little stronger. In a movie I saw recently there was a line which said *'the world will only change as we change'*. The Eucharist invites us to this transformation. Because *'in the Eucharist the whole cosmos gives thanks to God... it is itself an act of cosmic love... The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation'* (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

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