

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €788
- Share - 2nd Collection: €595
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: €1,020

The Vine Mass Team Presents

Movies with Meaning

This Sunday, 9th December, at 7.30pm

in the

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

this month's movie is

'Miracle on 34th Street'

Movie is FREE - Light refreshments available
All Welcome

CROSSCARE Christmas Food Appeal

Thank you to everyone who brought donations last weekend and this weekend for the Crosscare Food Appeal. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

Exploring the Bible

and its meaning in our lives -

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

Brookfield Christmas Raffle

We are currently selling tickets for Brookfield's Christmas raffle on **Sunday, December 16th** to raise much needed funds for their parish. If anyone wishes to donate any unwanted gifts for the raffle, they can be left into the sacristy or parish office and Fr. Pat or Fr. Bill will bring them over to Brookfield Church. Tickets can be bought in St. Mark's parish office - Tickets €3 each or 5 tickets for €10. If anyone can take some to sell we will be very grateful, just call into Marian in the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul - ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend**. It will replace the Share (2nd) collection. This collection is essential to the work of the Society in order to reach out and help as many families as possible in our parish who may be going through difficult times.
Your support and generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Service Of Reconciliation

for our Tallaght Deanery (10 parishes)

will be celebrated in

St. Mary's Priory Church

Tallaght Village

on **Wednesday, December 12th at 7.30pm.**

All are most welcome to join us for prayer, healing and reconciliation

Do You Remember the

MOVING CRIB?

42 Parnell Square w, Dublin 1

OPEN EVERY DAY UNTIL JANUARY 6TH

11am - 6pm

closed 25th, 26th December and 1st January

GROUPS MUST PRE BOOK

Individuals and Families do NOT need to book

tel. (01) 874 5465 www.stmartin.ie/crib

Memorial Cards

To avoid loss, please collect Memorial Cards that were on the Cross for November from the parish office during the coming week. Thank you.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

WITH THE SAVIOUR

Silence with Jesus

Psalms and Reflective Music

Presider: Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy

St. Mark's Church

Friday, 14th December at 7.30pm

All are Welcome

Christmas Cards (Divine Word Missionaries) are on sale in the parish office/shop. The cost is **€6 per pack of 12 cards**. We also have **Church Art calendars for 2019 @ €2 each**. The shop/office is open Monday to Friday, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Family Life

Pro Life Meeting:

New Strategies for Reclaiming the Middle Ground

Venue: Jobstown Community Centre

Tuesday, December 11th, at 7.30pm

All Welcome

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

Rose, Nan and Nita Reilly
Noel Duggan (Birthday Remembrance)
Paula Flanagan (5th Anniversary)
Zara Breen (20th Anniversary)
Vera Donoghue (15th Anniversary)
James Mulhall
Frances Heeney
Patrick Hogan
Nicholas Kehoe (Birthday Remembrance)
Stephanie Watts
Tom and Nellie Minihan
Páid and Frances Clancy and their
deceased relatives

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

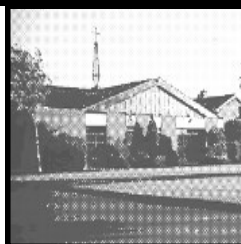
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

9th December 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent



Fr. Pat McKinley

68 Maplewood Rd.
Tel. 451 3109

**Fr. Bill
O'Shaughnessy**

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Tel. 4590746

**Fr. Martin
Hughes**
C/o Parish Office

Parish Office
Monday to Friday
10.30 - 12.30pm
Tel: 462 0777

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

The Deep End - Make his paths straight

Preparing for the arrival of someone important takes care and attention. Think of a family preparing to welcome a loved one home from abroad, perhaps a son or daughter who lives in Australia or someone who has been off travelling the world. They get their bedroom ready, buy their favourite foods, perhaps put up banners or even organise a 'welcome home' party. It is all done with great excitement and love, and is a way of easing the path home for the traveller. Or imagine new parents preparing for the arrival of a baby. There are practical considerations such as buying nappies and clothing and getting a cot ready, and of course the nerves and excitement as they prepare to welcome the new arrival.

On a larger scale, when an important dignitary visits a venue or a country there is also a flurry of activity in preparation. We saw it in the painstaking arrangements made for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland earlier this year. Such high profile visits often involve a literal preparation of the way - organising a welcome reception, planning the best route from the airport, clearing the streets of traffic, as well as much chatter and anticipation.

Today's Gospel brings these two types of welcome to mind. During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by our actions, when we are generous with our time, patient with our families, and help those in need. And we do all these things with excitement and love, so that Christ will find the warmest of welcomes and a clear route into our hearts.

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