

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€706**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€501**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: **€1,045**

Are you playing your part?

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

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

The monthly **Vine Mass** will be celebrated next **Saturday, 2nd February, at 7pm**, followed by some light refreshments.

All welcome.

As the Tea Room will be opening soon on Wednesdays we are looking for volunteers to clean the church on the day. You will be guaranteed a cuppa and a biscuit!
Anyone interested should contact Mary Kelly in Fettercairn or call in to the parish office in St. Mark's Church.

Gianna Care Baby Bank Drop-In Evening

Gianna Care Baby Bank Drop-In Evening will take place on **Friday, February 8th at 6.00pm - 8.00pm**. Any parents who are struggling to buy products such as nappies, wipes, etc., for their little ones can visit **St. Thomas' Parish Centre, Jobstown** and collect what they need for FREE. Contact: Carolyn on 087-6729393 .

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of George Kavanagh whose funeral took place this week in our parish. May he rest in peace.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2019

We will be taking bookings from this weekend for our annual parish pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place this year from the **19th - 23rd August**. The cost is **€608 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**. The deposit can be paid in instalments over the next few weeks in the parish office any weekday morning or with Sylvia after 12.30 Mass on Sundays.

You are welcome to come along to our **Padre Pio devotions on Friday, 1st February** in St. Mark's Church. Mass at **7.30pm** and the Rosary at 7.15pm.
Padre Pio's Mitten will be available at the Mass.

Family Mass

Our monthly Family Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, 3rd February, at 12.30**. Families with children are especially welcome.

St. John Ambulance Brigade

There will be a **Church Gate Collection** for the local branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade after all Masses **next weekend, 2nd/3rd February**.
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.

CALCUTTA 2019

As mentioned last week Norah Merriman will be making her annual trip, with a small group, to Calcutta on **February 10th 2019** to continue trying to take children off the streets and on to education. Our parish secretary, Marian, will also be travelling with her.

Norah has been going to Calcutta for many years now and the people of St. Mark's Parish have been extremely generous during that time. This has enabled improvements to be made in the lives of many children and also some destitute people in need of operations. **All money raised goes directly to the most needy - there are no administration costs and the group pay all their own expenses.**
If you would like to give a donation, no matter how small, please give it directly to Norah or drop it into the parish office over the coming weeks. **Thank you**

A 10 week course - ***Sacraments: Parish Celebrations on Life's journey*** - will begin on **Wednesday, February 6th, at 10am in the National Centre for Liturgy, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth**. The course consists of 10 two-hour sessions. The course sets out to offer participants an overview of Christian Marriage; of Christian initiation for Children - their baptism as children; of the Order of Penance and of the Order of Christian Funerals. This course will also look at elements such as the ministry of hospitality and welcome. To obtain an application form please contact Moira.Bergin@spcm.ie
The cost of the course is €200 for the 10 weeks.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes 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.



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

George Kavanagh who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

Julia Fisborne

Baby Aaron and Baby Jonathon O'Neill

Fr. Jack McArdle

Deceased members of the McArdle Family

Kevin Mulholland

Marcella McDonnell

Helen Sheridan (1st Anniversary)

Deceased members of the

Geoghegan Family

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 - Thursday: 10am

Friday: 10am and 7.30pm with

St. Pio devotions (Rosary at 7.15pm)

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

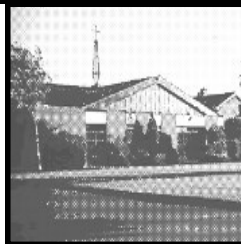
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

27th January 2019 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Deep End - 'So that you may know the truth'

There is something about the opening sentences of Luke's Gospel that grabs one's attention. He is the only Gospel writer to give us information about his purpose and sources. He writes for Theophilus, whose name in Greek suggests 'lover of God'. Theophilus may have been a patron of Luke's, but we can also take this name to mean that Luke writes for all lovers of God, i.e. all of us.

Jesus, 'as was his custom', attends the service at his local synagogue. It is clear that Jesus was a faithful Jew even though he is about to have some serious run-ins with the Jewish religious leaders. This moment is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament, as Jesus sets out his manifesto for ministry. Reading from Isaiah, Jesus tells the crowd that this passage is being fulfilled as they hear it, his ministry would be one focused on freeing people from various types of oppression. This passage is as relevant in our world today as it was for Jesus' time: people still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. This is not a passage read in the past: it is very much alive, a vision for all to have as Christians and to work out of. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives.

'Although they heard you, Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you ... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.'

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