

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €795
- Share - 2nd Collection: €560
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: €2,426 (3 weeks)

Are you playing your part?

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

### The Vine Mass Team Presents

### Movies with Meaning

This Sunday, 13th January, at 7.30pm

in the

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

this month's movie is **'Rabbit Proof Fence'**

Movie is FREE - Light refreshments available  
All Welcome

### Trocaire Gifts of Love

Trócaire wish to thank everyone in St. Mark's Parish who supported, so generously, the 'Trócaire Gifts of Love' campaign during the Christmas season. Donations amounted to a total of €2,217.

### Exploring the Bible

*and its meaning in our lives -*

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

### Christmas Dues

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Christmas 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.

## Prayer Service for Christian Unity Week

You are invited to celebrate  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019**  
at an Ecumenical Prayer Service on the theme

**"Only Justice"**

*Justice and only Justice You shall pursue*  
(Deuteronomy 16: 18-20)

in

**St. Mark's Church Springfield**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**7.30p.m.**

**All are welcome**

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a **Parent Evening on Monday, 14th January**, at 7.20pm in the **Maldron Hotel, Tallaght**. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not. Visit our website:  
[www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie)

The monthly Church Gate Collection for the **St. Vincent De Paul Society** takes place after Mass **next weekend, 19th/20th January**. Please support if you can. The total amount collected in our parish for the **Annual Christmas Appeal** was **€3,690.67**. Thank you for your generous support.

The Vine Mass will be celebrated in **St. Mary's Priory Church on Sunday, January 20th at 6pm**. All are welcome.

## Family Offering / Weekly Envelope Collection

The new contribution year for the Family Offering collection begins in January. This collection helps pay for the day to day running costs of the parish such as electricity, heating, insurance (the annual cost of insurance for the parish is almost €8,000), maintenance, etc. Boxes of envelopes for this weekly collection are currently being distributed to families in the parish who support it. If there is no collector for your road and you have been contributing or would like to contribute please call into the parish office to collect a box of envelopes or contact Marian at 01-4620777. Your weekly envelope can be left in the metal box at the back of the church any weekday morning or when you come to Mass on Saturday/Sunday.

**Your contribution, no matter how small, is very much appreciated.**

Contributions can also be made through your bank by setting up a **monthly standing order**.

Forms are available in the parish office.

**Thank you to the many families in the parish who are already contributing, to our volunteer collectors and those who count the money every week.**

### 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.

**Church Art calendars for 2019, @ €2 each**, are on sale in the parish office. The office is open Monday to Friday, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.



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

Richard Mooney who died recently

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Clare O'Connor  
Hannah Halpin  
Lee De Rosa  
Eileen Pierce**

**Teresa Cruise (1st Anniversary)  
Jo Phillips  
Kathleen Lawless**

**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

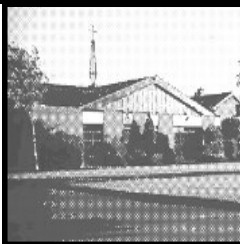
Last Sunday of the month: 10am - Family (Children's) Mass

1st Saturday of the month: Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

**Confessions**

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

**13th January 2019 - The Baptism of the Lord**



**The Deep End - The Baptism of the Lord**

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus.. There are many people in our lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I is coming.' He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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