

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€616**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€558**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: **€1,292** Are you playing your part?

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA IN DUBLIN 2019

Calling all Youth and Young Adults aged 16 - 29!

Creating the best parts of World Youth Day here in Dublin for those who can't go. It will be a celebration of faith, we'll live stream the Pope's talks and Homilies, we'll have music, workshops, drama, food, fun and fellowship.

From 5pm January 26th to 5pm January 27th
(Bring your sleeping bags!)

**How to book? : www.emmauscentre.ie
€15 per person (incl.: evening meal, breakfast, lunch, tea/coffee)**

For more info contact [wyndathome@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:wynthathome@dublindiocese.ie)
Follow us on facebook:

WYD @ Home Panama in Dublin

All leaders have been Garda Vetted and have undergone Safeguarding and Leadership Training for this Event. At all times there will be a team on duty at the Panama Reception Desk at the entrance to the main Assembly Room.

Exploring the Bible

and its meaning in our lives -

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Richard Mooney and Marie Lennox whose funerals took place this week in our parish.
May they rest in peace.

The monthly Church Gate Collection for the **St. Vincent De Paul Society** takes place after Mass **this weekend**. Please support if you can.

A parishioner is looking for some support with light housework and social support a couple of hours a week. If you think you can help contact Fr. Pat at 4513109.

FaithFest @ Tallaght **"OPEN HEART OPEN MIND"**

An evening of Friendship / Music /
Refreshments / Meditation

For Senior Students - 4th to 6th Year
Packed with Fun activities and hear real life
Stories

Taking place in The Priory, Tallaght Village
January 30th 2019

6.30pm - 9.30pm
Cost: €5

For booking and information contact:
Sinead 087-9540091

Tallaght Cancer Support Group's Drop-In Centre is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am - 2pm. This is a place where people touched by cancer and their families can find support in a caring, confidential and welcoming environment. We are not confined to people from Tallaght - EVERYONE IS WELCOME. All our services are free of charge and include Counselling, Complimentary Therapies (Reflexology, Meditation, Mindfulness, Indian Head Massage), Information - Talks, Books, Leaflets.

For more info call 086 4002736 or just drop in to Trustus House, 1-2 Main Street (opposite

CALCUTTA 2019

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. Following the class there is the Celebration of Eucharist in St. Mary's Oratory at 12.05. Participants are welcome to take part. 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 some elements such as the ministry of hospitality and welcome. For more in info contact the National Centre for Liturgy, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

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:

Richard Mooney, Marie Lennox and Sr. Euchairea who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

**Nicholas McNevin
William Doyle
Bridget Myers
Rebecca Hopkins
Thomas Elston
Jacinta Dunne
Christy Rowe
Pauline Dunne
Simon Hopkins
Maisie Hopkins
Christine Brophy
Richard Young
Elsie Redmond
Patrick Monaghan**

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

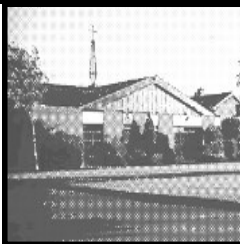
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

20th January 2019 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Deep End - 'The First of His Signs'

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign', as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel - she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

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