

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€752**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€541**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: No collection this week due to Bank Holiday

Are you playing your part?

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

Young Adults and The Work For Justice

Young Adults (aged 16 - mid 20's) are invited to join us for a discussion on Faith and the work for justice in our world, facilitated by Trociare on **Thursday, April 4th, in St. Mark's Church, Springfield.**

All young adults (16-25) are very welcome.

Exploring the Bible

and its meaning in our lives -

Mondays - 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Shalom

(beside St. Mark's Church).

All welcome.

The 'Journey into Freedom - Stories of Hope'

continues weekly in St. Maelruain's Senior School, Old Bawn Ave., Tallaght at 8pm on the 25th March and April 1st, 8th and 15th. Inspirational speakers, including Fr. Peter McVerry will talk about the meaning of faith in their lives.

For more information contact parish offices at 01-4510160/01-4141838.

THE ACIES

The annual re-dedication ceremony to Our Lady will be held in **St. Anne's Church, Bohernabreena this Sunday, 24th March, at 3pm.** All Auxilliary (praying) members of the Legion of Mary are invited to participate and all parishioners likewise.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Our parish grouping of St. Aidan's Brookfield, St. Thomas', Jobstown and St. Mark's will be joining the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, to celebrate 140 years since the apparition in 1879.

The pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday, 27th April 2019.** The cost, including transport, will be **€40.**

We will be stopping off on the way for tea/coffee and a scone and there will be an evening meal on the way back, both of which are included in the cost. The bus will be leaving at 7.30am sharp. Anyone wishing to join us should call into the parish office as soon as possible to book a seat on the bus. A €10 deposit is required to secure your place and final payment will be due by Thursday, 18th April as the parish office will be closed from Good Friday, 19th April until Monday, 29th April.

Gianna Care Baby Bank Drop-In Evening

The Gianna Care Baby Bank Drop-in Evening will take place on **Friday, March 29th from 6pm - 8pm** in St. Thomas' Parish Centre, Jobstown.

Any parents who are struggling to buy products such as nappies, wipes, etc. for their little ones can visit the parish centre and collect what they need for FREE. If you know of anyone who might need a little extra help please let them know about the drop-in evening.

On Valentine's day, we launched the 'Show Your Love' campaign where we asked supporters to show their love for moms and babies in need by sending us vouchers (to buy nappies and other essentials) and/or new or unused vests and babygros. We are distributing them to organisations that help pregnant women and mothers with newborns in need of care and support - with a particular focus on women who are homeless or in emergency accommodation. If you would like to help out, please send your gift today to LoveBoth Project, 60 Clifton House, Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2. Thank you!

PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2019

We are taking bookings for our annual parish pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place this year from the **19th - 23rd August.** The cost for four nights 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.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Church Gate Collection

The local branch of St. Josephs' Young Priests Society will be holding a church gate collection **next weekend, 30th/31st March** after all Masses. All monies raised will go toward the education of those studying for the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please give as generously as you can. Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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.

Parish Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo

We are taking bookings for a pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo which will be led by Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy from the **12th - 16th October.** The cost for 4 nights is **€649 per person sharing. A €200 non-refundable deposit is required.** We will be spending 1 night in Benevento, staying at the Grand Hotel Italiano and 3 nights in San Giovanni Rotondo, staying at the Hotel Centro di Spiritualita. The cost includes breakfast, lunch and evening meals. We will be visiting St. Pio's birthplace in Pietrelcina, St. Pio's tomb, Archangel Michael's cave and St. Matthew's shrine. Please call in to the parish office to book or contact Margaret Leonard at 087-4169109.



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mary Malone who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

**Harvey and James King
Eileen Talbot
Bridget Hughes**

**Deceased members of the
Hughes Family
Joe Merriman (Month's Mind)**

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

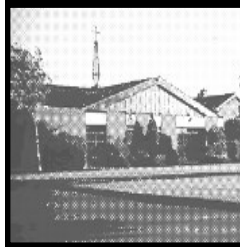
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

24th March 2019 - Third Sunday of Lent



The Deep End - 'It may bear fruit next year'

Today's Gospel brings a thorny question for Jesus, as the people ask why a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God. The basic question is why do bad things happen to certain people? Some Jewish leaders at the time viewed the Galileans as second class Jews, and so they are raising more than a question about meaningless suffering here. They want to know if the Galileans suffered because they were not really 'Jewish enough'. Jesus responds with a sharp question about a recent tragedy involving those killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were they worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? No. Jesus responds further by focusing on those who are still living. In the parable of the fig tree we hear that the tree is not producing any fruit and probably should be cut down. However, the owner of the vineyard agrees to one more year, during which it is given special attention.

Jesus' response to the difficult question on suffering is to focus on the living. We are still alive and therefore should be producing much fruit. Perhaps those who are questioning Jesus need, like the fig tree, much fertiliser, nourishing and growth so that they can focus on producing fruit for the world. The fig tree is blessed, and has received much grace in terms of time and care. The parable is a reminder to all of us of the nourishment and time we have been given; it is a call to examine the fruits we produce in this world, in our communities, our families and in our church.

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