

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €747
- Share - 2nd Collection: €765
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope: €1,735 (2 weeks))

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.

You are welcome to come along to our **St. Pio devotions on Friday, 5th April** in St. Mark's Church. Mass at **7.30pm** and the Rosary at 7.15pm.

Family Mass Our monthly Family Mass will be celebrated next **Sunday, 7th April, at 12.30**. Families with children are especially welcome.

Maria Maher would like to thank everyone who supported her Daffodil Day collection after the 10am Mass on Friday, 22nd March. All monies collected have been passed on to the Irish Cancer Society.

Dates for your Diary - The Vine Group's 'Living Passion' will start with the Vine Mass at 6pm in St. Mary's Priory Church on Sunday, 14th April and will be celebrated by Bishop Eamonn Walsh. The Mass will be preceded by a joyful Christian sing-a-long starting at 5.30pm.

As part of the Living Passion, Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 16th April, in Glendalough. The bus will leave St. Mark's Church car park after 10am Mass. The cost is €5 for the bus but as people were disappointed last year we advise anyone wishing to go to contact Joe Geoghegan at 087-6569223 as soon as possible.

A **Service of Reconciliation** for all parishes in the Tallaght Deanery will take place on **Monday, 15th April at 7.30pm** in **St. Mary's Priory**. All welcome.

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.

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, at 7.30pm** in **St. Aidan's Parish Church, Brookfield**. All young adults (16-25) are very welcome.

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.

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 Gate Collection

The local branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will be holding a church gate collection **this weekend** 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.

You are also invited to come along to the monthly Prayer Meeting of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society on **Monday, 1st April, at 7.30pm** in Shalom Parish Centre (beside the church) to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

The monthly **Vine Mass** will be celebrated next **Saturday, 6th April, at 7pm**, followed by some light refreshments.

Garda Vetting for Volunteers - The NVB1 forms signed

by church volunteers recently are currently being processed by the diocese. You will receive an email shortly with regard to completing the online Garda vetting forms so please keep a close eye on your in box as you only have **30 days to complete them**, otherwise you will need to start over with another NVB1 form. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed - We are looking for volunteers to

distribute the timetable for Holy Week ceremonies and the Easter Dues envelopes to all roads in the parish. The packs are at the back of the church. Just write your name and phone no., and the road you have taken, on the sheets provided. Your help and support in reaching as many homes as possible will be very much appreciated.



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Bannerman (1st Anniversary)
Eddie Byrne
Teresa Keegan
Ruby Hynes (1st Anniversary)
Michael and Lena Daly
John Brady (1st Anniversary)
Patrick Brennan
Patricia Quinn (Month's Mind)
**James and Margaret Gavin and their
deceased relatives**
Susan McGleenan

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)

31st March 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Lent



Fr. Pat McKinley
68 Maplewood Rd.
Tel. 451 3109

Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy
70 Maplewood Rd.
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 - The Elder Son

Sometimes we can be so familiar with a Gospel passage we tend to switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when the Gospel is one of the great blockbuster parables. The real challenge in today's Gospel is what happens after the lost son returns. The elder brother has 'worked like a slave' all those years and is understandably upset. The Father's welcome of the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story. However, the Father makes it clear that his outreach to the younger brother will not change his love for the older brother. It will cost the elder brother nothing to reach out. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost.

Today, we can try to place ourselves somewhere in this narrative: where do you stand? This Gospel shows us that God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we might put in place. Jesus teaches us a lesson in radical hospitality. No matter how far we wander from home, God is still a loving God. The elder brother has a choice: to come to the party or to sulk in the corner. Luke, excellent story-teller that he is, leaves the reader to decide the outcome.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power ... that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 246)

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