Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests 1st Collection : €961
- Share 2nd Collection: €677
- Family offering/weekly envelope: €928

Are you playing your part?

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

#### **Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn**

We are looking for more volunteers for the café. If you can volunteer one Wednesday per month from 1pm to 3pm we'd be delighted to hear from you - just contact Michael on 086-1271793. The café is open every Wednesday from 1-3pm and all are welcome to pop in for a free cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two and most importantly for a friendly chat.

The monthly Movies with Meaning will take place on **Sunday 13th October at 7.30pm** in Fettercairn Church. The film being shown is **'The Social Network'**. **Film is free** and refreshments are available. All welcome.

#### **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

#### **Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown**

The monthly Movies with Meaning takes place on Thursday, 10th October, at 7.30pm in St. Thomas' Church. The film being shown is 'Faith Like Potatoes. All are welcome to come along. Film is free and efreshments are provided.

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The monthly Vine Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 12th at 7pm** in St. Thomas' Church. All welcome.

# **Euchariston Harvest Festival**

The Vine Group's 3rd annual Euchariston Harvest Festival has been **taking place this weekend** with events being held in Solas Chríost school and Belgard Community Centre. The Oratory in Solas Chríost school, which has been closed for many years now, was re-opened for the festival, with the monthly Vine Mass being celebrated there on Saturday. The closing ceremony will be celebrated with Mass at 11.30am in the Oratory on Sunday, followed by refreshments and entertainment.

#### **New Parish App**

We are looking for some Young Adults to help maintain a new Parish App that we will be launching soon. The App will contain parish announcements, info, events, Mass times, etc. for all our churches and we need young people who will keep the App updated. If you are willing to help in this regard please give your name and contact details in to our Parish Office or to Fr. Pat or Fr. Bill. Thank you.

# St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

You are invited to come along to the monthly Prayer Meeting of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society on **Monday**, **7th October**, **at 7.30pm** in Shalom Parish Centre (beside the church) to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

#### **Date for your Diary**

HOLY HOUR for our deceased loved ones will take place on Friday, November 8th, at 7.30pm in St. Mark's Church - a relaxing atmosphere of gentle

St. Mark's Church - a relaxing atmosphere of gentle music, silence and prayer. Led by Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Support Event on Monday, 14th October, at 7.20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

# Thank you Bishop Eamonn

The news was announced during the week that our local Bishop, Eamonn Walsh, retired last Monday, having reached the age of 75 years (young!!). Bishop Eamonn has headed up this pastoral area for over 29 years and his contribution has been enormous, beyond words.

The good news is Bishop Eamonn will continue living in the area and will continue to be available to help our parishes (including Confirmations) into the future.

Bishop Eamonn many thanks for all your energy, time, prayer and hard work on behalf of all of us and we wish you a long, healthy, happy and not too busy!! retirement.

Envelopes for the November Altar List of the Dead are available at the back of the church/parish office.

Masses on the First Friday of every month are offered for those on the Altar List of the Dead.

# **Exploring the Bible**

And its meaning in our lives - Mondays - 7.30pm—8.30pm in Shalom (beside St. Mark's Church). All welcome

# Whatever Happened to Adam and Eve?

Did they get lost in evolution?

The series of talks by Sr. Eileen continues for the next two Mondays -

7th & 14th October

**Time:** 7.30pm - 8.30 p.m.

**Place:** Church of the Incarnation,

Fettercairn - All Welcome



# WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Paddy Cannon and Vera Keegan who died recently

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

Bernard McDonnell
Breda Nolan
Ron and Bernie Gaffney
Larry Dolan (Month's Mind)
William Kennedy
Rosita Basilides Escoto (Birthday
Remembrance)
Peter and Helena Griffin and their
deceased relatives
Jean Lestrange (1st Anniversary)

## **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: 6.30pm

Sunday: 12.30pm

(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

#### 6th October 2019 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



## The Deep End - A spark of faith

'If you start thinking that only your biggest and shiniest moments count, you're setting yourself up to feel like a failure most of the time.'

Chris Hadfield

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

# 101. 431 3107

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) A question: do you feel that your faith is strong enough? I'd hazard a guess that for many of us the answer is *no*. Faith can be a fragile thing. It changes throughout our lives. It is tested and it wanes and wobbles at times, particularly when we go through periods of pain and loss.

A lot of the time we feel like we could be doing better - we should be spending more time in prayer, meditating on the Scriptures, making more effort to put the Gospel into action in our families and in our communities. No matter what stage we're at in our faith journey, there is room for improvement; God always wants to draw us closer to him.

There is a great image of hope in today's Gospel. The mustard seed brings to mind something that is tiny, weak and insignificant. But Jesus says that if our faith is even the size of a mustard seed, we are capable of great things! God grows strength out of weakness. Once we have a small spark of faith in our daily routine, wonderful things will follow.

Find that spark, and let it shine!.

# Tríona Doherty

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