

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€793**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€617**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope): **€2,023**

A Book of Thoughts and Poems **- Joe Cannon**

A book of thoughts and poems, written by Joe Cannon is on sale in the parish office. Joe, who lives in Springfield, spent some time in The Rehabilitation Hospital in Dún Laoighaire, following a serious illness. Joe was determined to get back to writing as soon as he got some power back in his hands and fingers. He has come out the other side of a serious illness and intends to live life to the full. **The cost of the book is €10 and proceeds from the sale of the book will be divided between St. Mark's Parish and Spinal Injuries Ireland.**

CALCUTTA 2020

Norah Merriman will be making her annual trip, with a small group, to Calcutta on **February 16th** to try to continue the work of getting children off the streets and on to education. Norah has been travelling 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 office over the coming weeks. **Thank you.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity, beginning on January 18th, has been organised by the Christian Churches in Malta and the theme this year is 'Unusual Kindness'. As part of this week of prayer we invite you to join us for a **Prayer Service in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Jobstown at 3pm this Sunday, 19th January**. It will be followed by light refreshments afterwards in the Pastoral Centre. **All are most welcome.**

Memorial Cards

A number of memorial cards that were on the Memorial Cross last November have not been collected. To avoid them being mislaid, please call into the parish office as soon as possible to pick them up. Thank you.

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.

The Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

The weekly café is open every Wednesday, from 1pm - 3pm in the church. All are welcome to pop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit or two (everything is free).

We are always looking for volunteers to help one Wednesday a month. For more information please contact Joe at 087-6569223 / Michael at 086-1271793

The monthly Vine Mass in **St. Mary's Priory Church** will take place this **Sunday, 19th January, at 6pm**. All welcome.

Rosary Prayer Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to visit a different nominated family one evening a week during Lent to lead them in praying the Rosary.

We need to have enough volunteers so that two people would visit each family together. If you would like to be involved please leave your name and contact details with Marian in the parish office or with Fr. Pat/Fr. Bill.

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

Exploring the Bible

- and its meaning in our lives -
Mondays - 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Shalom
(beside St. Mark's Church). 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 and reflection.

The **Vine Service in St. Maelruain's Church of Ireland, Tallaght Village** will take place next **Saturday, January 25th, at 7pm**.

This is a multid denominational service that has been created with input from Catholic, Protestant and other Christian groups. All welcome.

Church Art calendars for 2020 , @ €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:

ANNIVERSARIES

- Nicholas McNevin
 Jennifer Gunning (Birthday Remembrance)
 William Doyle
 Ann Marie Hooper (Month's Mind)
 Rebecca Hopkins
 Thomas Elston
 Danguole Rasiuliene (1st Anniversary)
 Eileen Pierce
 Vera Martin (Birthday Remembrance)
 Marie Lennox (1st Anniversary)
 George Kavanagh (1st Anniversary)
 Simon and Maisie Hopkins
 Teres Cruise
 Christine Brophy
 Christy Couch
 Philip Andrew s
 Con Farrelly
 Sarah May
 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: 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)

19th January 2020 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Deep End - The Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to *look* at Jesus. He calls Jesus the *'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'*. We say these words often at Mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the *lamb* as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we look at the 'sins' of our world today - broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, *look* where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at Mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'.

W.L. Wallace

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