

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€750**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€625**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope): **€1,175**

Exploring the Bible

- and its meaning in our lives -

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

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.**

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.

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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

We will be taking bookings from this weekend for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage takes place from the **19th - 24th August** and we will be staying once again at the Hotel Saint Sauveur which is very close to the grotto. The cost is **€699 per person sharing for 5 nights full board. A non-refundable deposit of €200 is required** to secure a place and can be paid in instalments. The balance can also be paid on a weekly/ monthly basis. If you wish to book please call in to the parish office any weekday morning or call in to Sylvia in the office after 12.30 Mass on Sundays.

Family Mass

Our monthly Family Mass will be celebrated next **Sunday, 2nd February, at 12.30.** Families with children are especially welcome.

Godly Play - The Parables of Jesus

We are inviting you all to join us for three Tuesday: 28th January, 4th February, 11th February at 11am for adults and at 2.45pm-4pm for children. We meet in St. Thomas' Pastoral Centre (at the side of the church), Jobstown. We are looking forward to inviting you into our Godly Play room! **ARE YOU READY FOR GODLY PLAY?** Rosemary Lavelle and Saule Cameron

The Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn

The monthly **Vine Mass** takes place in the Church on Saturday, **1st February at 7.30pm.** All are welcome to come along. It will be followed by light refreshments.

Holy Mass for the Beatification of

The Servant of God, Alfie Lambe, Legion of Mary Envoy to South America 1953-1959 will be celebrated on **Sunday, 9th February at 10.30am in The Church of the Miraculous Medal, Bird Avenue, Clonskeagh.** The Celebrant and Homilist will be the Very Rev. Paul Churchill, JCD. Buses - 11 and 44 and Green Luas to Windy Arbour (7minutes walk). 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.

Loyola Institute Lecture

All are welcome to a lecture by Prof Graham Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity, University of Oxford, entitled '**Christian Hope Facing Secular Fatalism**'. The lecture will take place at 6pm on Friday, 31st January, in Regent House, Front Arch, Trinity College, Dublin. The lecture will be followed by a book launch (7pm) of '**The Church in Pluralist Society: Social and Roles**'. The book will be launched by the Bishop of Cloyne, William Crean.

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 .

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 Laoghaire, 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.**



WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Marian Parle who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES

John McCallion (Birthday Remembrance)

Julia Fishbourne

Mairéad Broome (1st Anniversary)

Pamela and William Flanagan

Kevin Mulholland

Marcella McDonnell

Christie Rowe

Deceased members of the

Geoghegan family

Paddy Carpenter

Elsie Redmond

Paddy 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: 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**

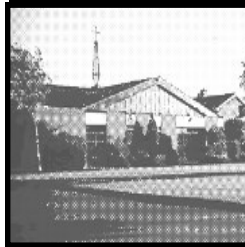
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

26th January 2020 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Deep End - Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdrew to Galilee and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. Anyone who has been to the Holy Land will have visited Capernaum and will know that it is a beautiful place. In Jesus' time this was a thriving fishing town.

To '*repent*' literally means 'to turn around'. We are called to transformation, to turn away from what is not life giving and embrace a full life.

It's hard to imagine behaving in the same way as Simon Peter and Andrew, leaving everything behind them and following Jesus. There must have been something very attractive about Jesus. The account in Matthew is quite short but one wonders if they had heard him speak many times before this moment. It takes courage to drop everything and follow something new. Obviously, they were ready for it, it was the right moment and their hearts said 'yes!'

These accounts are the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today perhaps you can reflect on moments you were called to something new and even though it meant leaving something behind, you knew it was the right choice. You were at peace with your decision despite the challenges it might bring. This process never ends, we are constantly called to 'repent', renew, rediscover, seek out.

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