

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €747
- Share - 2nd Collection: €615
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope): €1,001

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 next couple of weeks. **Thank you.**

The monthly **Movies with Meaning** takes place in the **Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn on Sunday, 9th February, at 7.30pm.** The film being shown is **'The Blind Side'** based on an extraordinary true story. The film is free and light refreshments are available.

The monthly **Movies with Meaning** takes place in **St. Thomas the Apostle Pastoral Centre** (in church grounds) on **Monday, 10th February, at 7.30pm.** The film being shown is **'Flywheel'** - *in every man's life there's a turning point.* All are welcome. Film is free and refreshments are provided.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

We are currently taking bookings 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.

Godly Play - The Parables of Jesus

Godly play continues on Tuesdays, 4th and 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. Rosemary Lavelle and Saule Cameron

Holy Hour

A Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood will take place on **Friday, 21st February at 7.30pm in St. Mark's Church.** It will be led by Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy in an atmosphere of gentle music, silence, prayer and candlelight. All are welcome

The monthly **Vine Mass in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Jobstown** will take place next **Saturday, 8th February at 7pm.** All Welcome.

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.

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, 3rd February, at 7.30pm** in Shalom Parish Centre (beside the church) to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

You are welcome to come along to our **St. Pio devotions on Friday, 7th February** in St. Mark's Church. Mass at **7.30pm** and the Rosary at 7.15pm..

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:

ANNIVERSARIES

**Denis and Bridget Gallagher
Bridget Wilson
Joseph O'Brien (Month's Mind)
Frank Hynes
John O'Donoghue (Month's Mind)
Harvey King
Helen Sheridan
David McCreevey
Baby Aaron O'Neill
Elizabeth Allen (Birthday Remembrance)**

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 and Rosary 7.15pm**

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**

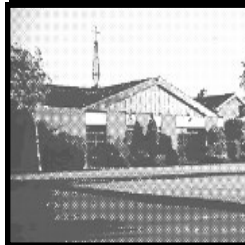
**Sunday: 10.00am
Last Sunday of the month: 10am - Family (Children's) Mass**

**1st Saturday of the month:
Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm**

Confessions

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

1st February 2020 - The Presentation of the Lord



The Deep End - Unexpected Moments

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child - that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

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