

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : €615
- Share - 2nd Collection: €451
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope): €950

Exploring the Bible

- and its meaning in our lives -

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

St. John Ambulance Brigade

Saving - Helping - Caring

The St. John Ambulance Brigade will be holding an open night on **Wednesday, February 19th, in Tymon Bawn Community Centre, Aylesbury, Tallaght.** Information talks will take place at **7.30pm, 8pm and 8.30pm.**

Drop in and see what they do. For more information contact Tallaght@stjohn.ie

Godly Play will take place in St. Thomas the Apostle Pastoral Centre, Jobstown during the season of Lent on the following Tuesdays in March - 3rd/10th/24th/31st. Adults at 11am until 12.30pm and children from 3.00-4.00pm. Godly Play is a very different, but amazingly engaging, creative and imaginative method for exploring our Christian faith and heritage. Facilitators are Rosemary Lavelle and Saule Cameron.

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 .

The **Vine Service** in **St. Maelruain's Church, Tallaght Village** will take place next **Saturday, February 22nd, at 7pm.**

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

Accord Annual Collection

The Annual Collection of ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will take place at all Masses **this weekend.**

The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation Courses
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for Schools

ACCORD Dublin needs your support. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'Rise - Take your Mat and Walk'

The Liturgy prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, and led by women and men from the parishes of Tallaght, will take place on Friday, March 6th, at 7.30pm in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown. It will be followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre (beside the church). We are looking forward to seeing you. All welcome!

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).

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

There are currently no places remaining for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. However, we have set up a waiting list should any cancellations arise over the coming weeks. If anyone would like to put their name down please call into the parish office. 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.**

For those who have booked their place, the balance can be paid in instalments on a weekly/monthly basis, just call in to the parish office any weekday morning or call in to Sylvia in the office after 12.30 Mass on Sundays.

Rosary Prayer Volunteers

We are looking for more 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 **next weekend.** Please support if you can.

A Book of Thoughts and Poems - Joe Cannon

A book of thoughts and poems, written by parishioner, 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. He has come out the other side 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 WELCOME THE FOLLOWING
WHO WERE BAPTISED
RECENTLY INTO OUR COMMUNITY OF
SAINT MARK

Baby Nessa Michelle Aherne
Baby Heather Therese Moore
Baby Aaron Ciaran Sherlock
Baby Nikki Danielle Lynch
Baby Akio Orion Gabriel Dalanon

We welcome you as our brothers and sisters
in Christ.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE
FOLLOWING:**

**Brian Tope and Michael Doolin who
died recently**

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Hartnett
Joe Butler
Joseph Mannion
Paul Crowley
Maevé Crowley
Christopher Maguire (Month's Mind)
Patricia Quinn (1st Anniversary)
Catherine Hynan
Nicholas Hynan (Birthday Remembrance)
Brid Aherne
Moira Gleeson
Rena Feeney
William Mulligan

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

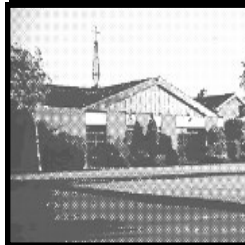
1st Saturday of the month:

Vine Mass (Taize style): 7.00pm

Confessions

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

16th February 2020 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**Fr. Gerry
Fleming**
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 bare minimum

There are times when we try to get by with the bare minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort, or done a last-minute rush job to complete a work project. Plenty of us know what it's like to do just enough around the house to keep it from descending into total chaos!

Perhaps unconsciously, we sometimes take the same approach to our relationships - only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to 'check in', or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love.

Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not quite right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's Gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is 'follow the rules', we have missed something important. Jesus does not want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply doing the bare minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God.

Obedying the rules is the bare minimum. The Gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living.

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