

Your contributions last week to support:

- Your priests - 1st Collection : **€920**
- Share - 2nd Collection: **€742**
- Running Expenses of the Parish (Family offering/weekly envelope): **€1,495**

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 this 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.

Accord Annual Collection

The Annual Collection of ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will take place at all Masses **next weekend, 15th/16th February.** 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 generously next weekend. 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

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a **Parent Support Event on Monday, 10th February 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.

The monthly Vine Mass in **St. Mary's Priory Church** will take place on **Sunday, 16th February, at 6pm.** 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

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.

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.

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:

**Rita Campbell, Josie Power,
Josephine Downes and
Matthew McLoughlin who
died recently**

ANNIVERSARIES

**Noel Higgins
Elsie Monaghan
Dan Delaney
Pauline Ann Carroll
Joe Merriman (1st Anniversary)
Phyllis Gaffney
Michael Stakem (Birthday Remembrance)
Michael and Bridget Stephens**

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)

9th February 2020 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Pat McKinley

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Tel. 451 3109

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O'Shaughnessy**

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Hughes
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are unavailable)

The Deep End - This little light of mine....

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Perhaps you are familiar with this popular hymn. It is often used in children's liturgies, and was in fact written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s. It later became something of an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, associated in particular with civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer. The song was seen as a way of expressing unity, as people fought for equal rights and freedom.

'This Little Light of Mine' is based on the words of Matthew's Gospel that we hear today: 'No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub... your light must shine in the sight of men.' Without the light of those who were part of the civil rights movement, our world would be a very different place. There are good people everywhere who continue to fight for justice and freedom, who use their 'light' to help others and make sure people are treated fairly and with dignity - both those who campaign and speak out about injustice, and the people on the ground who support the sick, the homeless, refugees and others experiencing difficulties. Witnessing so much suffering, it might be tempting for these 'people of light' to become disheartened, but they carry on, using their compassion and skills to bring about change, shining their light in the darkness. As followers of Christ, we are called to light up the world. Take some time this week to think about how you can let your light shine.

*'A community of Jesus which seeks to hide itself has
ceased to follow him.'*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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