

## ST. MARK'S PARISH

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2023– 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A**

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**MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Eileen Floyd (RIP)</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sophia Corbett (Anniv &amp; B/day)</b>
<i>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Grace Cooney (Ann)</i>
<b>CONFESSIONS</b> available before Sat Vigil 4.15-4.45pm and before Sun Mass 9.15-9.45am or upon request after any of the weekday Masses.			
<b>EUCARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am Every Thursday Evening 7pm-8pm			

### 28<sup>th</sup> Sun OTA 2023 RESERVING A TABLE

Two beautiful images of our God are put before us today. The first tells us that God has already prepared a sumptuous banquet of food and fine wine for us. The second is that on the day we are called to share in this everlasting feast he will wipe away every tear from our eyes and take away all our shame. Everyone likes a good feast but rich food and drink were especially welcomed by people who lived in the arid desert. So Isaiah's words from God were eagerly received by the Jewish people whose nation had been overrun by a foreign power and who had been taken captive into exile. Despite all their present troubles God promises them that in the end they will be triumphant and that he will never abandon them. The Eucharist that Christians celebrate every Sunday is the "starter course" of this promised banquet. What God has promised us for eternity in heaven has already begun. The Eucharist is the sacred meal shared by those who have been baptised into Christ's death and who now await a full share in his resurrection. The rich food and fine wine is the body and blood of Christ who is really present among us when we gather in his name. So our liturgy puts us in contact with the eternal presence of God and is not something that we do alone. Here on earth we join the heavenly liturgy of saints and angels who already see God face to face and are moved to constant praise. And that's why God has already begun to wipe away the tears from our eyes, for in our worship we are joined in communion with those who have gone before us and whom we once mourned and grieved for. But liturgy is not simply what our parish or community is doing. Liturgy is cosmic. We join our voices with choirs of angels and saints of all time in our hymn of praise. Scripture tells us that those of our family and friends who have died are not dead for ever but are indeed alive in Christ. Liturgy joins together the communion of saints on both sides of the grave. A banquet of rich food and fine wine...our tears dried...our shame taken away...and this is only the starter. Why not reserve a table?



## PARISH NEWS

**WELCOME** If you are just visiting our parish today or if this is the first time you have been to Mass for a while, welcome back! We hope our time together unites us in God's love.

**SECOND COLLECTION** Next weekend (22/10) in aid of Missio. There will be boxes at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate to this cause.

**CHARITY FUNDRAISING:** 100 club draw results and prizes are: **1<sup>st</sup>: #12 Peter Matulaitis** £30. **2<sup>nd</sup>: #27 Ann Tobin** £10 and **3<sup>rd</sup>: #50 Eileen HOFFIE** £10. Numbers are still available for anyone wishing to join. Teddy bear Tombola will also take place this Sunday. Tickets £1 - A prize every time!

**MASS FOR ALL SOULS** is being planned for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 7:00pm. If you would like the name of a loved one who has died read out during this Mass, please add their names to the lists provided at the back of the church.

**PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** The intention for this Mass will be for All the Souls of the Faithful Departed. There will not be a 10am morning mass on that day.

**GIFT AID:** if anyone would like to participate in this very beneficial and free source of additional revenue for St. Mark's or would like more information on how easy the Gift Aid Scheme really is, please speak to Fr. Seán, Fr. Nick, Catherine Burns or Paul Drury. Thank you for your generosity, it is very much appreciated and helps us to maintain the much needed work of our parish

**WILLING HELPERS** The next day for group cleaning of the church will be Tuesday 17/10/2023 after the morning Mass. All help is appreciated if only for an hour. Cleaning is typically finished well before noon. Tea and biscuits afterwards!

**COPPERS WEIGHING YOU DOWN?** You can put them in a jar at the back of the church in aid of the building fund. All donations are gratefully received.

**SEARCHING FOR JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK:** St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh hosts five evenings of special talks with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Begins 23<sup>rd</sup> October. See poster on notice board at back of church for further details. Tickets/details at [bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark](http://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark)

<i>St. Mark's</i>	<i>ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>OFFERTORY</i>	<i>Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible</i>
<i>VIGIL</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>£483</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>£417</i>	

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah [25:6-10]

*The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his peoples shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 22)]

*Response:* **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.



### Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

[4:12-14, 19-20] *There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him**

**He gave power to become children of God.**

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [22:1-14]

*Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the cross-roads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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