

# ST. MARK'S PARISH

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B**

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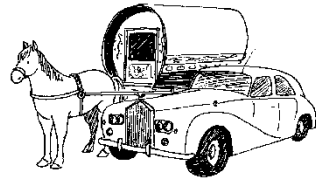
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**MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Brian Forde (RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Gordon &amp; Family (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Gary Loake (RIP)</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Pat Dobbin (RIP)</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Mother Nostrabama SSVN (Spint)</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Mary Stark (Ann)</b>
<i>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Maureen McKay (RIP)</i>
<p><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.</p> <p><b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Every Tuesday &amp; Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Every Month 7pm-8pm</p>			

## FAVOURITE PEOPLE

Religious people often see non-religious people as outsiders. This no doubt stems from the fact that to espouse a religion is no light matter; it means taking a step that is the basis of our whole being and orientation. For religion is a life option not a leisure activity. In the Old Testament the Jewish people considered themselves to be the chosen people of God to the extent that they kept clear of all dealings with the “nations”, the surrounding peoples and cultures. When prophets like Isaiah came along and in God’s name foretold that all these pagan nations would be welcome to offer worship on the holy mountain of Jerusalem, it profoundly shocked the religious sensitivities of their audience. In the New Testament Peter makes an astounding discovery: that God has no favourites and that anyone who tries to do God’s will is acceptable to God. This comes after thousands of pagans have listened to his preaching and have received the same Holy Spirit with which he himself has been anointed. Things haven’t changed that much. We have an inbuilt tendency to think of those who do not share our faith as being on a different plane to us. Yet one thing is clear: God gives his Spirit to anyone he thinks is striving to do his will. And this should make us stop and think: we have no monopoly on truth and goodness. While we know that our Church possesses the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is blatantly obvious that the Spirit blows through Jewish people, through Muslims, through Buddhists and Hindus.... in fact, even through those who do not even believe. For all goodness and truth comes from God. Living our faith in the power of the Spirit is a real challenge, because it dares us to look at our surroundings and discern the people and events that God is using today to speak to us. And of course sometimes these people and events are the last ones we would ever expect to be mouthpieces of God. But when it comes to choosing people, God has no favourites. Anyone who strives to do his will is acceptable.



# 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.

**RIP** Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Ann Allan whose Requiem Mass was celebrated on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in St. Mark’s and thereafter to Mortonhall Cemetery for 11.45am. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD, ADORATION & BENEDICTION** will be held every Monday evening during the Easter Season at 7pm in St. Mark’s beginning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jonetani, son of Isikeli and Celine, and also to Atanasio, son of Selesitino and Filomena, both of whom were baptised in St Mark’s church last Saturday. We welcome them as a children of God into our parish.

**ST MARKS SUMMER PARTY** Join us on Saturday evening June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the hall for a wee social gathering over a Hot Buffet - entertainment will be provided. Tickets available - £10pp – please put in an envelope with your name – or names on it, if anyone would like to donate a prize for our raffle OR for further information, please contact Johnny Bhoyn McDade, Fr Nick or Fr Seán.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers the candidates who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm here in St. Mark’s and, the children who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of May at 10am Mass. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be always fruitful throughout their lives.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** in aid of St. Mark’s Building Fund will be held this weekend, (5/6 May). Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend (11/12 May) in aid of World Day of Communications. There will be boxes at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate to this cause.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** This Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> May) celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord. Please note slight change to our usual Mass timetable.

**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.

<i>St. Mark’s</i>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Thank you, without your contributions the work of God’s church would not be possible</i>
<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>£349</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>£333</b>	

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48] *The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that any body of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 97: 1-4]

*Response:* **The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy.



### Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John [4:7-10]

*God is love.*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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### **Alleluia, alleluia**

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'**

**Alleluia**

### Go spel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [15:9-17]

*A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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