

ST. MARK'S PARISH

12th May 2024 – 7th Sunday of Easter Year B

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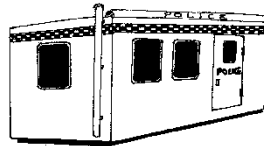
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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 11 th May	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 th May		10:00am	Maureen McKay (RIP)
Monday 13 th May		10:00am	
Tuesday 14 th May		10:00am	Cathie, Alec & Jim Paterson (RIP)
Wednesday 15 th May		7:00pm	RITE OF CONFIRMATION
Thursday 16 th May		10:00am	Ann Allan (RIP)
Friday 17 th May		10:00am	Maureen McKay (RIP)
Saturday 18 th May	Vigil	5:00pm	Philomena Cairns
Sunday 19 th May		10:00am	People of the Parish
CONFESSIONS 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.			
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am 1 st Thursday of Every Month 7pm-8pm			

THE PORTAKABIN

Sometimes at a serious accident or crime, the police set up an incident room. The purpose of this incident room is to collect evidence from witnesses. Typically, anyone at all can access this portacabin or van and tell of what they saw. In today's scriptures we hear how the apostles were looking for someone to take the place of Judas. They wanted someone who had experienced Jesus' life and teaching, and who could "act as a witness to his resurrection". Sometimes it's easy to forget that the message of Jesus will only continue to be proclaimed if ordinary people like you and I are prepared to stick our necks out, to stand up and be counted. Christianity is not the domain of the professionals only. Bishops, priests and deacons have a special role to play in proclaiming the gospel, but the brunt of the job lies with the millions of lay men and women who meet the world in daily life. Just like the portakabin, everyone is expected to give their account, not just the professionals. Yet this job of witnessing to the power of Jesus in our lives, to the joy that can be shared by anyone who comes to know Jesus personally, is not such a daunting thing. It can begin with some very simple steps like not being ashamed of our beliefs. We need to be proud of what we are and to act in such a way that our neighbours at least know we have faith in something. We need to live out a set of values that sometimes puts us at a disadvantage, perhaps even making us the butt of people's jokes or jibes. Of course, if our religion is nothing more than prohibitions and negativity then people will have a right to question it. If, however, we are able to show the world that the pattern of life offered by Christ can bring fulfilment and can satisfy where other things fail to make a mark, then people might begin to wonder what exactly it is that we Christians have got to shout about. We can't afford to be timid. We have to speak up, to testify about Jesus, to witness to the power of his resurrection.



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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD, ADORATION & BENEDICTION will come to an end next Monday evening 13th May as we close out the season of Easter.

ST MARKS SUMMER PARTY Join us on Saturday evening June 29th 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 Bhoys McDade, Fr Nick or Fr Seán.

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

SCIAF WEE BOXES this year generated a total sum of £671.38 which has been sent on to SCIAF. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING: May 100 club draw results and prizes are: 1st: Peter Matulaitis £30. 2nd: Denis Boyle £10 and 3rd: Bernadette Clarke £10. Numbers are still available for anyone wishing to join.

SECOND COLLECTION this 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.

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.

2nd COLLECTION in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund last weekend realised a combined donation of £1,305.20. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you.

SPICK AND SPAN: Come and have fun with mops and brushes as we continue in our mission to keep our beautiful church clean and tidy for all the faithful who practice their faith here at St. Mark's. All help is greatly appreciated by everyone - both in heaven and on earth. Tuesday 21/5/2024 after the 10am morning Mass. Cleaning is typically finished well before noon with Tea, biscuits and a chat afterwards!

St. Mark's	ATTENDANCE	OFFERTORY	Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible
VIGIL	73	£326	
SUNDAY	150	£425	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [1:15-17. 20-26]

We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. ‘In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. ‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’ Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20]

Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord;
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.



Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John [4:11-16]

Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

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Alleluia, alleluia

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [17:11-19]

That they may be one like us!

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

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