

# ST. MARK'S PARISH

**9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

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## MASS DATES

## TIMES

## INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Brian Forde (RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>ordinations at Nunraw (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Atanasio Naqarase (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Funeral Michael Moores</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Nancy Clarke (RIP)</b>
<i>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Ellen Forker (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>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of Every Month 7pm-8pm			

## Who's the Clown?

The High Street preacher is an embarrassment to most people who pass by. Standing in the middle of the busy crowd of Saturday shoppers, he seems to rant like some deranged clown. His words are not those of his audience. He speaks of blood, sin, the Lamb, grace, repentance and other items which are not on the shopping list. Everyone admires his courage. Few endorse his judgement. Is this really the best way to communicate the gospel in our technological age? Does he put off more people than he attracts? Is he guilty of shouting Christian jargon and using clichés which mean little to those who are trying to avoid him? On the other hand, he may be brave, a dedicated visionary, and one of the few Christians left who is prepared to stand up in public for his beliefs. He may feel that the age of cyberspace is all very well, but most people are never going to hear Christ's words if he does not speak to them clearly on the streets. There was a custom of treating the prophets of old as if they were mad too. This meant that if you made them look like clowns or fools then you did not have to take their message seriously. What is not often acknowledged is that it happened to Jesus himself. His message was so contrary to the perceived wisdom of the time that people presumed he had to be mad. This is because the gospel challenges the value system of our society and world. If we ruffle no feathers, then there is a good chance that we are only preaching part of the gospel.



# 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 Hugh Michael Moores who was recently reborn into eternal Life. His Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in St. Mark's and thereafter to Morton Hall Crematorium for 11.30am. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**CHARITY FUNDRAISING:** June 100 club draw results and prizes are: **1<sup>st</sup>: #33 Alex Robbins** £30. **2<sup>nd</sup>: #24 Rina Moore** £10 and **3<sup>rd</sup>: #20 Maureen Moscrop** £10. Numbers are still available for anyone wishing to join. The winners' envelopes will be in the sacristy. The last draw will be 7<sup>th</sup> of July. In August we will sell the numbers for the next 10 draws. Thank you everyone for your generosity and donations.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the children of our local primary who will be moving on to secondary education after the holidays. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our Children's Liturgy Group Leaders who give tirelessly of their time in helping these children grow in the understanding of their faith and experiencing the love of God. Children's liturgy at Mass on Sundays will end on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with school holidays (June 28<sup>th</sup>) and will re-commence again with the start of the new school year in mid-August. May God bless you all.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS:** Everyone is welcome to come into the hall after Mass on Sundays for a friendly cuppa tea/coffee, a munch and a chat. Thank you to all the hosts and hostesses of this Post Sunday Mass Refreshment Group, you are doing a great job and your efforts are appreciated by many a parishioner.

**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 Bhoy McDade, Fr Nick or Fr Seán.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION** in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund last weekend realised a combined donation of £1,077. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you.

<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>68</i>	<i>£315</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>£381</i>	

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## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis [3:9-15]**

*I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman; your offspring and her offspring.*  
The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten off the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied. 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating off the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replies, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel'

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### **Responsorial Psalm [Ps 129:v7]**

*Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than the watchman for daybreak.

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

### **Second Reading: A reading from the 2nd letter of St Paul to the Corinthians[4:13-5:1]**

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture - I believed, and therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who

raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

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**Alleluia, alleluia**

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,**

**And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him..**

**Alleluia**

### **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [3:20-35]**

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness; he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

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