

ST. MARK'S PARISH

19th May 2024 – PENTECOST Year B

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

<i>Saturday 18th May</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Philomena Cairns</i>
<i>Sunday 19th May</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 20th May		10:00am	
Tuesday 21st May		10:00am	Ann Allan (RIP)
Tuesday 21st May		11:30am	FUNERAL Lindsay Anne Ellis (RIP)
Thursday 23rd May		10:00am	FUNERAL Monica McNamara (RIP)
Friday 24th May		10:00am	Bill & Rose Hetherington (RIP)
<i>Saturday 25th May</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Arthur Winter (Ann)</i>
<i>Sunday 26th May</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Oliver Doran (Ann)</i>
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			

Prayers of the faithful – Pentecost - our prayers of the faithful this weekend will try to reflect some of the many different languages and cultures present in our parish community. The prayers below are the English versions of what you will hear been read out in the various languages.

- That the Church, always renewed and transformed by the Holy Spirit, may continue to bear witness to the risen Christ.
Vigil - Irish Gaelic Sunday - Latin
- For the healing for our brothers and sisters who are sick: may the power of the Holy Spirit bring to them wholeness of body and spirit.
Vigil – Polish Sunday - Fijian
- For the children in our parish who will soon receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. May the Holy Spirit be forever fruitful in their lives.
Vigil – Creole Sunday - Bangoli
- For each other: that we may always be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that we may continue to build the body of Christ in this place and in silence we remember our own special intentions. **Vigil – French Sunday - Italian**
- For those who have died, that they may enjoy the fullness of life in the presence of the risen Christ. We remember
Vigil – Spanish Sunday – Polish

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 Lindsay Anne Ellis who was recently reborn into eternal Life. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 11.30am in St. Mark's and thereafter to Mortonhall Cemetery for 12.45pm. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

RIP Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Monica McNamara who was recently reborn into eternal Life. Her requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 23rd May at 10am in St. Mark's and thereafter to Mount Vernon Cemetery for 11.30am. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children from the parishes of St. Mark's, St. Peter's, St Columba's, The Sacred Heart, and St. Albert's who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday from Archbishop, Leo Cushley. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be ever fruitful throughout their lives.

Thank You to all those who worked so tirelessly guaranteeing that the church and church grounds were in tip top shape and catered to provide towards the seamless successful enjoyment of everyone who attended this very special event. Your efforts were very much appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers 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.

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.

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 Bhoy McDade, Fr Nick or Fr Seán.

2nd COLLECTION in aid of World Day of Communications last weekend realised a combined donation of £150.60. 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. Monday 20/5/2024 after the 10am morning Mass. Cleaning is typically finished well before noon with Tea, biscuits and a chat afterwards!

<i>St. Mark's</i>	ATTENDANCE	OFFERTORY	<i>Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible</i>
VIGIL	60	£240	
SUNDAY	123	£447	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:1-11]

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34]

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
how many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.



Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians [12:3-7. 12-13]

In the one Spirit we were all baptised.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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Alleluia, alleluia

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [20:19-23]

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you; receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain they are retained.'

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