

## ST. MARK'S PARISH

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – MOST HOLY TRINITY Year B**

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**MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS**

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Vigil	5:00pm	Arthur Winter (Ann)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		10:00am	Oliver Doran (Ann)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		10:00am	Sr Helen McLoughlin (Sp Int)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May		10:00am	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May		10:00am	Ann Allan (RIP)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May		10:00am	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		10:00am	Niamh Henderson (Ann)
<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			

### REFLECTING GOD:

Louise has had a creative side to her ever since she was a young child. She liked nothing better than using every possible felt-tip pen when colouring in the pictures in her book at kindergarten. When she went to school she took pride in her handwriting and not surprisingly showed a penchant for art. So now that she's got an exhibition of her own pottery in a local gallery, she seems to be following the path that everyone thought she would. For relaxation she plays the piano and is a member of the local amateur dramatic group. Tom is no shrinking violet. As a teenager he always had a very clear opinion on everything and he was first to express it. With a flair for language he went to university to study journalism and media, and it wasn't long before he got a job on TV as a researcher for documentary programmes. Passionate for the rights of the underdog, he began producing programmes on the plight of sweatshop workers in the east, and is probably most famous for his series explaining how all our world economies are linked and have to stand together in times of crisis. Last year he was voted the most popular presenter by the communications industry. If you came across Michelle in the street you probably wouldn't give her a second look. She's just like any other grandmother pushing her grandson along the street on her way to collect her pension at the Post Office. For years Michelle has given up her Wednesday nights to help train the girls' netball team and she's become a trusted friend to generations of young women. In fact, three of the girls she inspired have gone on to achieve national sports status. She has a simple way of making them want to do better. God the Father: creator of all good things. God the Son: communicator of the word of God. God the Holy Spirit: inspirer and sanctifier of our lives. If we are made in the image of God then our lives ought to reflect the Trinity: creator, communicator and inspirer. Tell that to Louise, Tom and Michelle. Or perhaps they already know?



## 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Aisha Ribera Ceesay, daughter of Ismaila and Sandra, who was baptised in St Mark's church last Thursday (16<sup>th</sup>). We welcome her as a child of God into our parish.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers the children who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of May at 10am Mass. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be always fruitful throughout their lives. There will be no children's liturgy on Sunday for this reason.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** If you know of a forthcoming visit to hospital involving a serious illness or an operation and you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please speak to Fr Seán or Fr. Nick and arrange to be anointed before admission. Once in hospital, if you wish the Sacraments [Holy Communion, Confession, Anointing] please ensure that you make your wishes known to the hospital chaplaincy through the charge nurse on the ward. Please do not leave your request to the last minute as you may not be guaranteed an immediate response.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** When requesting a Mass to be said for a specific reason, it would be helpful to use a Mass Intention Envelope for each request detailing the name for whom the Mass is to be offered and the purpose of the intention *ie* death, anniversary, special intention etc. Although it may not always be possible to fulfil every request - should a specific date be chosen, however Fr Seán & Fr. Nick will endeavour to accommodate all requests as close to the specified date. Mass Intention Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** If you wish to have your child baptised, please arrange an appointment with Fr. Seán or Fr. Nick either after Mass, by calling the parish office or sending an email to the above listed email address. Please remember that at least one of the child's parents should be a practicing Catholic as should one of the chosen Godparents/Sponsors.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held Next weekend 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you

<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>69</b>	<b>£250</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>£360</b>	

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy [4:32 – 34, 39 – 40]

*The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.*

Moses said to the people: ‘Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?’

‘Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.’

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### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22]

*Response:* **Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love

By his word the heavens were made  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke; and they came to be.  
He commanded; they sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.



Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

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

[8:14–17] *You received the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The Spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’ The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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**Alleluia, alleluia**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**The God who is, who was, and who is to come.**

**Alleluia**

### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [28:16-20]

*Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’

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