

# ST. MARK'S PARISH

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

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## **MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>John Allan (RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Forde Family (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>David Turner (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Cathie, Alec &amp; Jim Paterson (RIP)</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ann Allan (RIP)</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Mike Moores (RIP)</b>
<i>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Catherine McInnes (Sp Int)</i>
<i>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</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			

### **NOTHING SPECIAL HERE**

There's a famous Latin phrase, attributed to Tacitus the Elder, that says "Omne ignotum pro magnifico". When roughly translated it means "Things we don't understand seem wonderful". People are always impressed by things that are a bit exotic. They presume a French burger van is going to serve better food than a British one. They imagine even a one-legged ballerina will perform excellently just because she is Russian. They are convinced that since a Scandinavian scientist has a theory on black pudding being good for gout then it must be correct. And they are prepared to spend a fortune on a holiday to Burma on the assumption that it's bound to be better than Butlins. We are easily impressed by out-of-the-ordinary things. We find them somehow more glamorous than what's on our doorstep or what's easy to understand. This is illustrated in today's gospel when Jesus returned to his hometown and to the people that knew him. Despite his reputation and regardless of the fact that he's just performed a series of miracles his neighbours reject him. Why? Because we know who he is; he's Mary and Joseph's son. Nothing special. Nothing to start crowing about. It's easy for us to sit in judgement on the people of Nazareth and accuse them of blindness and stupidity. But we can be as guilty as they are. We can fail to see what's good on our doorstep. We can fail to see the wood for the trees. God uses people and situations of ordinary daily life to speak to us. Most of us will never be visited by an angel with a special message. But we will meet all sorts of people and situations week in and week out that are shouting the message of the gospel to us. These people may be our neighbours; they may be (and often are) people we don't like or find it hard to accept and get on with. But they're still the mouthpieces that God uses to announce his never-ending call. There are no people or places that we can write off. So, how open are we to all the sights and sounds around us? God's voice is bound to be in one or other of them. Why not let yourself be surprised?



# 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 Jane Gormely and David Braithwaite who were joined together in the sacrament of Matrimony on Friday in St. Patrick's Church in Co. Wicklow, Ireland. We wish them every success, happiness and blessings as they journey together through life.

**Thank You** to all those who helped in any way to the success and enjoyment of all those who came to our summer solstice supper on Saturday evening. A great night was had by all.

**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.

**WHY WOULDN'T YOU?** Spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration praying before the Lord. You can pray in thanksgiving for all he has done for you, the rosary for your family, friends and loved ones, pray for the conversion of others, for vocations to your parish, diocese or the world in general. You can read and meditate on your favourite passages from the Bible, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those nearing the end of their lives or you can simply enjoy the silence, peace and tranquillity of the Lord's presence as he lovingly listens and speaks to your heart. Your presence and commitment of this time to the Lord is a prayer in itself. See Mass schedule on front page for details of days and times of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mark's.

**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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION** for Peter's Pence last weekend realised a combined donation of £159.43. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held this weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. 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>91</i>	<i>£351</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>£303</i>	

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel [2:2-5]

*The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord Yahweh says this". Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.

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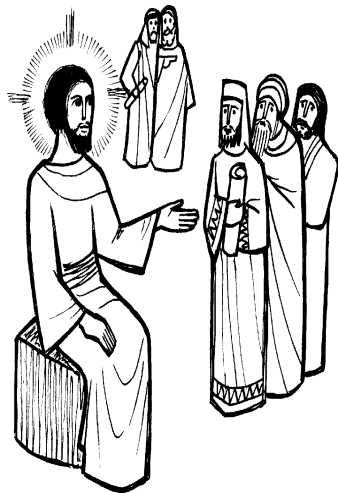
### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 122]

*Response:* **Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich  
with the proud man's disdain.



### Second Reading: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians [12:7-10]

*I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness'. So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

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**Alleluia, alleluia**

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us;**

**To all who did accept him**

**he gave power to become children of God**

**Alleluia**

### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [6:1-6]

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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