

ST. MARK'S PARISH

14th July 2024 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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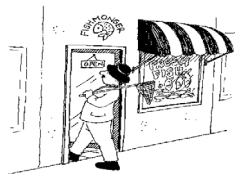
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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th July	Vigil	5:00pm	Catherine McInnes (Sp Int)
Sunday 14th July		10:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 15th July		10:00am	Rosalind MacKay (Sp Int)
Tuesday 16th July		10:00am	Cathie, Alec & Jim Paterson (RIP)
Thursday 18th July		10:00am	John Duffy (Ann)
Friday 19th July		10:00am	For the Deceased (Sp Int)
<i>Saturday 20th July</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 21st July</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>In Thanksgiving (Sp Int)</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			

DIAL A DISCIPLE

Have you noticed how as a society we are becoming less “hands-on”? We seem to do things at a distance or get others to do things for us that previously we would have sorted out ourselves. I know some people who haven’t done their own cleaning, washing and ironing for years because they have someone who comes in and “does it” for them. Shopping online, ordering in, banking online and the postman seems to have been replaced by emails and instant messaging – it’s as if you never have to leave home or enter a store again! We have for years handed over the care of our loved ones to “professionals” yet at the drop of a hat we invite people into our homes, from decorators to funeral directors, on the grounds that if we pay them they will do the job for us. In today’s gospel Jesus summons the twelve apostles together and sends them out in pairs to teach and preach. They are to be disciples, people who learned at the feet of their master and then in turn pass on all that they have learned from him. The call to be a disciple is one that Jesus continues to make in our day. If we agree to be Christians then we are signing on the dotted line to also pass on the message of eternal life. But how exactly are we doing this? Are we making a conscious effort to do this? Are we active apostles or just closet Christians? If people wanted to have some idea of what it meant to follow Christ would they pick up any clues from the way we live and behave? It would be understandable, but sad, if we fell into the trap of “distance discipleship” and “hands-off” Christianity given the way that today we put a premium on convenience rather than involvement. Yet no one else can do what Jesus asks of us. There is no person who can come in and “do” for us, no website that can absolve us from preaching Christ on the front line, no professional clergy or teachers who can make life easier for us. There’s no such thing as an armchair Christian. Being a disciple is a “hands-on” job.



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.

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.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING: July 100 club draw results and prizes are: 1st: #38 **John Burns** £30. 2nd: #52 **Jacque George** and 3rd: #41 **Denis Boyle**. This is the last draw for the 100 club until the Autumn. Numbers are still available for anyone wishing to join and we will be selling them again this August. please consider joining (£20 per annum) you could win one of the three monthly prizes of £30, £10 or £10. New member forms are available at the back of Church or you can speak to any of the committee members - Jacque George, Alma McDonald, Alexander Robbin or Elisa & Colin Armit, Helen McFadden Tracy Loake & Filomena Tuivanualevu. Thank you.

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.

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!

2nd COLLECTION in aid of St. Mark’s Building Fund last weekend realised a combined donation of £1,034.34. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you.

<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	73	£306	
SUNDAY	83	£424	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Amos [7:12-15]

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel"'.
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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 84:9-14]

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

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

[1:3-14] *Before the world was made, God chose us.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.



Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his, purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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Alleluia, alleluia

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [6:7-13]

He began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses.

They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic'. And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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