

# ST. MARK'S PARISH

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

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## **MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Jay Lodge (Ann)</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Gordon Catechist S.P.R.E.D.</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>FUNERAL Paul Forry</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>School Staff, Students &amp; Families</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Boron Family (Sp Int)</b>
<i>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Johnny Bhoj McDade (Sp Int)</i>
<i>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</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			

### **A HERE AND THERE GOD**

Job is often credited with being a patient man. We talk of the patience of Job perhaps because so many awful things happened to him and yet he kept his faith in God. Yet it didn't stop him from having a go at God and complaining about his circumstances. In today's reading God comes back at him and says, "Where were you when I was creating the world?" Our relationship with God in Christ is a strange one. On the one hand we keep God at a distance, recognising that he is all-powerful, that he is the author of creation and that we are nothing but impotent compared to the attributes of God. Yet on the other hand we claim enormous intimacy with God, calling him our Father, confiding our hopes and fears to him and expecting him to forgive our faults and failings. The idea that God is up there in heaven and completely beyond our fathoming is called God's transcendence. The idea that he is very much present here on earth, accessible in Jesus and made visible in the lives of other people is called God's immanence. Today's scripture reveals that our God is both transcendent and immanent. He's both here and there. When Jesus and the disciples are in the boat and it's in danger of sinking their natural reaction is to turn to Jesus who calms the storm. This teaches us a number of things. Firstly, it teaches us that God hasn't just made the world and then left it to its own devices. Jesus uses the power given by his Father to intervene. God is not simply transcendent, not simply up there. He's here as well. And secondly it shows us the closeness of Jesus' relationship with the Father that he could rebuke nature and it would obey him. This story is perhaps one way in which St Mark tries to let us know how the disciples gradually learned Jesus' secret: that he was the Messiah of God. Unlike the disciples, Job had no trouble realising that God was up there and yet down here. He recognised that God was responsible for creating the world and keeping it in being and yet he dared to call on God to engage in the most mundane things. If you were looking for God today, would you look up there or down here?



# 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 Paul Thomas Forry who was recently reborn into eternal Life. His Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in St. Mark's and thereafter to Morton Hall Crematorium (Main Chapel) for 11.00am. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS** Will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10am here in St Mark's. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**BCOS PASTORAL LETTER;** which highlights key issues to help Catholics reflect on how they will vote. Copies are available at the back of the church for anyone interested in reading it.

**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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm in the Parish House

**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 Bhoj McDade, Fr Nick or Fr Seán.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION** The annual collection for Peter's Pence will be held next weekend 29/30 June. Donations to Peter's Pence support Pope Francis' Mission and charitable works, which have financed 192 projects in 72 countries.

<i>St. Mark's</i>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible</b>
<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>£259</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>£481</b>	

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: A reading from the book of Job [3:1.8-11]

*Here your proud waves shall break.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther; here your proud waves shall break.

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### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 106:23-26. 28-31]

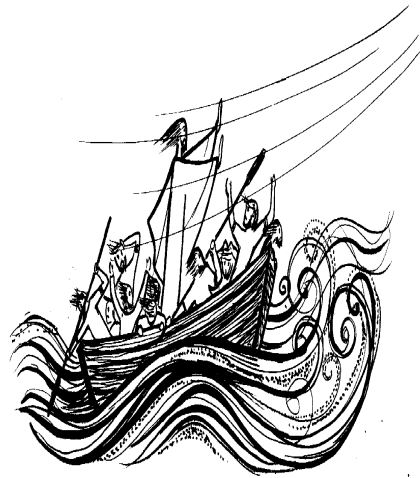
*Response: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.*

Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep.

For he spoke; he summoned the gale.  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their soul melted away in their distress.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need  
and he rescued them from their distress  
He stilled the storm to a whisper:  
All the waves of the sea were hushed.

They rejoiced because of the calm  
and he led them to the haven they desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his love,  
the wonders he does for men.



### Second Reading: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians [1:14-17] Now the new creation is here.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

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**Alleluia, alleluia**  
**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**enlighten the eyes of our mind,**  
**so the we can see what hope his call holds for us.**  
**Alleluia**

### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [4:35-41]

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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