

ST. MARK'S PARISH

20th October 2024 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 19 th October	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 20 th October		10:00am	John Pettigrew (Sp Int)
Monday 21 st October		10:00am	Josephine Cusick (Anniversary)
Tuesday 22 nd October		10:00am	Grace Cooney (Snr)(Ann)
Thursday 24 th October		10:00am	Mary Waugh (R.I.P.)
Friday 25 th October		10:00am	Brendan Cusick (Anniversary)
Saturday 26 th October	Vigil	5:00pm	Margaret Boyle (Ann)
Sunday 27 th October		10:00am	People of the Parish
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.			
EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am 1 st Thursday of Every Month 7pm-8pm			

REDEFINING SUCCESS At the back of an old cupboard in the rectory a vicar found a bowl with five eggs and £1,000 in it. He asked his wife what it was and she replied that every time he preached a bad sermon she put an egg in the bowl. Feeling flushed with success the vicar said, “Only five eggs over 25 years; that’s not bad!” But his wife replied, “Well, dear, every time I collected a dozen I sold them for 50 pence!” Sometimes we have to redefine what success really is. And it becomes clear that what the world considers to be success is usually not what Christians are striving for. Even James and John seem guilty in today’s gospel of seeking preferment. The “favour” they appear to ask of Jesus was to exercise authority and power in the kingdom that they seemed to believe Jesus was still going to establish here on earth. It appears they wanted to be able to control, to have the power to command people, to restrict or grant access. Does this ring any bells? Listen carefully if you are like this! Another sign of so-called success that many seek is wealth. Money is the ultimate goal of lots of people and they measure their place on the social ladder by how much they have in the bank and how much they can splash out on what passes for success in our society. A luxury home, a yacht, the best car, designer clothes, gold jewellery etc. Yet such people remain inconsolable at funerals...



The success of power and money is joined by another false idol: fame. Some people would do anything to be famous, to have their fifteen minutes in the spotlight, to be known and recognised on the street. Some of the thousands who turn up for TV talent show auditions bear witness to this concept of success, as does the cult of personality which raises the status of people whose contribution to making the world a better place is usually quite small indeed. So what is success? You’ll know you’re successful, says Jesus, when you find yourself slaving for the good of others, when you’ve learned to put yourself in second place and when you feel you are at other people’s service so much that your life is being drained on their behalf. Perhaps you’d like to reconsider whether you really want to be a Christian!

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.

CAR PARK AT REAR OF CHURCH: Starting recently the back gate of the church is now being opened for Mass on Sundays which will provide more parking spaces and ease the congestion typically experienced in the front car park. Please note that it is for the most part a grass surface so please mind your step when wet.

CANDLELIGHT REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL SOULS will be celebrated during the Saturday evening Vigil Mass on 2nd November 2024 at 5:00pm. If you would like the name of a loved one who has died read out during this Mass, please add their names to the lists provided at the back of the church. To allow appropriate preparation please add names by next weekend. **LISTS WILL CLOSE NEXT WEEKEND. PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** The intention for this Mass will be for All the Souls of the Faithful Departed.

SECOND COLLECTION This weekend (20/10) in aid of Missio. There will be boxes at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate to this cause.

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. Tuesday 22/10/2024 after the 10am morning Mass. Cleaning is typically finished well before noon with Tea, biscuits and a chat afterwards!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2024/2025 for children who are not attending a Catholic school and would like to enrol for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2025, please contact the Parish Office via email or phone and request an application form.

NEW LECTIONARIES: Starting on Sunday 1 December, an updated Lectionary will be used in all parishes throughout Scotland. This means the readings at Mass will employ a slightly different translation of the Sacred Scriptures (the ESV-CE). For anyone who personally uses their own weekday or Sunday Missal, new ones using the new translations are available from various sites such as www.rpbooks.co.uk, www.ctsbooks.org, www.hachette.co.uk/

CHARITY FUNDRAISING: October 100 club draw results and prizes are: 1st: Josie Dobson £30. 2nd: John McDade £10 and 3rd: Joan Craig £10.

St. Mark’s	ATTENDANCE	OFFERTORY	Thank you, without your contributions the work of God’s church would not be possible
VIGIL	69	£444.72	
SUNDAY	135	£404.30	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah [53:10-11]

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what Yahweh wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22.]

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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.

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 to the Hebrews [4:14-16]

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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Alleluia, alleluia

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [10:35-45]

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory'. 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can'. Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted'.

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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