

ST. MARK'S PARISH

29th September 2024 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th September	Vigil	5:00pm	Luis Alfonso Torres Llano (2nd Ann)
Sunday 29th September		10:00am	Harry McLaughlin (9th Ann)
Monday 30th September		10:00am	Tam Livingstone (Ann)
Tuesday 1st October		10:00am	Sophia Corbett (Ann)
Thursday 3rd October		10:00am	Fr Bogdan Palka (RIP)
Friday 4th October		10:00am	Mrs Ellen McKenna (RIP)
<i>Saturday 5th October</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 6th October</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Julia Thomson (Ann)</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			

JEALOUS OR ZEALOUS?

Moses and Jesus faced a similar problem. Moses picked seventy people who received the spirit of prophecy. But people complained that two other men had received the same gift even though they hadn't been picked by Moses. And in today's gospel John tries to stop a man from casting out devils because he wasn't one of the disciples. Both Moses and Jesus deal with the problem in the same way: if only everyone could prophesy; if only everyone could cast out devils, if only everyone were so zealous. Anyone not against us must be on our side. So, leave them alone and just be happy that they're doing something good! You can't help thinking that there's a bit of jealousy and envy in these two scenes. Why else would you complain about someone doing good, unless you were jealous of them? But jealousy easily parades as righteousness. Jealousy is a strange emotion. On a human level it involves us feeling that we should be in the same position as the other person. We should be as popular, as important, as rich or as valued as the other. But on a religious level it shows a lack of trust in God: if we are jealous of others then we are fearful that God hasn't given us enough. If we find we're envious of other people then it's a sure sign that we're not at ease with ourselves and with our relationship with God. For God loves each person as if they were the only one to exist. God doesn't have favourites and he gives to each of us according to our needs. Maybe if some people "have all the luck" then it's a sign that they need it? As for jealousy about other people having more money or possessions than us, St James puts it into perspective in today's reading. What's the point of flaunting your temporary wealth on this earth if you fail to prepare yourself for the life that will last for ever? Oddly enough, we sometimes talk about God being a jealous God. What this means is that God is zealous for his people. God will never let us down. He will never leave us wanting and he promises us all we need. So, if we try to become like God then we need to be zealous about our faith, not jealous.



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: Last chance to be the proud owner of a number of St. Mark's 100 club - in order to be in the 1st draw in October (three monthly prizes of £30, £10 or £10). All profits go to Mary's Meals and SCIAF. Envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church, or you can speak to any of the committee members - Jacquie George, Alma McDonald, Alexander Robbin, Elisa & Colin Armit, Helen McFadden, Ann Tobin & Filomena Tuivanualevu. Thank you to all who have already subscribed.

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. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** The intention for this Mass will be for All the Souls of the Faithful Departed.

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/

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held Next weekend 5th/6th Oct 2024. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you

COPPERS WEIGHING YOU DOWN? You can put them in our Copper Jar at the back of the church in aid of the building fund. All donations are gratefully received.

<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>62</i>	<i>£319</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>£420</i>	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the book of Numbers [11:25-29]

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp'. Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14]

Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,
clean me from grave sin.



Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St James [5:1-6]

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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Alleluia, alleluia

Your word is truth, O Lord,

Consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [9:38-43. 45. 47-48]

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him'. But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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