

ST. MARK'S PARISH

24th November 2024 – Christ the King Year B

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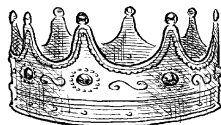
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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 23 rd November Vigil	5:00pm	Nelly Lumanglas (Sp Int)
Sunday 24 th November	10:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 25 th November	10:00am	Flora & Her Parents (Sp Int)
Tuesday 26 th November	10:00am	Maureen McKay (1 st Ann)
Thursday 28 th November	10:00am	Hugh Mulvenna (Sp Int)
Friday 29 th November	10:00am	Nkiruka Patricia Okonkwo (Sp Int)
Saturday 30 th November Vigil	5:00pm	Nellie & John Wright (Ann)
Sunday 1 st December	10:00am	Moyra Whelan (2 nd Ann)
<p>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.</p> <p>EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am 1st Thursday of Every Month 7pm-8pm</p>		

A TALE OF THREE KINGDOMS

We use the word kingdom quite a lot in our liturgy. At every Mass we pray the Lord's Prayer asking, "Thy kingdom come". We acclaim God by saying, "For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever". And we ask for "the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever". The first words Jesus speaks in St Mark's gospel are "The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand". On one level the kingdom is **past**. Christ came to establish the kingdom of God and so it already exists. What sort of kingdom did he set up? Jesus said the citizens of the kingdom would be the poor, the gentle and the persecuted. Do we really want "Thy kingdom come" if this is what it means? So if the kingdom has already been set up, then it must also be **present** somewhere today. If we live in it, then how should we behave? When we pray "Thy kingdom come" we are telling God that we want to live under the reign of Christ the King. Do we let Christ into our lives or is he someone we have heard about but who doesn't impinge on our daily existence. St Paul says that today is the day of salvation. Do we try to make our todays conform with the kingdom or do we separate our daily lives from our religious beliefs? Do the values of God's kingdom feature in my life, my family, my job? Christ the King is not someone dead and buried but alive and well and now living in heaven. He promises never to abandon us and to be with us always, continually leading us to the fullness of life, on both sides of the grave. So his kingdom is also a **future** reality and that's why we pray for peace and unity of the kingdom where God now lives. The Father showed his great love for us by sending his Son. Christ himself now walks by our side. God waits for us in all our tomorrows. Past, present and future: a tale of three kingdoms that are really one.



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: 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.

SECOND COLLECTION last weekend in aid of Catholic Education realised a combined donation of £191.45 Your support greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS and Advent Candles are now on sale at the back of the church for anyone thinking of sending Christmas wishes to a friend, family or loved ones at this very special time of the year. This year we have designed and printed two Christmas cards (with a bonus) specific to St Mark's and to whomever these cards are sent - their names can be written on slips provided in the card and then these slips can be put into the box provided on table beside cards. These names will then be included in a novena of Masses from Thursday 19th Dec through to Wednesday Dec 25th.

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. The Schedule of events for each of the upcoming sacraments is posted on the notice board at the back of the church. **Closing date** for applications for First Confessions and First Holy Communion is Jan 31st 2025. **Closing date** for applications for Confirmation is Feb 28th 2025.

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

ST MARKS CHRISTMAS PARTY Grown-ups - Join us on Saturday evening **December 14th** at 6.30pm in the hall for a wee social gathering over a Hot Buffet. **Growing-ups** - Join us on Sunday morning **December 15th** for our Children's Christmas Party at 11.30am – 1pm (ish) in the hall. Entertainment will be provided for each Shin-Dig. **Grown-ups** - tickets £10pp – please put in an envelope with your name – or names on it and give to any of the people listed below. **Growing-ups** – no charge. If anyone would like to donate a prize for our Grown-ups raffle OR a wee gift for our children's party on Sunday morning please contact Jacquie George, Johnny Bhoy McDade, Fr Nick or Fr Seán.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held Next weekend 1st Dec 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>85</i>	<i>£380</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>£423</i>	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Daniel [7:13-14]

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.

‘I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 92:1-2. 5]

Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
The Lord has robed himself with might,
He has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
Your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.



Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse [1: 5-8]

Ruler of the kings of the earth...he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’ says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Alleluia, alleluia

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [18:33-37]

It is you who say that I am king.

‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

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