

## 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 Nuala Moores who was recently reborn into eternal Life. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 10am in St. Mark's and thereafter to Mortonhall Crematorium (main chapel) for 12 Noon. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**CAR PARK AT REAR OF CHURCH:** the back gate of the church will be open for the 10am Sunday Morning Mass throughout the year to 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 grassy surface so please mind your step when wet.

**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 21/01/2025 after the 10am morning Mass. Cleaning is typically finished well before noon with Tea, biscuits and a chat afterwards!

**REMINDER** to parents of all children making **First Confessions, First Holy Communion** or **Confirmations** - the Rite of Enrolment will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February during 10am Mass. All application forms must be received prior to this. A meeting of parents of children making their first Confession is set for January 20<sup>th</sup> @7pm in the church hall. A meeting of parents of children making their First Holy Communion is set for January 27<sup>th</sup> @7pm in the church hall and for parents of children making their Confirmation February 17<sup>th</sup> @7pm in the church hall. I look forward to seeing you all over these coming weeks. 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 2024/25, please contact the Parish Office via email or phone and request an application form.

**CHARITY FUNDRAISING:** January 100 club draw results and prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup>: #10 **Peter Matulaitis** £30. 2<sup>nd</sup>: #2 **Ann Monaghan** £10 and 3<sup>rd</sup>: #37 **Catherine Burns** £10. Congratulations to you all. Additionally, £197 is being sent to our 2 charities from donations, additional 100club subscriptions and sale of Christmas crafts. A good result for everyone's hard work and generosity - Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** in aid of Justice and Peace will be held this weekend 18/19 Jan.

<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>55</i>	<i>£275</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>£435</i>	

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## ST. MARK'S PARISH

**19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C**

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### MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Max Timoney (RIP)</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Joan Craig (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Susanne Keller de Schieithiem (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Jackie Milne (RIP)</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sheila Bolden (RIP)</b>
<i>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Matteo Pernigotti (Ann)</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			

### **AN ALL SINGING ALL DANCING SAVIOUR**

We Christians have sometimes allowed ourselves to be thought of as disapproving when our saviour was quite clearly at home eating and drinking, singing and dancing? Why should we want to reduce the glorious Middle Eastern nuptial festivity to a grape-juice Temperance affair?

Could it be because at heart we find it hard to believe fully in the incarnation? Yes, we accept that God took flesh in the person of the baby Jesus. But to accept that Jesus was identical to us in that he enjoyed a good day out, singing and dancing, eating and drinking...? Are we going too far here? Are we uncomfortable thinking that Jesus actually provided more wine when the guests had already drank what the family had provided? Are we put off by the tone of voice that Jesus uses for his mother, something that only a son would be allowed to get away with, something that demonstrated familiarity and mutual understanding?

Once God became a human being there was nothing about our human nature that was left unredeemed. The incarnation means that by becoming a man Jesus shows us how to become fully human. Jesus is God's way to be a man, God's way to be a woman.

Sometimes we need to open our eyes wide to the good things that God has put around us. We need to thank God for the wonder of life and love, for the many gifts that bless our rising and resting. Sometimes we need to take off our hair shirts, to set aside our dictionary of disapproval and simply take pleasure in what God wants us to enjoy.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah [62:1-5]

*The Lord delights in you.*

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 96(95):1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 9-10ac, r3]

*Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord; bless his name.

Proclaim his salvation day by day.  
Tell among the nations his glory,  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;  
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in holy splendour.  
O tremble before him, all the earth.  
Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.



### Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians [12:4-11]

*The one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**God called us through the gospel,  
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia.**

### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [2:1-11]

*This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.*

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him

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