

ST. MARK'S PARISH

1st June 2025 7th Sunday of Easter Year C

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 31st May	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1st June		10:00am	Paul Thomas Forry (1st Ann)
Monday 2nd June		10:00am	Catherine Noble (Sp Int)
Tuesday 3rd June		10:00am	Lydia Coffee (RIP)
Thursday 5th June		10:00am	Rita Melon (RIP)
Friday 6th June		10:00am	Mary McAuley (RIP)
<i>Saturday 7th June</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 8th June</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Ann Egan (RIP)</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			

GLORY GLORY ALLELUIA

The problem with glory, like many other religious words, is that it trips off the tongue without our giving it a second thought. If we were asked to define what glory is, then most of us would be hard fixed. And so we say “Glory to you, Lord” or sing “Glory to God in the highest” without always being aware of what we mean. After all, it’s just one of those “God words” like praise, adoration, and alleluia.

In ordinary speech glory is the same as merit. We say that all the glory must go to the scorer of the winning goal, or the whole cast must take the glory for the Oscar award. This type of glory, some sort of kudos to boast about, is not the type of glory that Jesus is referring to when he asks his Father to glorify him and us. God’s glory is very different. Jesus is not requiring God to make him some sort of hero. He is asking that the true nature of God’s power be made visible so that people will see how great God is and will realise that all Jesus has said and done is now vindicated. To see God’s glory is to glimpse, even if for only a second, something of the majesty of God, something of God’s faithfulness, dignity, beauty and truth. And it is the Spirit of God that makes us aware of God’s glory. So when Jesus talks about God glorifying him and us, he is asking that he be vindicated, that people might finally realise that everything he did and said was performed in the name of God.

In entrusting us to God’s care Jesus asks for the Spirit to come upon us so that we too might share in that glory, might know that the Father is the only true God and that Jesus is the one whom he sent. This knowledge of God’s glory is another way of talking about eternal life which has already begun even this side of the grave, because we have experienced God’s power and await the fulfilment of his promises.

In today’s gospel Jesus prays that we too may really know God, may be witnesses to the message that comes from the Father, and may experience our day-to-day existence no longer as a drudge but as a life of glory.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ciaran Paul M^cSherry, son of Danny and Holly M^cSherry, who was baptised in St Mark’s church yesterday. We welcome him as a child of God into our parish.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the children of our Parish and their families who will be making the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday June 1st during the 10am Mass. May the Holy Spirit be ever fruitful throughout their lives.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK If you know of a forthcoming visit to hospital involving a serious illness or an operation and you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please speak to Fr Seán and arrange to be anointed before admission. Once in hospital, if you wish the Sacraments [Holy Communion, Confession, Anointing] please ensure that you make your wishes known to the hospital chaplaincy through the charge nurse on the ward.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Monday evening at 7pm in the church hall. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

SCIAF WEE BOX monies were collected, counted and banked. Total collected was £662 and was sent to SCIAF. Also, monies collected by St. Mark’s Charity Fundraising Group during 2024 were recently sent to SCIAF-£460.12 and Marys Meals-£455.50. Thank you to all who helped and contributed to making these much-needed charitable donations possible.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM If you wish to have your child baptised, please arrange an appointment with Fr. Seán either after Mass, by calling the parish office or sending an email to the above listed email address.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark’s Building Fund will be held This weekend 31st May/ 1st June. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you.

ST MARKS SUMMER PARTY Join us on Saturday evening June 21st 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 Bhoy McDade, Jacque George or Fr Seán.

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.

<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>64</i>	<i>£325</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>£463</i>	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [7:55-60]

I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 97(96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9. R1a, 9b]

Response: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The LORD is king, let earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Justice and right are the foundation of his throne.

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you angels, worship him.

For you indeed are the LORD,
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.



Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse [22:12-14, 16-17, 20] Come, Lord Jesus!

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [17:20-26]

'May they become perfectly one.'

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, '[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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