

ST. MARK'S PARISH

24th May 2026 PENTECOST Year A

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd May	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 24th May		10:00am	Arthur Winter (Ann)
Monday 25th May		10:00am	Alasdair Taylor Cameron (RIP)
Tuesday 26th May		10:00am	Oliver Doran (RIP)
Thursday 28th May		10:00am	Eamonn & May Quinn (Sp Int)
Friday 29th May		10:00am	Carol Lonie (Sp Int)
<i>Saturday 30th May</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Tracey Edge Loake (Sp Int)</i>
<i>Sunday 31st May</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</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			

Prayers of the faithful Pentecost 2026 - our prayers of the faithful this weekend will try to reflect some of the many different languages and cultures present in our parish community. The prayers below are the English versions of what you will hear been read out in the various languages.

1. We pray for Pope Leo and for all our Bishops and Priests that they may remain ever attentive and faithful to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in their ministries.
Lord hear us... *Vigil - Irish Gaelic Sunday -Latin*
2. We pray for the Church throughout the world: that we might be open to a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
Lord hear us... *Vigil – Creole Sunday - Polish*
3. We pray for each other: may we realise the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives and put them to good use, and in silence we remember our own special intentions – **(pause for 10 seconds)**.
Lord hear us... *Vigil – Hindi Sunday - Dutch*
4. For those overburdened by suffering of whatever kind: may they know that they have an Advocate – the Spirit – who will plead on their behalf.
Lord hear us... *Vigil – English Sunday - Creole*
5. For the victims of abuse or human trafficking as well as those who perpetrate these crimes: through the power of the Spirit, may the Lord bring peace and redemption.
Lord hear us... *Vigil – Latin Sunday – German*
6. For those who have died: may the Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, make them like him in glory. We remember **Arthur Winter, Alasdair Taylor Cameron, Oliver Doran** and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.
Lord hear us... *Vigil – French Sunday - Bengali*

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME If you are just visiting our parish today, a regular attendee or if this is the first time you have been to Mass for a while, we welcome you to our humble parish and hope our time together unites us all in God's love. Please, feel free to take a newsletter home with you to read.

CONGRATULATIONS: to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. May the Holy Spirit be forever fruitful in their lives.

SCAMS: always be on your guard against scammers. Rest assured that you will **never** get a request from anyone at St. Mark's Parish for any type of financial assistance for a priest, parishioner or any parish related concerns via email, phone, text, any type of social media or even from someone who turns up on your doorstep. If you do - **it is a scam**. If you are ever in doubt on anything, never act hastily - always call the parish landline and speak to Fr. Seán or leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. But the odds are that someone is trying to Con You out of your hard-earned money. Don't let them.

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.

CARD STAND: a new selection of sympathy cards, father's day cards and birthday are now available on the Card Stand at the back of the church.

PLANNING TO GET MARRIED? Whether you plan to get married in St Mark's Parish Church or any other Catholic Church either Locally, Nationally or Internationally, there are certain criteria that need to be met and things you need to do well in advance of the wedding ceremony. Please contact Fr. Seán or Fr. Nick for all the details you will require to proceed.

ST MARKS SUMMER PARTY Join us on Saturday evening June 20th at 6.30pm in the hall for a wee social gathering over a Hot Buffet - entertainment will be provided by the legendry Gary Coupland (MBE) from the singing Kettle. 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 Bhoyn McDade, Jacque George or Fr Seán.

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>	ATTENDANCE	OFFERTORY	<i>Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible</i>
VIGIL	66	£288	
SUNDAY	169	£467	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:1-11]

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac, 29b-30, 31, 34. R. cf. 30]

Response: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.



Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the

Corinthians [12:3b-7, 12-13] *'In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.'*

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now 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 just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit

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Sequence - Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height, Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure, Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the heat, Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay, All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew, On our dryness pour thy dew, Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will, Melt the frozen warm the chill, Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore, Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die, Give us life with thee on high, Give us joys that never end.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [20:19-23]

As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

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