

ST. MARK'S PARISH

14th June 2026 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th June	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th June		10:00am	Bernadette Reid (1st Ann)
Monday 15th June		10:00am	Mary Moran (Ann)
Tuesday 16th June		10:00am	Johnny Bhoy McDade (SpInt)
Thursday 18th June		10:00am	FUNERAL Pat McBean
Friday 19th June		10:00am	Myrna Desire (SpInt)
<i>Saturday 20th June</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Ellen Forker (Ann)</i>
<i>Sunday 21st June</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			

SENSE OF VOCATION

Vocation is a strange word. We tend to use it restrictively. We speak about people like doctors and priests as having a vocation, but we would never normally speak about a vocation to be a postman, a cleaner a bus driver or an engineer. Yet it's not the type of job that a person does that makes it a vocation; it's what lies behind the way the job's done. For a vocation is a job with a calling. If you feel you have been called to do it, then being a lollipop man or woman will become your vocation and it will also affect the way you tackle your job. Of course, if you have a sense of vocation then you first need to have a sense of "someone" who does the calling. You can't be called by no-one or nothing. Maybe an atheist surgeon would say that she feels called by society, but a Christian monk would be clear that he was called by God.

If the harvest is rich and the labourers are few then it wouldn't make sense for God to stop calling people to sow and reap in the harvest of the kingdom of God. But we find it quite hard to think of our role in the world in terms of vocation.

Whatever role you have in life, whether it's being a rocket scientist, a shop assistant, a carer or a retired rat-catcher, do you feel that God has had any hand in what you are doing? Do you feel that you decided on your career all by yourself? Or has God in some way called you to do what you are doing? Do you think that after choosing your career you were able to see the hand of God in your daily life so that you serve God by the way you serve others in your job? Most fundamentally, do you have a real relationship with God that means God would be part of any plans you make for your present and future? Whether we have a sense of God being part of our daily routine or not, God never stops calling us. The vocation to be a Christian means that Christ becomes the driving force of our lives, and whatever role we have in life, be it pope, parent or plumber, is the way God calls us to serve others and become more like him.



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.

RIP Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Pat McBean who was recently reborn into eternal Life. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 18th June at 10am in St. Mark's. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

RIP Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Thomas Reynolds who was recently reborn into eternal Life. His Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 23rd June at 10am in St. Mark's and thereafter to Mortonhall Crematorium for 11.00am. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS: When requesting a Mass to be said for a specific reason, it would be helpful to use a Mass Intention Envelope detailing the name for whom the Mass is to be offered and the purpose of the intention *ie* death, anniversary, special intention etc. Should a specific date be chosen, Fr Seán & Fr. Nick will endeavour to accommodate this on or as close to the specified date as possible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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 16/6/2026 after the 10am morning Mass. Cleaning is typically finished well before noon with Tea, biscuits and a chat afterwards!

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 Bhoy McDade, Jacquie George or Fr Seán.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING: June 100 club draw results and prizes are: **1st: #55 Joan Craig £40. 2nd: #34 Angela Livingstone £15 and 3rd: #49 Katrina Pollock** Surprise Gift. Congratulations to you all.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held last weekend realised a combined donation of £914. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. 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>
VIGIL	92	£342	
SUNDAY	135	£399	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus [19:2-6a]

You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."'

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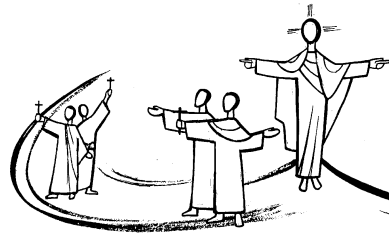
Responsorial Psalm [Ps100(99):1-2-3. 5]

Response: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.



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

[Rom 5:6-11] *If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life.*

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Alleluia, alleluia.

**The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.**

Alleluia.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [9:36-

10:8] *Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.*

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

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