

ST. MARK'S PARISH

21st June 2026 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 20th June	Vigil	5:00pm	Ellen Forker (Ann)
Sunday 21st June		10:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd June		10:00am	Evelyn Hanlon (SpInt)
Tuesday 23rd June		10:00am	FUNERAL Thomas Reynolds
Thursday 25th June		10:00am	Bill O'Grady (RIP)
Friday 26th June		10:00am	Fr Michael Donnie (Ann)
<i>Saturday 27th June</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Hamish Buchan (RIP)</i>
<i>Sunday 28th 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

WHERE'S THE CROSS?

A large chunk of St. Luke's gospel is often referred to as the Travel Narrative. This isn't just because it recalls the places Jesus visited. It's because Luke shows Jesus setting off on a slow but purposeful journey to Jerusalem where he is to die. And Jesus invites his followers to join him on that journey. Both to his disciples then and to us now, Jesus insists that we must undergo the same fate as him if we are to be his followers. Just as he is on his way to the cross, so too we are travelling to our own Jerusalem with whatever crosses we might meet in our lives. So, he sets out for us the basic route we are to follow and he says: **You must renounce yourself:** This does not mean denying who you are. It does not entail hiding your talents and skills or not recognizing your essential needs. What it does involve is freeing yourself from preoccupation with yourself, your own wants and personal interests, so that you become able to see the needs of others and to serve them. It means putting others first. **You must take up your cross:** There's nothing wrong with the pleasures of life. You don't have to be miserable to be a Christian. But it sometimes happens that we fill our lives with so many distractions that the cross becomes dwarfed. Do we still allow for that self-denial, that voluntary inconvenience, that extra concern which shows us to be carrying our cross? Or do we pad our lives with so much cushioning that pleasure becomes our only motive?

You must follow me: This is the hard bit. To follow Jesus means to accept his way of life, where to have means to give away and to live fully means to die to oneself. Are our values more or less in line with the newspaper we read each day, or is there a radical streak to our way of life which marks us out as following something more than the fashionable or the politically correct? Luke's Travel Narrative will take Jesus all the way to Jerusalem and to death on a cross. If we want to follow him then we should be under no illusions as to what the journey entails.



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 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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: A very blessed and happy father's day to all of our fathers in the parish. May you continue to be the best role model and teacher to your children as they grow and mature into adulthood. But for today, relax and enjoy your very special day.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK If you know of a forthcoming visit to hospital involving serious illness or an operation and you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please speak to Fr Seán or Fr Nick 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. Please do not leave your request to the last minute as you may not be guaranteed an immediate response.

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of Peter's Pence will be held Next weekend 27th/28th Sept 2026. There will be a box available at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate to this cause.

<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>79</i>	<i>£534</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>£397</i>	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah [20:10-13]

He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.' But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

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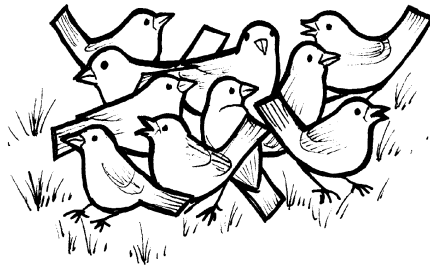
Responsorial Psalm [Ps 69(68):8-10. 14, 17. 33-35. ±14c]

Response: **In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.
Zeal for your house consumes me,
and taunts against you fall on me.

But I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the seas and everything that moves in them.



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

[5:12-15] *The free gift is not like the trespass.*

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

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Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord,
and you also will bear witness.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [10:26-33]

Do not fear those who kill the body.

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

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