

ST. MARK'S PARISH

2nd August 2026 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st August	Vigil	5:00pm	Robert Mackillop (1st Ann)
Sunday 2nd August		10:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 3rd August		10:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 4th August		10:00am	NO MASS
Thursday 6th August		10:00am	NO MASS
Friday 7th August		10:00am	NO MASS
<i>Saturday 8th August</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Abelardo de la Espriella (SpInt)</i>
<i>Sunday 9th August</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.			
EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am			

MORE THAN ENOUGH

Where in the Gospels has it ever been recorded that Jesus turned away from those who genuinely asked for his help? It isn't because He cared. Not only did he help them, but he also always gave more than he was asked for.



Our readings this weekend tell us of that great miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. While none of them asked to be fed, he noticed that they were without food and he felt compassion for them. The original meaning is even stronger. Jesus is moved in the depths of His being.

Of course, Jesus was able to work with whatever was at hand: in this case just five loaves and two fish...for him this would be enough. He took the bread, said a blessing, broke it and handed it out to the disciples. Four actions which we recall from the Last Supper, and four actions which every Christian recognises from the Liturgy of the Eucharist. For some people, just the blessing would have been enough.

And when everyone had had their fill, an eternal truth became apparent: God always gives us much more than we can ever dare to hope for or expect. The scraps that were left over filled twelve baskets. God never answers us by halves. Yet again God had showed his generosity to those who rely on him in need. Twelve baskets full...that was more than enough.

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 Bernadette Tucker who was recently reborn into eternal Life. Her Funeral service will take place at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel on Tuesday 4th August at 11:30am. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

WORK ON THE MAIN WINDOWS OF THE CHURCH (W1) begins this week and is estimated to take 3 to 4 weeks – weather depending of course. During this time the church will not be open for the usual 10am weekday Mass. The church will be open for the usual Saturday evening vigil Mass at 5pm and Sunday morning 10am Mass. Any updates or amendments to this schedule will be announced at the weekend Masses and in the weekly newsletter which is also available on our website.

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.

HOLIDAYS for those who are going away, have a wonderful time, for those who are visiting, welcome, we hope you enjoy your stay and for everyone travelling, have a safe journey.

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

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 very much appreciated by many a parishioner.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held this weekend 1st/2nd Aug 2026. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you

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>	<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>74</i>	<i>£331</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>£438</i>	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah [55:1-3]

Come and eat.

Thus says the Lord: 'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

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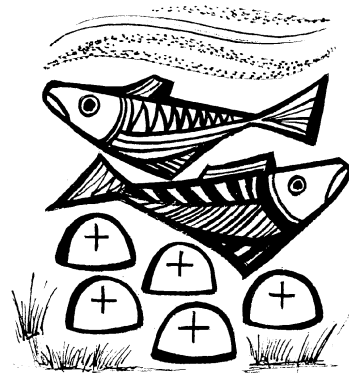
Responsorial Psalm [Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. ± cf. 16]

Response: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.



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

[8:35, 37-39] *Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.*

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Alleluia, alleluia

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [14:13-21]

They all ate and were satisfied.

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' But Jesus said, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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