

ST. MARK'S PARISH

6th September 2026 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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MASS DATES

TIMES

INTENTIONS

Saturday 5th September	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th September		10:00am	John Pilley (Ann)
Monday 7th September		10:00am	Kathleen (Kate) O'Donnell (RIP)
Tuesday 8th September		10:00am	Morgan Family (SpInt)
Thursday 10th September		10:00am	Patricia Fitzpatrick (SpInt)
Friday 11th September		10:00am	Geddes Family (SpInt)
<i>Saturday 12th September</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 13th September</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Vareed Lonappan (Ann)</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			

CHRISTIAN FOOTPRINT

It's become very fashionable these days to talk about having a carbon footprint. It makes us realise that each of us uses up energy in many different ways. So, it's not only flying all over the world or driving a gas-guzzling car that leaves its carbon deposit in our atmosphere, but also little things like leaving the TV on standby overnight or forgetting to switch the light off when we no longer need it. In theory it's possible to monitor people's carbon footprints so that at the end of a week, month or year you can tell what sort of a mark they've made on our environment. But just imagine keeping a record of a different type of footprint, something positive rather than negative. Let's call it your charity footprint. St Paul tells us today that we should avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. And he goes on to say that love is the benchmark of our faith, for love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour. That's why it's the answer to every one of the commandments. At the end of our lives what sort of charity footprint will we each have? Will we have lived for ourselves or for others? Everyone's against global warming just like everyone's against cheating. Everyone's in favour of feeding the hungry just like everyone's against murder or robbery. The secret is to find practical ways of stopping global warming and practical ways of loving our neighbour. Most of us will not invent a wonder drug, discover a brand-new source of energy or win a Nobel Prize. In the same way when it comes to practical charity it won't be the grand gesture but the small acts of kindness, the thoughtfulness and the consideration that will count in the end. Think globally and act locally, they say. The same could be written about our attempts at Christian charity. Think celestially and act personally. God calls us to leave a charity footprint in very simple ways that don't grab the headlines. But just as switching off one light bulb can begin to make a difference, so too can one simple act of charity. And over a lifetime it all adds up.



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.

WORK ON THE MAIN WINDOWS OF THE CHURCH is now, for the most part finished – with just a few small bits to be finish painted after the scaffolding comes down. Starting on Monday, the normal weekly Mass schedule will return to normal. Thank you all for your patience and perseverance over the past five weeks while this much needed and very important work was being carried out.

CHILDRENS LITURGY at Mass on Sundays will re-commence again next week 12/13 September. We look forward to seeing you all again at St. Mark's.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING. Please join us for a cuppa, some cake, a raffle and a chat with friends and family on **Saturday 26th September 2026** from 10am – 12 Noon at the home of Maureen Moscrop. Together, over the years we have so far raised over £11,000. Many thanks in advance for your support. For further details please see notice board at back of church.

PRAYERS are asked for those parishes in our Archdiocese who are preparing for a change of priests, may they all work together united in their love for God.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING 100 CLUB DRAW Subscriptions (£20) for the upcoming (October to July) 26/27 period are now due. Numbers are still available and we welcome anyone who would like to join. There is one draw each of the 10 months with a 1st prize of £40, a 2nd prize of £20, & a 3rd prize (which is a Surprise Gift). If you would like to join, forms/envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you can speak to any of the committee members - Jacquie George, Alma McDonald, Alexander Robbin, Elisa & Colin Armit, Helen MacFadyen and Ann Tobin.

BARGE TRIP Thank you to those who organised the recent Barge trip. A wonderful time was had by all.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held this weekend 5th/6th Sept 2026. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you

CAR PARK AT REAR OF CHURCH: the back gate of the church premises is now always opened for Mass on Sundays providing more parking spaces to ease the congestion typically experienced in the front car park. It can also be accessed by going left when you come in the front gate and driving around. Please note that it is for the most part a grassy surface so please mind your step when wet.

<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	58	£237	
SUNDAY	124	£405	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel [33:7-9]

If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R.7c, 8a]

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'



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

[13:8-10] *Love is the fulfilling of the law.*

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [18:15-20]

If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

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