# *ST. MARK'S PARISH*

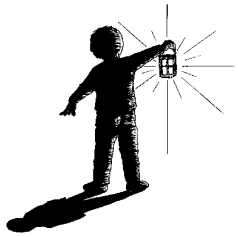
## *8th November 2026 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time* Year *A*

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| MASS DATES | TIMES | INTENTIONS |
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| **Saturday 7th November Vigil** | **5:00pm** | **the McGill Family** |
| **Sunday 8th November** | **10:00am** | **People of the Parish** |
| **Monday 9th November** | **10:00am** | **Courtney Kyle (SpInt)** |
| **Tuesday 10th November** | **10:00am** | **Jim Sangster (SpInt)** |
| **Thursday 12th November** | **10:00am** | **Bernadette Tucker (RIP)** |
| **Friday 13th November** | **10:00am** | **Shiela de Ste Croix (SpInt)** |
| *Saturday 14th November Vigil* | *5:00pm* | *Elizabeth Mulvenna & Holy Souls in Purgatory* |
| *Sunday 15th November* | *10:00am* | *People of the Parish* |

**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.
**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am

**BE READY**



There was a man in the parish called Patrick who had a very rare gift of not been rushed into anything, put it off until he was ready. If you asked him when he was going to fix the garden gate, he would say, "Next weekend." If you asked him when he was going to clear out the garage, he would say, "As soon as the weather improves." He was a good man, went to Mass most Sundays, helped his neighbours and had a generous heart. But he always believed that the really important things could wait until tomorrow. One Sunday, the priest preached about the Gospel we have today. After Mass, Patrick turned to his wife and said, "I know which group I'd be in." His wife looked at him. "The wise ones?" she jokingly said. "Of course," he replied. "I'd even have bought the oil on special offer!" His wife shook her head. "Patrick, if the bridegroom announced he was coming tomorrow, you'd spend today looking for a discount voucher!" But a few days later an old friend he had been meaning to visit for months died unexpectedly. Patrick had always intended to call around, have a cup of tea, and catch up on old times. Now the opportunity had gone. For the first time, Patrick began to understand that some things cannot simply be postponed indefinitely. Love delayed can become love never expressed. Forgiveness postponed can become a wound carried for years. Prayer continually put off can leave the heart spiritually empty. The following Sunday, he approached the priest. "Father," he said, "I've decided to stop putting things off." The priest smiled. "Wonderful, Patrick! When are you starting?" "Tomorrow, Father." The priest raised an eyebrow. Patrick grinned. "All right, all right! Today!" And for once, he meant it.

# 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.

**THE PARISH** has just opened a fundraising account on an App called Easyfundraising. It's an easy to use and free way to help grow St Mark's building fund just by doing what you already do—shopping online. When you buy from everyday retailers through Easyfundraising, they donate a small percentage to St Mark's at no extra cost to you. It's an effortless way to support our church and turn everyday purchases into a lasting legacy. There are over 8,000 participating retailers including; John Lewis, Tesco, Argos, Boots, TUI, Jet2, Trainline, B&Q etc. etc. etc….. prices are exactly the same. Download the app on your phone and or computer and Join as a supporter at: **www.easyfundraisin.org.uk/support-a-good-cause** and nominate St Marks Roman Catholic Church, as the charity you want your donations to go to. It's really easy.

**PPC MEETING** will be held in the Parish House on Monday 9th Nov at 7pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

**ST MARKS CHRISTMAS PARTY** **Grown-ups** - Join us on Saturday evening **December 5th** at 6.30pm in the hall for a wee adults only social gathering over a Hot Buffet. **Growing-ups** - Join us on Sunday morning **December 6th** for our Children's Christmas Party at 11.30am – 1pm (ish) in the hall. Entertainment will be provided for each Shin-Dig. **Grown-ups** - tickets £10pp – please put in an envelope with your name – or names on it and give to any of the people listed below. **Growing-ups** – no charge. If anyone would like to donate a prize for our Grown-ups raffle OR a wee gift for our children's party on Sunday morning please contact Jacquie George, Johnny Bhoy McDade, Fr Nick or Fr Seán. **CLOSING DATE FOR NAMES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING CHRISTMAS PARTY IS SUNDAY 29th NOV.**

**NEW DAWN** in Scotland is hosting a healing service on Friday 11 December 7:00pm-9:30pm at St Mark's. The service will be led by Augustinian Friar, Fr Stefan Park. There will be Praise and Worship, Confession, Adoration and an opportunity for individual prayer from Fr Stefan. Further details to follow.

**CHARITY FUNDRAISING:** The winners for our November draw are:: **1st: #12 Tony Heatherington** £40. **2nd: #10 Peter Matulaitis** £20 and **3rd: #46 Jeanette McLaughlin** Surprise Gift. Congratulations to you all.

**2nd COLLECTION** in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund last weekend realised a combined donation of £1,137. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you.

| *St. Mark's* | *ATTENDANCE* | *OFFERTORY* | ***Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible*** |
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| *VIGIL* | **80** | *£339* | |
| *SUNDAY* | **120** | *£426* | |

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom [6:12-16]**

*Wisdom is found by those who seek her.*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

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**Responsorial Psalm [Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R.2b]**

*Response*: **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**



O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

**Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians [4:13-18]** *Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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**Alleluia, alleluia!**
**Stay awake and be ready,**
**for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [25:1-13].**

*Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.*

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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