ST. MARK'S PARISH

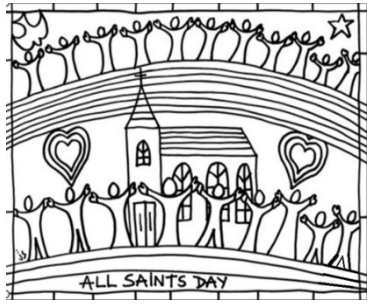
1st November 2026 All Saints Year *A*

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MASS DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Saturday 31st October Vigil	**5:00pm**	**People of the Parish**
Sunday 1st November	**10:00am**	**John Allan**
Monday 2nd November	**7:00pm**	**Souls of the Faithful Departed**
Tuesday 3rd November	**10:00am**	**Pat McBean (RIP)**
Thursday 5th November	**10:00am**	**Hugh Fitzpatrick (Ann)**
Friday 6th November	**10:00am**	**John Havard (RIP)**
Saturday **7th November** *Vigil*	*5:00pm*	*the McGill Family*
Sunday 8th 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

ALL SAINTS



In sacred scripture Jesus tells us that the God who made us is God of the living, not God of the dead. This doesn't mean that God is not interested in the dead. It means that once we were created, we were created for ever in God's sight. Physical death and decay cannot destroy the real person God made me to be. I am a spiritual being with an eternal soul, bathed in the everlasting love of God, and human death cannot alter this.

Today's feast of all saints invites us to look beyond the visible boundaries of our world and contemplate a reality far greater than we could ever imagine, to a place where countless souls have entered into the fullness of life with God. Some of these souls are known to us, but the majority are not. They are our inspiration and strength as we hasten ever forward on our pilgrimage of faith in this life, eager to meet them. As we look to the example of those who have gone before us, we are inspired to imitate them. And today's feast offers us the hope that one day, when every tear has been wiped away, we will see them again face to face in a joy that knows no end

With today's feast day of All Saints, heaven does not merely invite us to admire the saints; it invites us to follow them. For the greatest tragedy would not be that we failed to become famous, successful, or admired, but that we passed through this life without allowing love to make us holy.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Sofia Salgado, daughter of Miguel and Natalia - and also to - Isabella Amador, daughter od Ricardo and Carla who were baptised in St Mark's church last weekend. We welcome them both as children of God into our parish.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, Advent Calendars & Candles are now on sale at the back of the church. As is the norm, to whomever the Christmas Novena cards Specific to St Mark's are sent - their names can be written on slips provided in the card and then these slips can be put into a box provided on the table beside the cards. These names will then be included in a novena of Masses from Thursday 17th Dec through to Friday Dec 25th.

CANDLELIGHT REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR ALL SOULS will be celebrated on Monday 2nd November 2026 at **7pm. The usual 10am morning Mass will not be held that day.**

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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS: When requesting a Mass to be said for a specific reason, it would be helpful to use a Mass Intention Envelope for each request detailing the name for whom the Mass is to be offered and the purpose of the intention *ie* death, anniversary, special intention etc. Although it may not always be possible to fulfil every request (should a specific date be chosen) however Fr Seán & Fr. Nick will endeavour to accommodate all requests as close to the specified date. Mass Intention Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held this weekend 31st Oct / 1st Nov 2026. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you

St. Mark's	*ATTENDANCE*	*OFFERTORY*	***Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible***
VIGIL	**60**	*£271*	
SUNDAY	**123**	*£341*	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the book of Revelation [7:2-4, 9-14]

Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R. cf. 6]

Response: **Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.**

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.



Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John [3:1-3] *We shall see God as he is.*

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.
Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [5:1-12a]

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

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