

ST. MARK'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – 7th November, 2021

32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

INTENTION

Saturday 6 th Vigil (5pm)	Confessions ½ hr before	Aura Ines Torres Llano (RIP)
Sunday 7 th (10am)	Confessions ½ hr before	People of The Parish
Monday 8 th (10am)	Blessed John Duns Scots	Stanley Edmond (Special Intention)
Tuesday 9 th (10am)	Dedication of Lateran Basilica	Very Rev. Philip Canon Doherty (RIP)
Thursday 11 th (10am)	St. Leo the Great	The O'Dwyer Family (Special Intention)
Friday 12 th (12.30 pm)	Requiem Mass	John Allan (RIP)

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

WELCOME If you are just visiting our parish today, we bid you welcome. If this is the first time you have been to Mass for a while, welcome back! We hope our time together unites us in God's love.

GOOD NEWS! We can now open up our hall for refreshments after Mass on Sundays! There will be tea, coffee, squash and biscuits. All are welcome especially those who are new to our parish.

WEEKDAY MASSES: from Monday 8th Dec 2021 there will now be a weekly scheduled Monday morning mass at 10am.

RIP: Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **John Allan**, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Mark's church **on Friday Nov 12th at 12.30pm** followed by interment in Mortonhall Cemetery at 2pm. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: we will be hosting a small Christmas party in the hall on Fri Dec 10 (for the grown ups of our parish) and a wee Christmas gathering for the kids after mass on Sun 12th Dec. exact details yet to be thrashed out so, please keep an eye on the newsletter in the coming weeks for further details.

PARENTS MEETING for the children who will be making their first confessions will be held in the parish hall on Monday 8th Nov at 7pm. We look forward to meeting you all there.

40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION: a schedule for St. Mark's 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been compiled and placed on the notice board at the back of the church for everyone to see. Anyone interested in participating should sign their name to the day & time slot/s they would like to cover. hopefully we can easily fill each of the timeslots allotted throughout the week.

St. Faustina spoke of her time spent in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *"One hour spent in the presence of our Lord at the foot of the altar is dearer to me than a hundred years of worldly pleasures"*. She offered up her time of Adoration for her intentions — family, friends, priests, her country, the Church, the dying, in thanksgiving, and especially on behalf of the holy souls. In the garden of Gethsemane Our Lord asked his disciples, *'Could you not watch one hour with me?'* let us not be afraid to spend an hour with Our Lord and throw open wide the gates of our hearts to Christ.

ST. MARK'S R.C. SCHOOL - P1 REGISTRATION 2022: If your child's date of birth is between 1st March 2017 and 28 February 2018 - they are due to start school in Aug 2022. Registration opens on 1st November. There will be no Open Day again this year. Registration will be online. Between 1st – 19th November,

- parents/carers go to www.edinburgh.gov.uk/p1registration to register their child in their chosen school.
- This year Council Tax liability will be checked centrally so parents are no longer required to provide their bill.
- Photos/scans of the following can be uploaded
 - birth certificate,
 - 2 proofs of address if not liable for council tax
 - baptismal certificate for RC schools

St. Mark's R.C. School address is 63, Firrhill Crescent, Edinburgh. EH139EE. Ph.01314412948. Kind Regards - Mrs McFarlane - Head Teacher

WILLING HELPERS: Please come and help clean the church - if you can, on Tuesday 16th November and then on the 3rd Tuesday of each month after the 10.00am Mass. Even 1 hour of your time will be hugely appreciated.

MARY'S MEALS: There is now a plastic box in the hall to collect items for Mary's Meals backpacks. There are some blue leaflets to show what goes into each backpack. They are for needy children of 4- 12 years. We cannot send liquids, sweets, or toys. Good second hand items are welcome. Thank you.

BRIC A BRAC AND FLOWERPOTS: On top of the bookshelf in the hall are some things which need new homes! Please take them if you can make use of them and leave a small donation.

There are also some flowerpots outside the hall. Some of these might be worth a few pounds which can go to the upkeep of the church.

SCIAF: The group are looking for new members as we have lost three members over the last two years. We meet on the first Sunday of the month after Mass in the day chapel. Meetings last approximately 20-30 minutes.

Contact details – see 100 Club notice

100 CLUB: Annual subscriptions are now due. £15 per annum or £5 payable three times in the year. Numbers are still available for anyone interested. Monthly prizes are: 1st prize £30, 2nd prize £15. Please contact any of the following for any further information regarding SCIAF or the 100 Club - **Pat McBean** 4414334, **Bob McDonald** 07917662100, **Jacqui George** 07980841931

READERS, PASSKEEPERS & CLEANERS: we are always looking for additional people who would like to join our current group of volunteers who welcome parishioners into the church for our masses, those who do the readings during the Liturgy of the Word and those who help to keep the church clean and tidy for all church occasions. If you feel you can offer up some of your time and would like to help in any of these areas – or any other area, please talk to Fr. Seán after any mass or contact the parish office via phone or email.

ALTAR SERVERS: if there is anyone who would like to be an altar server, or know of anyone who would like to be an altar server please talk to Fr. Seán after any mass or contact the parish office via phone or email and we can begin to organise participation at both the vigil and Sunday Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS: When requesting a Mass to be said for a specific reason, it would be helpful to use a Mass Intention Envelope (available at back of the church) 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, Fr Seán will endeavour to accommodate as close to the date specified.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Parents are asked to view the timetable for our sacramental preparation programme 2021/2022 which can be found on the parish website. <http://stmarksrccchurch-edinburgh.org.uk/> Please put the various dates into your diary. Any queries, contact the parish office.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER: should reach the parish office no later than 12 noon each Thursday.

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN SSVPM MASS: Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Mass to mark the excellent charitable work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our Archdiocese. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley at St Patrick's in the Cowgate, Edinburgh, at 11am on Saturday 20 November.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: **£447.40 Thank you for supporting your parish. Without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur during the month of **November:** Richard Brannan, Ben Kelly, Peggy Wood, Ralph McGuire, John Burke, Laura Quigley, Thomas Egan, Anna Maguire, George Ward, James Dunlevy, Eileen Quigley, Mary Naylor, James Kavanagh, Margaret Green, Margaret Foy, Ted Burns, Rose McGibbon, Catherine Murray, George Tait, Minnie Watt, Nancy Jakeman, Reta Curran, Laurence & Margarite Cullerton, Rose Bent, Leo Finnegan, Arthur Curran, Tom Dalrymple, Paddy Baxter, Agnes Carrick, Neil Ross, Margaret Curran, Andrew Geddes, Chris Doherty, Canon Patrick Lynch (first Parish Priest), Mary Rafferty, Edward Boyle, Geoffrey Home, Catherine Dignan, Patrick Hart, Kathleen Hampson, Mary Gillespie, Jim Jardine, John Murphy, Catherine Watters, Norah McGuire, Kevin Shanahan, David McKinnon, Tom Phillips, Bert Hymer, Annie Keatings, James Cavins, Neil Laidlaw, Louis Petrie, Marion Dalgleish, Paddy Conacher, Robert McCann, George Stomier, Margaret Mullen, Margaret Lyons, Leo Vogt, Robert Burnett, Michael Haughney, Catherine Sheila McAlonan, Bridget Flynn, Michael Connelly, Agata Mazzaglia, Mary Theresa Murray, John Frost, Pauline Adam, John Joseph Feeney, Alexander Gilmartin, James Owen Bonnar, Margaret Ellen Gaughan, Pauline Begg and Max Bancroft (formerly Massimo Pluchino).

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