

ST. MARK'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – 14th November, 2021

33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) World Day of the Poor

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

INTENTION

Saturday 13 th Vigil (5pm) Confessions ½ hr before	Carmin Emilia Llano (Ann)
Sunday 14 th (10am) Confessions ½ hr before	People of The Parish
Monday 15 th (10am)	Joe Parker (Ann)
Tuesday 16 th (10am) St. Margaret of Scotland	Victor Grassini (RIP)
Thursday 18 th (10am)	Monica Ward (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.

SUNDAY MORNING TEA & COFFEE! Thank you for everyone who has offered to help with the Sunday Morning Tea's & Coffee's after mass. We now have an impressive 7 groups of volunteers for this! The rota for these groups will be available in the hall this Sunday.

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

SECOND COLLECTION Today is the World Day of the Poor. The theme for this year is "for the poor you have always with you". Here Jesus is not saying that we should not work to alleviate poverty. The Christian tradition is realistic about human beings. We are good, but flawed - wounded by sin. We do not believe in utopia in this life. There will always be poverty and injustice of some kind, but we are called to reduce its impact wherever we can. In the words of Blessed Frederic Ozanam one of the founders of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP): "Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveller who has been attacked. But it is justice's role to prevent the attacks". Today's special collection is for the SSVP's Furniture Project in Fife and its Caravan Project in Port Seton. These two projects serve broad areas of our Archdiocese. The Caravan Project provides opportunities for a much needed break at Port Seton, while the Furniture Project helps people establish and maintain their homes while helping them avoid debt. These projects serve anyone in need. Today's Special Collection will be taken for the Caritas & Justice and Peace Commission specifically for these two projects.

RIP: Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Stanley Edmond**, whose funeral service will be celebrated in the main chapel at Mortonhall **on Monday Nov 22nd at 12 Noon** and burial thereafter at 12.45pm. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

MASS CANCELLATION: There will be no 10am Mass on Thursday 25th of November.

PARENTS MEETING for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion will be held in the parish hall on Monday 22nd Nov at 7pm. We look forward to meeting you all there.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: We hope to start up the Children's Liturgy again in the coming weeks. If anyone is interested in helping, please speak to Fr. Seán or Jacque George (under 18s are also welcome as helpers)

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: Next Tuesday 16/11/21 is our monthly Church Cleaning Day. Please stay after the 10.00 Mass if you can. We will have Tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards. Even 1 hour of your time will be hugely appreciated.

MARY'S MEALS: Unfortunately we can't send anymore backpacks until next year 2022 due to worldwide transportation problems, lack of truck drivers, a lack of available containers for shipping to Malawi and Mary's Meals have no more room left in their warehouse to store them because of all of these issues. Hopefully in the New Year collections can begin again so, hold onto the backpacks you have or if you could store them at home until things get moving again, it would be much appreciated. Thank you, Jacquie.

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.

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

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN SSVP 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: £595.87 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 Feeny, Alexander Gilmartin, James Owen Bonnar, Margaret Ellen Gaughan, Pauline Begg and Max Bancroft (formerly Massimo Pluchino).

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