



Rev. Mark P. Dunne

August 19, 1972 - August 4, 2023

Rev. Mark P. Dunne, a priest of the Diocese of Tyler and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Vernon, Texas, passed away on Aug. 4, 2023, in Tyler at age 50.

A Vigil for the Deceased and Rosary will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023, at 6 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, at 10 a.m., with Bishop Joseph E. Strickland as the celebrant.

Father Mark was born on Aug. 19, 1972, in Carrick-on-Shannon, County Roscommon, Ireland, the son of Michael and Phyllis Dunne.

He studied for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Waterford and St. Patrick College in Carlow before coming to the United States in 1999 at the invitation of Bishop Edmond Carmody and completing his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston.

Father Mark was ordained to the priesthood on March 9, 2002, by Bishop Alvaro Corrada, SJ, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler.

His priestly service included parochial vicar of St. Anthony Parish in Longview

(2002-2007), administrator of Holy Family Parish in Lindale (2007-2011), priest-in-residence at St. Mary Parish in Longview (2011-2012), parochial vicar of St. Matthew Parish in Longview and administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Gilmer (2012-2013), pastor of St. Theresa in Union Grove and St. Francis of Assisi in Gilmer (2013 –2020), and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Vernon (2020-2023).

He also served as a member of the Presbyteral Council, dean of the Northwest Deanery, and chaplain at UT Health Center at Tyler.

He is survived by his brothers, Michel and Oliver, and his sister, Eimear.

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 8. 6:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
406 TX-37
Mt. Vernona, TX 75457
<https://www.sacredheartmountvernontx.com/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Mark P. Dunne



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 09, 2023 at 02:52 PM

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“ I remember when Fr. Mark arrived in Texas to complete his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. Heartfelt condolences to his family in Ireland, his friends & fellow priests and the members of the parishes he served in the Tyler area. Sending sincere appreciation to his family in Ireland for sharing Fr. Mark with the Texas Catholic Community. I trust he is rejoicing in the glory of Heaven, having been escorted through the VIP Gate and greeted with "Top O' The Mornin". My he be heaing the Lilt of Irish Laughter now and forever. Rest in Peace, Father Mark.
Marilyn Karr
Houston, TX



Marilyn Karr - August 06, 2023 at 10:24 PM

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“ Father Mark was not only my pastor, but also a good friend, a confidant. I laughed and cried with him. Sometimes I complained to him as well. Oh how he loved his beautiful family and friends in Ireland. He brought joy wherever he went. “NO” was not a word in his vocabulary. He gladly went where he was needed. No matter how far or how late it was. He didn’t take days off. He never did listen when others said he should slow down. Now he can rest in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father.

Cindy Hensinger - August 06, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Fr. Mark P. Dunne.

August 06, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Mark P. Dunne.



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“ Cindy Hensinger lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mark P. Dunne



Cindy Hensinger - August 06, 2023 at 11:13 AM