

## ST. MARK'S PARISH

### 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Palm Sunday Year B

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#### MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		10:00am	Carla Spadavecchia (RIP)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March		10:00am	John Gallagher (RIP)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March		10:00am	Phil White (RIP)
Service of Reconciliation (Tue Eve)		7:00pm	Service of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March		7:00pm	People of the Parish
Good Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March		3:00pm	
Easter Saturday Vigil 30 <sup>th</sup> March		8:00pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March		10:00am	People of the Parish
<b>CONFESSIONS</b> 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.			
<b>EUCARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of Every Month 7pm-8pm			

- **Final Lenten Stations of the Cross on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm.**
- **Reconciliation Service – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm. This will be the last opportunity for confessions until after the Triduum.**
- **ADORATION at Altar of Repose after the Feast of the Last supper on Thursday evening will take place for 1hr after the end of Mass.**
- **GOOD FRIDAY This Friday (29<sup>th</sup> March) is Good Friday and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence**

## PARISH NEWS

**WELCOME** If you are just visiting our parish today or 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.

**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** Fr. Nick and Fr. Seán will be available to hear confession during a service of reconciliation on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

**BRITISH SUMMER TIME** Begins next weekend when our clocks move **forward** 1 Hour.

**EASTER TRIDUUM TIMETABLE;** Please note the changes to the usual Mass timetable. Holy Thursday 7pm. Good Friday 3pm. Easter vigil (Sat) 8pm. Easter Sunday 10am.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held every Monday evening during Lent at 7:00pm in St. Mark's, beginning on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**12 VOLUNTEERS** are being sought to participate in our Easter Triduum celebration for the Vigil Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) to have their feet washed. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church for anyone interested. **Last Chance Saloon – ONLY 4 places left!!!!**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023/24** The names of all children registered for St. Mark's Sacramental Programme 2023/24 are posted on our notice board. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive these sacraments in the coming months. Parents should make sure that their children's names are on the list. **If your child's name is not on the list, please contact Fr. Seán or Fr. Nick as soon as possible.**

**THE GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2024-25** are now available at the back of the Church for those who have pledged to gift aid their donations. Please take your set away. If your circumstances have changed such that you are no longer eligible to Gift Aid your donations (eg no longer paying income tax or if your address has changed), then please speak to Fr Seán or the Gift Aid Organisers, Katy Burns and Paul Drury. Your Gift Aid donations are a much-needed source of income for St Mark's. They allow us to claim 25p for every £1 donated. I would urge any parishioner who pays income tax and has not yet signed up for Gift Aid to please do so. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish throughout the year.

St. Mark's	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible</i>
<b>VIGIL</b>	52	£230	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	135	£384	

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Gospel at Beginning of Mass: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [11:1-10]

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly".' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

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### First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah [50:4-7]

*I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

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### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24]

*Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

### Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

[2:6-11] *He humbled himself, but God raised him high.*

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**  
**Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.**  
**But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.**  
**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

### GOSPEL:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [14:1- 15:47]