

ST. MARK'S PARISH

14th April 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

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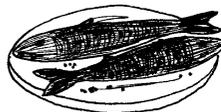
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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 13 th April	Vigil	5:00pm	David Mitchell (RIP)
Sunday 14 th April		10:00am	Carla Spadavecchia (RIP)
Monday 15 th April		10:00am	Pat Dobbin (RIP)
Tuesday 16 th April		10:00am	Mary Gillispie (Sp Int)
Thursday 18 th April		10:00am	Kathleen Hyde (RIP)
Friday 19 th April		10:00am	Ella Nugent (RIP)
Saturday 20 th April	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st April		10:00am	Marion & Jack Burns (Ann)
<p>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.</p> <p>EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am 1st Thursday of Every Month 7pm-8pm</p>			

FISH SPECIALS

What do we know about Jesus after his resurrection? Well, we know at least that he was hungry! Both Luke and John report after-death appearances of Jesus where he wants something to eat. And in two of the stories he ends up eating grilled fish. So he wasn't a vegetarian either! On one level we can see these two accounts as just simple stories that give us a bit more extra detail than we normally have about Jesus' social habits. But there may be something else going on in the two gospel writers' minds. How do we meet the risen Jesus today? Clearly the most obvious way is through other people. Through our baptism we are called to become "other Christs". We are called to be Christ to each other and we see the face of Christ in all people who require our care, our concern and our service. We meet the risen Christ in the liturgy when ministers and congregation gather, for Jesus said that wherever two or three gather in his name he will be present. We meet him in the words of scripture. Far from being some ancient book of religious formulae the scriptures are the living word of God. When the scriptures are proclaimed in church it is God who speaks. And while we are ready to say that Christ is present in the sacraments, it has to be the Eucharist that takes pride of place for meeting the risen Lord. For it is in eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ that we come closest to him. St Augustine never tired of telling his congregation that they would become what they ate: the Body of Christ, which is also the name we give to the Church. At what precise moment did the two Emmaus disciples realise that they were in the presence of their risen Lord? It was when he broke the bread for them to eat. What was it that Jesus asked the apostles for in both Luke and John's gospel? Something to eat! Not surprising really, because when we eat that bread and drink that cup we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.



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.

REMINDER TO PARENTS: Presentation of the Our Father for children making their **First Holy Communion** will take place on Sun 21st April during the 10am Mass. Looking forward to seeing you all on the day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD, ADORATION & BENEDICTION will be held every Monday evening during the Easter Season at 7pm in St. Mark's beginning on Monday 8th April.

SECOND COLLECTION: next weekend (20/21) in aid of the Ecclesiastical Students Fund. There will be boxes available at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate to this cause.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers those who are on holiday and travelling at this time, may the Lord continue to watch over them and bless them with his care.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING: April 100 club draw results and prizes are: **1st: #49 Lesley Ann Baird £30. 2nd: #46 Wendy Doran £10 and 3rd: #11 Peter Matulaitis £10.** Numbers are still available for anyone wishing to join.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 22nd April @ 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

SPICK AND SPAN: Come and have fun with mops and brushes whilst getting the church and hall spick and span for all the great parishioners of St. Mark's. Tea (with biscuits!!!) and a bit of chat thrown in just for good measure! This Tuesday 16/4/24.

Pro-Life Chain: SPUC's Pro-Life Chain will be the main event of Edinburgh's Festival of Life on Saturday 27 April at 11:00am on Lothian Road. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street.

SCIAF WEE BOX: if you availed of a SCIAF WEE BOX during Lent, could you please return it by the end of April. Then we will count and transfer the funds to SCIAF along with any Gift Aid information you may or may not have provided. Thank you.

2nd COLLECTION in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund last weekend realised a combined donation of £1,226.18. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you.

<i>St. Mark's</i>	<i>ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>OFFERTORY</i>	<i>Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible</i>
<i>VIGIL</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>£277</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>£392</i>	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [3:13-15.17-19]

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer.

Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 4:2.4.7.9.]

Response: **Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
From anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
The Lord hears me whenever I call him.

‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
For you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John [2:1-5]

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, ‘I know him’, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [24:35-48]

So you see how it is written that Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you!’ In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.’ And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, ‘This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.’ He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.’

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