

## ST. MARK'S PARISH

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Easter Sunday Year B**

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**MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS**

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
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	10:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10:00am	NO MASS
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm	Bill & Rose Hetherington (RIP)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	3:00pm	Vivien Murphy (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Vigil</i> 8:00pm	Martin Family (Sp Int)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	Ian Shanley (Ann)
<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>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of Every Month 7pm-8pm		

### EASTER PRAYER

The veil of darkness, transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end, became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair, fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death, defeated by eternal life.



***On behalf of Fr. Nicholas and myself I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your families and loved ones a very happy Easter, and may the blessings of the risen Christ be with you all.***

***Fr. Seán***

## 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.

**EASTER TRIDUUM** Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our celebration of the Easter Triduum, your service to God and the community is greatly appreciated by all.

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

**MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK:** there will be no Masses on the Monday Tuesday and Wednesday this coming week (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April). See Schedule on front page.

**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.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** there will be no Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday or on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April. It re-commences again on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023/24** The names of all children registered for St. Mark's Sacramental Programme 2023/24 are posted on our notice board. 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.**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES** to Mrs Margaret McFarlane, head Teacher at St. Mark's Primary School who begins her well deserved Retirement this Easter weekend. We thank you for all of your hard work and commitment given to caring and educating the pupils under your care during the many years of your leadership. God bless and take care, you will be missed by all.

**SCIAF WEE BOX:** if you availed of a SCIAF WEE BOX during Lent, could you please return it asap as we prepare to count and transfer the funds to SCIAF. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held Next weekend 6/7 April. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. 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>67</i>	<i>£359</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>£400</i>	

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**Please note that these readings are for the Easter Sunday day mass only**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [10:34.37-43]**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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### **Responsorial Psalm [Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23]**

***Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.



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

**[3:1-4]** *You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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### **Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;  
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!**

### **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [20:1-9]**

*He must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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