

ST. MARK'S PARISH

30th March 2025 – 4th Sunday of Lent Year C

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 29th March	Vigil	5:00pm	Boguslawa Lasak (Ann)
Sunday 30th March		10:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 31st March		10:00am	Anne Didcock (100th Birthday)
Tuesday 1st April		10:00am	Maureen Johnston (RIP)
Thursday 3rd April		10:00am	John Taggart (Sp Int)
Friday 4th April		10:00am	Patricia Nkiruka Sp Int)
<i>Saturday 5th April</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 6th April</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Ian Shanley (Ann)</i>
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.			
EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am			

ST. MARK'S EASTER TIMETABLE 2025

Monday of Holy Week (April 14th)

Stations of the Cross
@7pm

Tuesday of Holy Week (April 15th)

Reconciliation
service @7pm

Holy Thursday (April 17th)

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

7:00pm

Adoration at Altar of Repose:

Ends @ 9:00pm

Good Friday (April 18th)

The Passion of Our Lord:

3:00pm

Holy Saturday (April 19th)

Easter Vigil:

8:00pm

Easter Sunday (April 20th)

Mass:

10:00am

*There will not be any Weekday Masses after Easter Sunday.
Normal Parish Timetable will resume again for the Vigil Mass on
Saturday April 26th at 5pm.*

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.

12 VOLUNTEERS are being sought to participate in our Easter Triduum celebration for the Vigil Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 17th) to have their feet washed. A Sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church for anyone interested – only five places left!! – if you snooze – you lose.....

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Monday evening during Lent at 7:00pm in St. Mark's, beginning on Monday 10th March.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will be held in St. Mark's on **Tuesday 15th April at 7pm**. If this date or time is unsuitable for anyone then there will also be a service of reconciliation for the parishes of the South Edinburgh Cluster held in St. Catherine's Parish Church on Thursday April 3rd at 7.30pm.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our wonderful mothers in the parish, may the good Lord bless you all on this your special day, and every day.

2nd COLLECTION: The annual special collection for Papal and Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) will be taken up this weekend 29/30 March.

SPICK AND SPAN EASTER SPECIAL: Come and have fun with mops and brushes as we continue in our mission to keep our beautiful church clean and tidy for all those who practice their faith here at St. Mark's. All help is greatly appreciated by everyone - both in heaven and on earth. Tuesday 15/4/2025 after the 10am morning Mass. Cleaning is typically finished well before noon with Tea, biscuits and a chat afterwards! If you have yet to make that executive decision to join us, please do, as we prepare our church for the biggest celebration in the church's calendar year.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2025-26 are now available at the back of the Church for those who have pledged to Gift Aid their donations. 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 any of the Gift Aid Organisers, Katy Burns, Carol Lonie and Paul Drury. Your Gift Aid donations provide an extra, much needed source of income for St Mark's as they allow us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated. If you pay income tax and have not yet signed up to Gift Aid your donations, please do. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish throughout the year.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held Next weekend 5/6 April 2025. 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>94</i>	<i>£367</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>£431</i>	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the book of Joshua [5:9a, 10-12]

The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.

In those days: The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 34(33):2-3, 4-5, 6-7, R cf. 18b]

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.



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

Corinthians [5:17-21] *God who through Christ reconciled us to himself.*

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

**I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.**

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Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [15:1-3, 11-

32] *Your brother was dead, and is alive.*

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."'

'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."'

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