

ST. MARK'S PARISH

6th April 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent Year C

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 5th April	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th April		10:00am	Ian Shanley (Ann)
Monday 7th April		10:00am	Neil Robertson (Ann)
Tuesday 8th April		10:00am	Genette Berard (Sp Int)
Thursday 10th April		10:00am	Jan & Tilly Straczynski (Sp Int)
Friday 11th April		10:00am	Scott Johnston (RIP)
<i>Saturday 12th April</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Bridie Hanlon (Ann)</i>
<i>Sunday 13th April</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</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 four places left!! - only two weeks 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.

REMINDER - SACRAMENTS 2025 Presentation of the Our Father for all children making their First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 27th April during the 10am Mass. The names of all children registered for St. Mark's Sacramental Programme 2025 are posted on our notice board. **If your child's name is not on the list, please contact Fr. Seán as soon as possible**

CHILDRENS LITURGY: there will not be any Children's Liturgy on both Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday. It re-commences again on Sunday 27th April.

2nd COLLECTION: for Papal and Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) last weekend realised a combined donation of £323.02 Your support is greatly appreciated.

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. 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 this 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>75</i>	<i>£330</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>£385</i>	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah [43:16-21]

Behold, I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my chosen people.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.'

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 126(125):1-2b, 2c-3, 4-5, 6. R3]

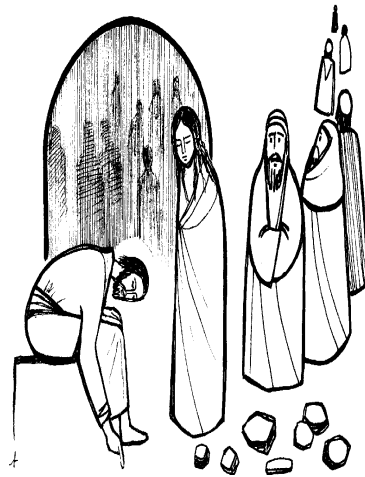
Response: What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy.

Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!'
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves.



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

[3:8-14] *For the sake of Christ I have suffered the loss of all things, becoming like him in his death.*

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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**Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.
Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.**

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [8:1-11]

Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So, what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

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