

ST. MARK'S PARISH

13th April 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent Year C

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 12th April | Vigil | 5:00pm | Bridie Hanlon (Ann) |
| Sunday 13th April | | 10:00am | People of the Parish |
| Monday of Holy Week 14th April | | 10:00am | Marion & Jack Burns (Ann) |
| Tuesday of Holy Week 15th April | | 10:00am | Niamh Henderson (Ann) |
| Service of Reconciliation (Tue Eve) | | 7:00pm | Service of Reconciliation |
| Maundy Thursday 17th April | | 7:00pm | People of the Parish |
| Good Friday 18th April | | 3:00pm | |
| <i>Holy Saturday 19th April</i> | <i>Easter Vigil</i> | <i>8:00pm</i> | <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| <i>Easter Sunday 20th 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 – Last Chance Saloon - only four places left!! - only a few days left!! – if you snooze – you lose.....

CHRISM MASS: The Chrism Mass this year takes place at 7pm on Tuesday 15th April at St Mary's Cathedral. At this Mass the bishop gathers with all his priests of the diocese and consecrates the Holy Oils to be used for the coming year. It is a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to join with the clergy of the diocese for this Solemn Celebration.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will be held in St. Mark's on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING: April 100 club draw results and prizes are: **1st:** #39 **Pat McBean** £30. **2nd:** #14 **Eddie Hoy** £10 and **3rd:** #30 **Elisa Armit** £10. Congratulations to you all.

REMINDER - SACRAMENTS 2025 **Presentation of the Our Father** for all candidates making their First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 27th April during the 10am Mass. **Presentation of the Creed** for all candidates making their Confirmation will take place on Sunday 4th May during the 10am Mass. The names of all candidates 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.**

GOOD FRIDAY This Friday (18th April 2025) is Good Friday and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund realised a combined donation of £1,469.40. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you

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| <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>80</i> | <i>£274</i> | |
| <i>SUNDAY</i> | <i>153</i> | <i>£410</i> | |

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [19:28-40]

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

At that time Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this: "The Lord has need of it." So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.



As he was drawing near - already on the way down the Mount of Olives - the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

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

I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R2a]

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, for in him he delights.'

For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets 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.
But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
'You who fear the LORD, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.'

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

[2:6-11] *He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [22:14-23:56]