

ST. MARK'S PARISH

20th April 2025 – Easter Sunday Year C

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Easter Vigil Saturday 19 th April	8:00pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday 20 th April	10:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 21 st April	10:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 22 nd April	10:00am	NO MASS
Thursday 24 th April	7:00pm	NO MASS
Friday 25 th April	3:00pm	NO MASS
Saturday 26 th April	Vigil 8:00pm	John Joseph Fitzgerald (Ann)
Sunday 27 th April	10:00am	People of the Parish
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> 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.		
<u>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</u> : Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am		

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.

MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK: There will be no daily Masses next week. Normal Parish Timetable will resume again for the Vigil Mass on Saturday April 26th at 5pm. Please See Mass Schedule on front page.

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.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS: Everyone is welcome to come into the hall after Mass on Sundays for a friendly cuppa tea/coffee, a munch and a chat. Thank you to all the hosts and hostesses of this Post Sunday Mass Refreshment Group, you are doing a great job and your efforts are appreciated by many a parishioner.

CHILDRENS LITURGY re-commences again on Sunday 27th April.

THANK YOU to all of those who so generously help out with the Children's Liturgy each of the Sundays throughout the school year. We are extremely blessed and grateful for all their efforts, care and the loving support they give to our wee lambs - the future of our church and country.

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.

SCHOOL RETURN: please pray for all those involved in our schools. May God bless their efforts as they start a new term.

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.**

St. Mark's	<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>	95	£348	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	155	£413	

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These readings are for the Easter Sunday (day Mass) only

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [10:34a. 37-43]

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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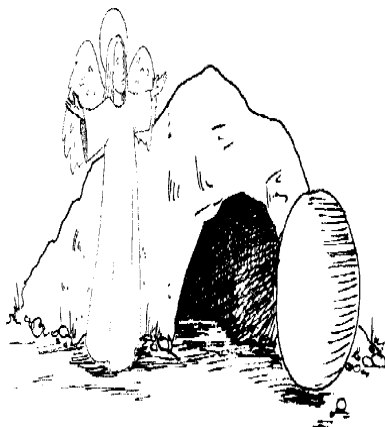
Responsorial Psalm [Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24]

Response: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.



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

[3:1-4] *Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.*

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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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 lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia.**

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

He must rise from the dead.

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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