

**ST. MARK'S PARISH**

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C**

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**MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>John Joseph Fitzgerald (Ann)</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sr Helen McLaughlin (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Pope Francis (RIP)</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ann Allan (Ann)</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<i>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Catherine McInness (Sp Int)</i>
<i>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<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>EUCARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am			

**CASTING A SHADOW**

When we talk about casting a shadow over something we usually mean it in a negative way. We mean that something is ruined or spoilt. But today, in the Acts of the Apostles, everyone wants to get close to Peter, just on the off-chance that his shadow will fall over them and they will be healed.

The Acts of the Apostles is really the account of how the Church grew and spread in the days and years that followed the resurrection of Jesus. It's wonderful to see how the apostles became transformed from frightened men, huddling together in a locked room, into forthright preachers of the word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit. There's a vibrant sense of excitement in the early chapters as we see that God has not stopped working wonders and marvels and that the number of new Christians starts to grow and the Good News begins to be broadcast over new territories. Some time ago the Church in Britain used a slogan which said, "We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song." Being part of an Easter people summons us to be joyful, for we sing of a great victory that God has achieved in Christ. And our Easter song is echoed on every one of the other fifty-one Sundays of the year because each Sunday is a mini-Easter, a making present of the saving acts of Jesus. Every Sunday, even in Lent, is a day not for fasting but for feasting. To "celebrate" liturgy is to broadcast what our "celebrity" God has done and is still doing for us here and now. In worship celebrity and celebration are intimately linked.

So let's be the Easter people. Let's be proud of our God. Let's celebrate the wonders God is performing for us. And, yes, let's cast a wide shadow



**PARISH NEWS**

**United in sorrow, we join with the world in prayer for Francis our beloved Pope, that perpetual light may shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**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.

**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.

**Assisted Suicide Public Meeting – Edinburgh Southern:** Parish MSP Daniel Johnson is hosting a discussion on assisted suicide: Wednesday 7 May, 6.30pm at The Nucleus Building, King's Buildings, Larch Lecture Theatre, EH9 3FG. Register here: <https://bit.ly/assistedsuicide7may> With a vote due at Holyrood, it's vital we show that the vulnerable need assisted living – not assisted suicide. Dr Gillian Wright, a former palliative care doctor, will be speaking. Edinburgh Southern constituents only – please attend and spread the word.

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:** in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held Next weekend 3/4 May 2025. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you

<i>St. Mark's</i>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Thank you, without your contributions the work of God's church would not be possible</i>
<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>£486</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>£831</b>	

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [5:12-16]

*'More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.'*

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

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### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R1]

*Response: 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.'

Let the house of Aaron say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the LORD say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes.

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

We beseech you, O LORD, grant salvation;  
we beseech you, O LORD, grant success.

Blest is he who comes  
in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD;  
the LORD is God, and has given us light.



### Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse [1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19] I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

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**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.**

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**

**Alleluia.**

### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [20:19-31]

*Eight days later, Jesus came.*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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