

ST. MARK'S PARISH

4th May 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 3 rd May	Vigil	5:00pm	Catherine McInness (Sp Int)
Sunday 4 th May		10:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 5 th May		10:00am	James Kelly (Ann)
Tuesday 6 th May		10:00am	Lydia Coffee (RIP)
Thursday 8 th May		10:00am	Lila Fraser (Birthday)
Friday 9 th May		10:00am	Living & Deceased Clergy of St. Mark's
Saturday 10 th May	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th May		10:00am	Seamus O'Grady (RIP)
<p>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.</p> <p>EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am</p>			

BREAKFAST BY THE LAKE

When someone says the word “Eucharist” what springs to mind? Do you think of a thing, perhaps the bread and wine? Or do you think of an action, perhaps the Mass?



Oddly enough, if you go to Greece you’ll hear the word “Eucharist”, though pronounced in a slightly different way, every few minutes. That’s because it’s the Greek word for “thank you”. So the Eucharist is really the action of giving thanks to God for creation and redemption. It’s an action first and foremost, and then a thing secondarily since we reserve the Eucharistic species of bread and wine for use with the sick and sometimes for adoration.

If you take a look at the appearances of Jesus after his resurrection, you’re bound to notice that food plays a great part in them. From the first appearance on Easter Sunday evening with the disciples on their way to Emmaus where he breaks bread, to the final appearance in today’s gospel where they have a fish breakfast on the lake shore, being with Jesus is associated with eating and drinking. Could the gospel writers be trying to give us a clue? The Eucharist is the action of the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit by which we praise and thank God for the wonders he has worked for us and those he is still doing today. By calling down the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine we effect the transformation of the elements into the body and blood of Christ. We also call down the Spirit upon ourselves so that by sharing communion we too are transformed into the Body of Christ that is the Church. In other words, we become what we eat.

We meet Christ in the words that are proclaimed from scripture, for they convey the message that his life embodied. We meet Christ in the faces of those whose paths cross ours, especially those in need. We meet Christ in those who minister God’s love to us through the sacraments. We meet Christ in his body, the Church, when we gather together with two or three or more to worship in his name.

But most of all, and in a special way, we meet the risen Christ in Eucharist where he invites us to eat and drink in the consummate act of thanksgiving that seals us in God’s love.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday May 8th @7pm here at St. Marks. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be always fruitful throughout their lives.

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.

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.

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.

COPPERS WEIGHING YOU DOWN? You can put them in our Copper Jar at the back of the church in aid of the building fund. All donations are gratefully received.

SECOND COLLECTION: for our Ecclesiastical Students’ Fund will be held next weekend 10&11May. This fund helps to fund seminarians studying & training for ordination within our Archdiocese. Please say a prayer for all those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

REMINDER - SACRAMENTS 2025 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.**

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

<i>St. Mark’s</i>	ATTENDANCE	OFFERTORY	<i>Thank you, without your contributions the work of God’s church would not be possible</i>
VIGIL	80	£345	
SUNDAY	155	£344	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [5:27b-32, 40b-41]

We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, 'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the Apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 30(29):2, 4. 5-6. 11, 12a,13b. R2a]

Response: I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones;
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
be my helper, O LORD.
You have changed my mourning into dancing.
O LORD my God, I will thank you for ever.



Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse [5:11-14]

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshipped.

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Alleluia, alleluia.

**Christ is risen, who created all things
and has shown compassion on the human race.**

Alleluia.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [21:1-19]

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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