

ST. MARK'S PARISH

22nd March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent Year A

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MASS DATES

TIMES

INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st March	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd March		10:00am	Lavina Pringle Ann
Monday 23rd March		10:00am	Boguslawa Lasak (Ann)
Tuesday 24th March		10:00am	Sr Refuge (SpInt)
Thursday 26th March		10:00am	Pat McDade (Ann)
Friday 27th March		10:00am	Patricia Okunkuo (SpInt)
<i>Saturday 28th March</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Catherine McInnes (SpInt)</i>
<i>Palm Sunday 29th March</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.			
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am			

ST. MARK'S EASTER TIMETABLE 2026

Monday of Holy Week (March 30th)

Stations of the Cross
@7pm

Tuesday of Holy Week (March 31st)

Reconciliation
service @7pm

Holy Thursday (April 2nd)

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

7:00pm

Adoration at Altar of Repose:

Ends @ 9:00pm

Good Friday (April 3rd)

The Passion of Our Lord:

3:00pm

Holy Saturday (April 4th)

Easter Vigil:

8:00pm

Easter Sunday (April 5th)

Mass:

10:00am

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME If you are just visiting our parish today, a regular attendee or if this is the first time you have been to Mass for a while, we welcome you to our humble parish and hope our time together unites us all in God's love. Please, feel free to take a newsletter home with you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Heidi Nova Devine and Myla Devine, daughters of Wayne and Amanda who were baptised in St Mark's church last Saturday. We welcome them both as a children of God into our parish.

Assisted Suicide Rejected in Scotland: From Archbishop Leo: "I am deeply grateful to the MSPs who voted in favour of life on Tuesday at Holyrood. The outcome of the vote reflects a careful and compassionate approach to a deeply sensitive subject, one that touches the dignity and vulnerability of all of us. Well done to everyone who contacted their MSPs about this crucial issue. May we now go forward, committed to making Scotland's palliative care the very best in the world. Let's also accompany one another in life and death with humanity and humility." **A Pastoral letter from the Catholic Bishops of Scotland on the upcoming Scottish Parliament Election is available to take home at the back of the church.**

MOTHER'S DAY CAFE The children of 98th Pentland Scout Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Mother's Day Cafe last Sunday and very much appreciate all donations received. Thank you!

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will be held in St. Mark's on **Tuesday 31st March at 7pm**. If this date or time is unsuitable for anyone, there will also be a service of reconciliation for the parishes of the South Edinburgh Cluster held in St. Catherine's Parish Church on Thursday 26th at 7.00pm.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2026-27 are now available at the back of the Church for those who have pledged to Gift Aid their donations. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish throughout the year.

12 VOLUNTEERS are being sought to participate in our Easter Triduum celebration of the Vigil Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 2nd) to have their feet washed. A Sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church for any interested **brave** souls. only four places left!! - only two weeks left!! – if you snooze – you lose.....

CHARITY FUNDRAISING: March 100 club draw results and prizes are: **1st: #12 Peter Matulaitis £40. 2nd: #68 St Mark's School £15 and 3rd: #38 John Burns Surprise Gift.** Congratulations to you all.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: there will be no Children's Liturgy on both Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday. It re-commences again on Sunday 26th April.

2nd COLLECTION: for Papal and Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) last weekend realised a combined donation of £160.40. Thank you for your support.

<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	77	£248	
SUNDAY	177	£495	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel [37:12-14] *I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.*

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. ±7bc]

Response: With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

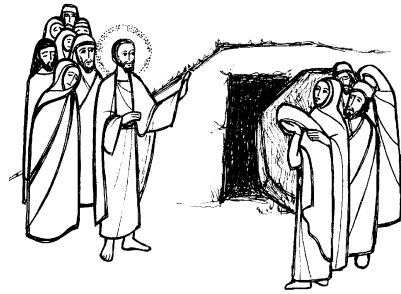
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings.

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak.

More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.



A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans [8:8-11]

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you

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**Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Everyone who believes in me shall never die.
Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.**

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [11:1-45]

I am the resurrection and the life.

At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So, the sisters sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So, Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So, when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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