

ST. MARK'S PARISH

1st March 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

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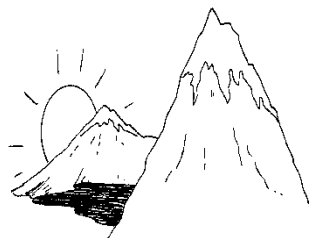
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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th February	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1st March		10:00am	Mary Winter (Ann)
Monday 2nd March		10:00am	Michael Mulroy (RIP)
Tuesday 3rd March		10:00am	Patrick McDade (Ann)
Thursday 5th March		10:00am	Kathleen McDade (Ann)
Friday 6th March		10:00am	Alan Kelly (Thanksgiving)
<i>Saturday 7th March</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 8th March</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>John Pettigrew (Ann)</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			

MOUNTAIN VIEWS

We're not told in today's gospel the name of the mountain that the Transfiguration took place on. Tradition says it was Mount Tabor, but it doesn't really matter. In fact, whenever a mountain features in the bible we can be pretty sure that God is about to appear and tell us something significant. That's what happened to Moses on Mount Sinai and to Elijah on Mount Carmel. In our run-up to Easter we can be forgiven for thinking that mountains don't matter. Mountain moments are those in which we seem to catch something of God's presence amid the humdrum of our daily routines. Out of the blue we can see, hear or think something that makes us realise that there is more to life than meets the eye. Mountains can bring us spiritual experiences. Whatever it is, it takes our spirit beyond our bodies and lets us have a glimpse of something that is greater than the merely human. Primitive peoples thought that God lived in the sky and so they went up mountains to be closer to him. But we have lots of mountain experiences down here on the ground too. These moments of breakthrough sustain us through all the days when God's presence can seem a bit more distant from us. They act as a booster to our faith. Today we see Peter, James and John. They have been given the bad news that Jesus is destined to be put to death and they are feeling low. Yet the Transfiguration is a flash of God's glory visible in Jesus. The Transfiguration is a defining moment for them. From being fearful they are strengthened. As we journey through Lent on our way to Easter, God will offer us our own moments of Transfiguration. He'll let us see his glory and, just as on the mountain top, he'll tell us "This is my Son. Listen to what he's got to say." So, wherever we bump into our own mountains, we need to keep our eyes and ears open.



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.

RIP Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Terry White** who was recently reborn into eternal Life. Her requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 10am in St. Mark's. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Monday evening during Lent at 7:00pm in St. Mark's.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March 2026: This year Fairmilehead Parish Church is hosting this Ecumenical service. It has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria. Please join us at **11am** for a short service followed by refreshments in the hall.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: re-commences again this weekend.

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 anyone interested.

TENT OF DIVINE MERCY GROUP will meet on the 1st Saturday of the month at 2pm in front of the Divine Mercy Picture for praise, the chaplet and for intercessory prayers. All are welcome to attend.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS: if anyone would like to Volunteer as a host or hostess for the Sunday morning tea's and coffee's please speak to Fr. Seán anytime.

ASSISTED SUICIDE FINAL VOTE: This is your last chance to help stop assisted suicide in Scotland and protect vulnerable people. Email your MSPs today - visit carenotkilling.scot and enter your postcode to find contact details for your local MSP.

REMINDER to parents of all children making **First Confessions**, **First Holy Communion** or **Confirmations** - the Rite of Enrolment will be held on Sunday 1st March during 10am Mass. All application forms must be received prior to this.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held this weekend 1st March 2026. Your support for our Parish is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you.

<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>89</i>	<i>£327</i>	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>£480</i>	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis [12:1-4a]

The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. ±5b]

Response: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.



Second Reading: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Timothy [1:8b-10] *God calls and enlightens us.*

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [17:1-9]

His face shone like the sun.

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

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