

ST. MARK'S PARISH

4th April 2026 Easter Sunday Year A

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday 4th April Easter Vigil	8:00pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday 5th April	10:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 6th April	10:00am	Ian Shanley (Ann)
Tuesday 7th April	10:00am	Marrie Jenne Velasquez (RIP)
Thursday 9th April	10:00am	Christian Sharkey (SpInt)
Friday 10th April	10:00am	Patricia Docherty (SpInt)
<i>Saturday 11th April Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 12th April</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Ruby Mae Lloyd (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		

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, 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 to read.

EASTER TRIDUUM Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our celebration of the Easter Triduum this year, your service to God and the community is greatly appreciated by all.

THE GARDENING GROUP has started up again and would welcome volunteers. We currently meet on Mondays after Mass to plant/ weed/ cut grass/ whatever until lunch time (10:30-12:30). No gardening experience needed! Just turn up or speak to Fr Seán, Fr Nick or Katy Burns.

REMINDER - SACRAMENTS 2026 **Presentation of the Our Father** for all candidates making their First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 26th April during the 10am Mass. **Presentation of the Creed** for all candidates making their Confirmation will take place on Sunday 3rd May during the 10am Mass. The names of all candidates registered for St. Mark's Sacramental Programme 2026 are posted on our notice board. **If your child's name is not on the list, please contact Fr. Seán as soon as possible.**

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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2026-27 are now available at the back of the Church.

DIOCESAN STRUCTURES IN SCOTLAND: The Holy See has invited the Bishops of Scotland to reflect on how the present dioceses of the Church in Scotland can best serve her mission in the years ahead. In the coming weeks, therefore, along with the rest of the country, Archbishop Leo would like to hold some consultations on what we might propose to Rome, so that the Church in Scotland might improve cooperation among its dioceses, share resources within our present structures, or consider, as necessary, how we might merge some of our dioceses. Read the full statement at <https://www.bcos.org.uk/>

CHILDRENS LITURGY: re-commences again on Sunday 26th April.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held this weekend 4th/5th April 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>	80	£728	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	149	£526	

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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. ±24]

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

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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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