

## ST. MARK'S PARISH

**31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 TRINITY SUNDAY Year A**

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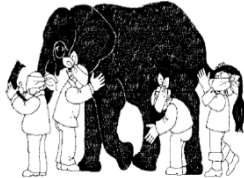
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**MASS DATES                      TIMES                      INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Tracey Edge Loake (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Pat McBean (RIP)</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Elizabeth T. Mulvenna (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ida &amp; Stefan Boron (Sp Int)</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Terry Ruse (RIP)</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Irene (RIP)</b>
<i>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Sheila Lee (RIP)</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			

**THE MYSTERIOUS TRINITY** Four wise men and women were blindfolded and taken to a room in which there was an elephant. They were placed at four different parts of the animal and told to feel it and see if they could identify what it was. The first took hold of its trunk and decided that it was a very fat wriggling snake. The second felt the ear flapping about and said that it was a giant leaf wafting in the wind. The third, who felt the elephant's leg, decided that they were dealing with an enormous tree-trunk. The fourth one explored the tail and came to the conclusion that it was some sort of thick shrub. Only when the elephant trumpeted out a deafening roar was the mystery finally solved. When we try to talk about the Trinity we are just like those four blindfolded people. We can give our impressions by saying things which are true but wildly incomplete. To speak about Father, Son and Spirit is fine, but it's simply using terms that we humans are familiar with. To say that Jesus is Son of the Father is correct, but only because our limited minds cannot cope with the full reality of the network of relations that exist between the persons of God. In the Trinity we have one God. We have the God who is the principle of all life, who created all that lives and breathes. We also have the God who has taken on our human nature and has shown us how to live in such a way that we can enjoy life to the full. And we have the God who is present today in our world, encouraging, sustaining, and making us holy. But it is still a mystery, because God acts in ways that we cannot begin to tabulate and predict. Once we think that we have got the hang of the Trinity, then we have made it too small. If we are not just to end up with God's trunk, ear, leg and tail, then we must listen for the deafening trumpet blast which is God breaking into our daily lives. We learn most about the nature of God from listening to scripture, from sharing our common story of faith handed down from one generation to the next. We see God in the faces of our brothers and sisters, and we celebrate God in our sacraments. But even with all of this, God still remains a mystery.



## 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.

**SCAMS:** always be on your guard against scammers. Rest assured that you will **never** get a request from anyone at St. Mark's Parish for any type of financial assistance for a priest, parishioner or any parish related concerns via email, phone, text, any type of social media or even from someone who turns up on your doorstep. If you do - **it is a scam**. If you are ever in doubt on anything, never act hastily - always call the parish landline and speak to Fr. Seán or leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. But the odds are that someone is trying to Con You out of your hard-earned money. Don't let them.

**DIVINE MERCY GROUP** meet in St. Mark's church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month (6/6/26) at 2pm in front of the Divine Mercy picture to pray the Chaplet & intercessory prayers. All are welcome to attend.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** The Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Leo, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, at 3:00pm on Sunday 7 June 2026. Afterwards there will be Benediction in the Church followed by refreshments in the presbytery garden. This annual event is a beautiful, public celebration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. All welcome. Event guide at [bit.ly/corpus26](http://bit.ly/corpus26).

**CARD STAND:** a new selection of sympathy cards, father's day cards and birthday are now available on the Card Stand at the back of the church.

**BARGE TRIP** Thank you to those who organised the recent Barge trip. A wonderful time was had by all and we look forward to the next outing.

**ST MARKS SUMMER PARTY** Join us on Saturday evening June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the hall for a wee social gathering over a Hot Buffet - entertainment will be provided by the legendry Gary Coupland (MBE) from the singing Kettle. Tickets available - £10pp – please put in an envelope with your name – or names on it. If anyone would like to donate a prize for our raffle OR for further information, please contact Johnny BhoymcDade, Jacque George or Fr Seán.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held Next weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> June 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>
<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>£330</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>£355</b>	

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## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus [34:4b-6. 8-9]**

*The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious.*

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

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### **Responsorial Psalm [Dan 3:52-56]**

***Response: To be praised and highly exalted for ever!***

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors. **(R)**

Blessed is your glorious and holy name, **(R)**

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, **(R)**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, **(R)**

Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim, **(R)**

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven. **(R)**

### **Second Reading: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians [2 Cor 13:11-14]**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.*

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
The God who is, who was, and who is to come.**

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [3:16-18]**

*God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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