

ST. MARK'S PARISH

7th June 2026 Corpus Christi Year A

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MASS DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th June	Vigil	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 7th June		10:00am	Sheila Lee (RIP)
Monday 8th June		10:00am	Kathleen Foody (RIP)
Tuesday 9th June		10:00am	Mary Ormrod (RIP)
Thursday 11th June		10:00am	Patrick Powell (RIP)
Friday 12th June		10:00am	Bill & Rose Hetherington (RIP)
<i>Saturday 13th June</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday 14th June</i>		<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Bernadette Reid (1st 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Tuesday & Friday Morning 09.15am – 09.45am

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME: Last week we celebrated the solemnity of the Blessed Trinity, where we were invited to contemplate a God who is always present to us, a God of tenderness, compassion, patience, forgiveness, justice and mercy. Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminding us to appreciate the importance and significance of the Eucharist in our spiritual lives.

The celebration of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ brings us to the very life and core of our faith. The Eucharist is the one sacrament that the Church insists that we celebrate and participate in as frequently as possible – even daily. Why? Because it's like a doctor telling a patient that they must regularly eat the proper foods required to nourish the body and ensure the best of health throughout their lives.

In the Eucharist, the Church is telling us that by regularly receiving the Blessed Eucharist we have the means of nourishing our soul in this life and actively preparing ourselves for our eternal reward in the next life. In partaking, faithfully of the Eucharist, we indeed have the life of Jesus within us. What a tremendous blessing and promise! We must remember however, that our celebration of, and participation in the Eucharist is not reduced to simply 'receiving holy communion'. As richly significant and nourishing as this process is, the celebration of the Eucharist reminds us that we are fed and nourished in two ways: sacramentally, through our partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ and secondly, through the living word of God that is presented to us in the Scriptures.

In the scriptures the Church presents us with the richness of God's word in the readings we encounter at each Mass. They prepare us for the sacramental reception of the Eucharist and they deepen our relationship with God. So, it is important that we are physically, spiritually and mentally present for both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. As we celebrate this mystery may we recognise the great gift which Jesus gives us in this sacrament - the source of everlasting life – and that we don't become complacent about the Eucharist and fail to see it as the 'source and summit of our Christian lives'.



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.

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.

CONSULTATION Archbishop Cushley invites you to respond to consultation questions from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland regarding the structures of the Church in Scotland. The consultation questions are online at bit.ly/archconsultation26. For context, please see the BCOS statement at bit.ly/bcosstatement. Responses must be submitted by Friday 26 June.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: When requesting a Mass to be said for a specific reason, it would be helpful to use a Mass Intention Envelope detailing the name for whom the Mass is to be offered and the purpose of the intention *ie* death, anniversary, special intention etc. Should a specific date be chosen, Fr Seán & Fr. Nick will endeavour to accommodate this or as close to the specified date as possible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

ST MARKS SUMMER PARTY Join us on Saturday evening June 20th at 6.30pm in the hall for a wee social gathering over a Hot Buffet - entertainment will be provided by the legendary 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 Bhoy McDade, Jacque George or Fr Seán.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM If you wish to have your child baptised, please arrange an appointment with Fr. Seán or Fr. Nick either after Mass, by calling the parish office or sending an email to the above listed email address. Please remember that at least one of the child's parents should be a practicing Catholic as should one of the chosen Godparents/Sponsors.

SECOND COLLECTION: in aid of St. Mark's Building Fund will be held this weekend 6th/7th 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>
<i>VIGIL</i>	74	£277	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	146	£468	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy [8:2-3. 14b-16a]

He fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know.

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Do not forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

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Responsorial Psalm [Ps 147:12-15. 19-20]

Response: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

O Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.

He established peace on your borders;
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command.

He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements.



Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians [1 Cor 10:16-17]

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [6:51-58]

My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.'

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