

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S



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Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord-A
Sunday, 5th of April, 2026.

1st Reading: Act 10:33a, 37-43

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118 (117)

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice in it and be glad.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

Reflection: *The Stillness of Redemption: God at Work in Silence*

Holy Saturday was wet, and moody. The air was still, the atmosphere calm. No Mass, no Adoration, no movement. Just silence everywhere. A time when everything seems to pause, when even your faith feels quiet, when it appears as though God is absent? That heavy silence. We all experience it. The world seems wrapped in darkness because Jesus, the King, lies in the tomb. But is He truly asleep? Or is He simply out of sight? The tomb is a place of oblivion, a place of lostness. Its inhabitants lie still. Some in anticipation, others in what seems like eternal silence. So, we ask again: does the King of life truly sleep in the tomb?

Consider this carefully. The King of kings who raised Lazarus from the grave, who called life out of death. Can such a King be overcome by death? The One who gave life to Lazarus while he lay in the stillness of the grave. Can He Himself be held captive by the same grave? Judge for yourself. How can Life become lifeless? How can the giver of life be deprived of life?

Between Good Friday and Easter morning, there is a great mystery. It is the mystery of death and life contending in a combat stupendous. It is a silent battle, unseen by human eyes, unheard by human ears. Yet it is decisive. Death stretches itself, thinking it has won. It swallows what it assumes is another victim. But death does not realize what it has taken in. It swallows Life itself, and in doing so, signs its own defeat.

For Life cannot be contained. Life cannot be extinguished. Life rises. And when Christ rises, He does not rise alone. He rises to claim all who are held in the grave. This is why the silence of Holy Saturday is not empty. It is full. It is the womb of redemption. It is in the stillness when God seems silent, that the greatest works of God are unfolding. When you feel nothing is happening, a great mystery is taking place. When all seems lost, God is at work beyond what your eyes can see.

Safeguarding holds a vital place in the life of the Archdiocese of Glasgow. Our parish is committed to promoting safeguarding awareness and embraces our collective responsibility to provide care and protection for everyone.

So today, we celebrate. We raise our voices in singing Alleluia to the King of Life. We sing with conviction. The King has risen. Life has triumphed. The stone has been rolled away. Not only from the tomb, but from every burden, every chain, every fear that has held you captive.

That situation you thought was buried, that hope you thought was lost, look again. The tomb is empty. God answers from silence. Like Bartimaeus, throw away the shackles and rejoice. For whom the Lord sets free is free indeed. Shalom.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: This is the day	No. 684
Offertory: Gifts of bread and wine	No. 273
Communion 1: Alleluia Alleluia give thanks	No. 105
Communion 2: Now the green blade riseth	No. 498
Recession: Sing to the mountains	No. 626

Let us continue to pray for the sick and those recovering in our parish, especially **Paul Stackpool Martin** and **Jim Docherty**.

Death: Eli Sammy, Thomas Downie, Rhona McPhee.
Anniversary: Bernie Kelly.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday

- ◆ **Mass of the Lord's Supper** – 7:00 PM
- ◆ **Adoration at the Altar of Repose** – Until 12:00 Midnight

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

- ◆ **Drama of the Passion** – 2:35 PM
- ◆ **The Passion of the Lord** – 3:00 PM
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross** – 7:00

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday


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◆ **Easter Vigil (Mass of the Lord's Resurrection)** – 9:00 PM

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

◆ **Masses** – 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

**NO ADORATION THROUGHOUT EASTER OCTAVE 6TH TO 10TH
MASS DURING THE EASTER OCTAVE IS STILL AT 10 AM**

 Come, let us journey together through the sacred mysteries of Holy Week and rejoice in the Glory of Christ's Resurrection. ✠ 🙏

Collections for 29/03/2026

Offertory: £597.02

Gift Aid envelopes: £356

My Dear Parishioners and Condorrat Community,

A joyful and grace-filled Easter to you all.

I sincerely appreciate your attendance and active participation throughout the Holy Week. Your presence and devotion truly enriched the celebration of the great mysteries of our Christian faith.

As we enter into this Easter season, I pray that the joy of the Resurrection fills every home in our community.

To our children, I wish you a happy and refreshing Easter holiday. May it be a time to play and renew your spirit for next academic period.

For those who will be travelling or visiting family and loved ones, may the Lord grant you safe journeys and bring you back in peace. May your reunions be filled with joy and renewed bonds.

To our parents and families, as you prepare meals and gather together, may your homes be blessed with laughter and thanksgiving. This season will be for you a moment of sharing the love of the Risen Lord.

Happy Easter to you all.

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