

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

Third Sunday of Easter -A
Sunday, 19th of April, 2026.

1st Reading: Act 2: 14, 22b-33

It was not possible for him to be held by death.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16 (15)

Oh Lord, you will show me the path of life.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21

You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reflection: *Return to the Word, Return to the Table*

During my time as a chaplain at the University of Lagos, one of my roles was to help students organize their study time and plan their semester. What I valued most was the opportunity to assist them when they grappled with difficult questions. You can imagine students approaching me with questions on economics, architecture, and even agriculture. Quite amusing! My first instinct was always to direct them to a reliable textbook on the subject and encourage them to read it carefully. Some texts, admittedly, could deepen confusion, so I often recommended simpler resources such as “easy-to-read” or “XYZ for dummies.” In most cases, this approach proved helpful. I was not giving answers, but guiding them towards clarity. This principle applies equally to life. When we need understanding, we turn to sources that address such matters.

That is precisely what unfolds in Luke 24:13–35. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus are confused and disheartened, unable to make sense of the events surrounding Jesus' death. Their hopes had been shattered. They had believed He would redeem Israel, yet now they walk away from Jerusalem, burdened with disappointment and unanswered questions. Jesus comes alongside them, though they do not recognize Him. Rather than revealing Himself immediately, He patiently leads them to understanding. He opened the “easy-to-read” textbook on “Human Redemption.” God.

Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interprets the Scriptures, showing that the Messiah's suffering was not a contradiction but the fulfilment of God's plan. He does what any good teacher does: meet the students where they are and walks them step by step towards clarity. Only later, in the breaking of the bread, were their eyes opened. Their disappointment transformed into conviction. This brings us back to that experience at the Chaplaincy. When students came in confused, the goal was not merely to provide answers but to guide them patiently toward understanding through appropriate sources. In a similar way, Christ does not overwhelm us with instant clarity. He walks with us, opens the Scriptures, and gradually forms our understanding.

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.

When we find ourselves on our own “road to Emmaus,” facing questions, doubts, or disappointments, we must remember where to turn. Like the disciples, we allow Christ to interpret our lives in the light of Scripture and the Eucharist. And having received clarity, we do not remain where we are. We rise, return, and share with others the truth we have encountered.

Has your Bible been left to gather dust on the shelf? Perhaps today is the moment to open it and listen anew to the voice of the Lord.

When you receive the Eucharist, do you take time to speak to Jesus and seek a true encounter with Him? Begin today.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: This is the day	No. 684
Offertory: Love is his word	No. 462
Communion 1: Lord, Jesus Christ	No. 447
Recession: City of God	No. 154

Let us continue to pray for the sick and those recovering in our parish, especially *Anne Lawler and Pat Walsh*.

Death: *Lorna Stuart*

Anniversary: *Mamie Leary, David McNally, John Johnston, David Milne, Tommy and Pat Lennon, Michael Cassidy, Bernard Johnson, James McKune.*

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend for **Ecclesiastical students**.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Archbishop William Nolan will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our children next Thursday, the 23rd of April. All are warmly invited to attend this joyful celebration and to support our young candidates with your prayers and presence.

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Infant Baptism

We appreciate the feedback regarding the celebration of infant baptisms during the 12 noon Mass. Subsequently, notice of upcoming infant baptisms will be included in the bulletin in the week(s) preceding the celebration.

There will be infant baptism during the 12 noon Mass on the 3rd of May.

Thank You from Stella Maris

Stella Maris sincerely thanks you for your generosity in donating Easter eggs for seafarers. Through your kindness, we are able to let those at sea know that the Church cares for them.

200 Club winners for March

1st Number **125**
2nd Number **158**
3rd Number **79**

Parish Garden Group

With the arrival of good weather, we plan to begin a weekly garden session to help maintain the Church grounds. Anyone interested in volunteering an hour after the 10 am Mass on a Monday or Tuesday is kindly asked to contact Lawrence Miller or Charlie Brady.

Collections for 05/04/2026

Offertory: £893.50	Gift Aid envelopes: £347
Good Friday: £468.08	Thank you

Collections for 12/04/2026

Offertory: £816.82	Gift Aid envelopes: £234
Assisted Parishes: £397.02	Thank you