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19TH APRIL 2026 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

MASS SCHEDULE

this week

Monday – Thursday

No public Mass

Friday – Saturday morning

9:30am Mass

Saturday evening

6:00pm Vigil Mass (Polish)

Sunday

9:30am Mass (English)

CONFESSION

before/after any Mass,
or on request

Bishops' Conference of Scotland Consultation

BCOS are seeking the opinions of all Catholics in Scotland on certain questions regarding planning for the future. Below is their statement in full. We will need to respond before the end of May – further details on how to do this coming soon.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable.

We are all aware of the challenges before us - fewer clergy, changing patterns of practice, and increasing pressures on our diocesan resources, among other things. Yet our mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the Gospel and to lead our people to Christ.

Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses.

To best inform ourselves and the Holy See, each bishop will engage with his diocese over the coming months for the first part of this process. Everyone will be given the opportunity to pray, reflect, and contribute.

Following on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn.

This is not simply an administrative exercise. It is a pastoral and missionary response to our changing landscape. This process will ensure our Church in Scotland will continue to grow ever more missionary, more Christ-centred, and more collaborative in the service of God's people.

Entrusting this work to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the intercession of Our Lady, we move forward together with confidence and renewed hope.

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 20th April

Weekday of 3rd Week of Easter

Tuesday 21st April

St. Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday 22nd April

Weekday of 3rd Week of Easter

Thursday 23rd April

St. George, Martyr

Friday 24th April

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, OFM Cap, Priest, Martyr – Patron of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith

Saturday 25th April

St. Mark the Evangelist

Sunday 26th April

4th Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

From Pope Leo's Prayer for Peace

"Lord of Life, you shaped every human being in your image and likeness. We believe you created us for communion, not for war, for fraternity, not for destruction. You who greeted your disciples saying, 'Peace be with you,' grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history. Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue..." – You can read the [full prayer here](#).

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Scottish Parliamentary Elections, May 7th 2026

The Catholic Bishops of Scotland are calling us to use our vote in the May election *wisely*. Check out rcpolitics.org for helpful tools to guide your voting, including notes on Catholic social teaching, the Catechism on key election topics, suggested questions for candidates and a prayer for the election.

You might also be interested in checking out this page on CareNotKilling.org.uk's website, which says **how MSPs standing for re-election voted on the Assisted Dying Bill (Scotland)**, the dangerous euthanasia bill, thankfully defeated in early May.

THIS SUNDAY: Special Collection in support of the **Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund**, for overseas development and the relief of disasters. Thank you for your generosity!