Mark- the Evangelist

Born: 5 AD

Died: AD68

Feast Day: 25th April

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The Apostle Mark was one of the 70 disciples of Jesus. He is one of the 4 evangelists.

Tradition says that he is likely to have been the author of Saint Mark's gospel.

He travelled with Saint Barnabas and Saint Paul on many religious missions, He founded the Church of Alexandria.

He became the first bishop of Alexandria and he is honoured as the founder of Christianity in Africa. He died in 68 AD in Alexandria, Egypt. In the 9th century his relics were sent to Venice.

Mark met Peter and travelled with him. He wrote down the sermons of Peter, and used them as a source for his gospel.

According to Acts 15:39, Mark went to Cyprus with Barnabas after the Council of Jerusalem.

He is patron of Venice and glaziers, lions, lawyers, notaries, opticians, pharmacists, painters, secretaries, interpreters, prisoners and people dealing with insect bite.