

# **St Anthony's and St Mark's** **24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## **Acts 1:12-14**

*The apostles all joined in continuous prayer*

## **Psalm 26**

*I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living*

## **1 Peter 4:13-16**

*It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ*

## **John 17:1-11**

*Father, it is time for you to glorify me*

## **Sick**

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Josephine McLeod, Frank Daly, Jeanette Henderson, Steve Bailey

## **Recently Dead**

Chick Hume, James Lindsey, Isabel McLaughlin, Mary Greene

## **Anniversaries**

Bishop Joseph Devine

## **Reflection on the Readings**

The prayer of Jesus focuses on the concept of Glory. In Hebrew "Glory" has the same root as the word for the liver, the heaviest organ of the body, and so can be thought as "giving weight" to something. Jesus glorifies the Father when he gives the most weight to the Father's will and fulfilling the mission he has been entrusted with. We in turn give glory to God, when we allow the things of God to tip the scales in our lives and become the most pressing focus, the most important voice.

## **Children's Mass**

Every second Sunday the prayers etc of the Mass will be tailored for children and they will be encouraged to participate from their own homes. Next Sunday's 1pm Mass will be one such Mass. Grown-ups are welcome too!

## **Camglen Radio**

Our local radio station is broadcasting a weekly hour of worship on a Sunday at 3pm. This may be particularly welcome to those who don't have access to the internet so pass it on. The frequency is 107.9FM.

## **Prayer Intentions**

These can be given in to the church by phoning St Mark's house or by email.

## **Online Messages**

For next week's Masses we are inviting you to send in written requests for shout-outs as usual. But as well as this, you might want to send in video messages. These should last around 10-15 seconds and will be played after the weekend Masses.

## **Children's Rosary**

If you missed the children praying the Rosary you can find it in our YouTube page.

## **Re-Opening of Churches**

We do not yet know when this will happen or exactly how, but it is time to start thinking about what will need to be done. Below are some thoughts of mine to get you thinking.

Firstly, please do not assume we know things you do not! I do not know when churches will open beyond what you see in the news. There are tentative moves to see how we can open up and what must be in place, but nothing definite yet.

### Capacity of Churches

With everyone 2 metres apart that means we can only use every 3<sup>rd</sup> pew. This would allow:

- 56 in St Anthony's
- 50 in St Mark's

With every 3<sup>rd</sup> pew filled (assuming family groups) we could stretch to:

- 190 in St Anthony's
- 120 in St Mark's

But bear in mind that pews in St Anthony's can take around 14 people so it is unlikely they could be filled.

### Private Prayer

For this we would need volunteers to open the churches, steward them and disinfect them.

### Services

For this people would possibly have to "book" their place in advance so that there are not too many. We need to think how this can be done and someone needs to coordinate it. It cannot only be done through the internet as this disadvantages some.

We would also need volunteers to steward and disinfect the churches.

So again we have to think about how to do this.

### Hands-free

I intend having TV screens fitted in both churches that will allow words for hymns etc to be displayed. This will be straightforward in St Anthony's so I will press ahead with it. The shape of St Mark's makes it a little more complicated so that will need more thought.

### Streaming of Masses

This will continue from St Mark's for some time. In fact, I would like to continue it in perpetuity. I would then also look at setting up the same thing in St Anthony's. There are some people who will not be able to attend a service for some time so we should keep this going.

***These are just some thoughts and I am sure that they will set off others in your heads. So please come back with your own ideas.***

## **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYERS TO OUR BLESSED LADY**

### **First Prayer:**

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

### **Second Prayer:**

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.  
Amen.

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.  
Since I cannot receive you Sacramentally now,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though you were already there,  
I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;  
permit not that I should ever be separated from you.  
Amen.

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **Online Masses (Youtube Channel CatholicG73)**

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 1pm

Monday 1pm

Tues 7pm (with Novena to St Anthony)

Wed-Fri 1pm

### **Online Rosary**

Tues & Sat 1pm

### **Online Addresses**

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YouTube: [CatholicG73](#)

### **Other Resources**

[www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)

[www.rcdom.org.uk](http://www.rcdom.org.uk)

[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

[www.camglenradio.org](http://www.camglenradio.org)

## **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASSES**

### **Opening Hymn**

*Abba, Abba Father, You are the potter,  
We are the clay, the work of Your hands.*

Mould us, mould us and fashion us  
Into the image of Jesus Your Son,  
Of Jesus your Son.

Father, may we be one in You,  
May we be one in You,  
As He is in You and You are in Him.

Glory, Glory and praise to You,  
Glory and praise to You,  
Forever, Amen, Forever Amen

### **Communion**

Lord make me a means of Your Peace  
Where there's hatred grown  
Let me sow Your love  
Where there's injury Lord  
Let forgiveness be my sword  
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

Lord make me a means of Your Peace  
When there's sadness here  
Let me sow Your joy  
When the darkness nears  
May Your light dispel our fears  
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

Lord grant me to seek and to share  
Less to be consoled  
Than to help console  
Less be understood  
Than to understand Your good  
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

Lord grant me to seek and to share  
To forgive in thee  
You've forgiven me  
For to die in thee  
Is eternal life to me  
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

### **Final Hymn**

Hail Redeemer, King divine!  
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;  
King, whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing :  
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary!"*

King most holy, King of truth,  
guard the lowly, guide the youth;  
Christ the King of glory bright,  
be to us eternal light.

Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep  
homeward bring the wandering sheep;  
shelter in one royal fold  
states and kingdoms, new and old.

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