

St Anthony's and St Mark's
21st June 2020 – 12th Sunday Year A

Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men

Psalm 68

In your great love, answer me O God

Romans 5:12-15

The gift considerably outweighed the fall

Matthew 10:26-33

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body

Sick

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Jeanette Henderson, David Richards, Thomas McKell, Susan Docherty, Tommy O'Hare, Agnes Mullen

Recently Dead

Frank Daly, Mary McLaughlin, Brian McKeown, Giannina Pelosi, Helen Savage

Anniversaries

Sadie McDougall, William Ayre, Tom MacConnell, Evelyn Gaylard

Reflection on the Readings

Who can kill the soul as well as the body? We usually assume this refers to Satan, but only God could kill the soul as well as the body. Jesus makes clear that this is not God's intention, because he tells us not to be afraid. God knows every hair on our heads: if not even a sparrow can fall to the ground without God knowing, how much more precious in God's eyes are his children?

Camglan 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.

Novena to St Anthony

The novena continues to be prayed every Tuesday evening after Mass.

Fr McLean – Jubilee

On Saturday 27th June, Fr McLean will celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination. We had plans to have a celebration with him in the parish but obviously that has to be deferred. In the meantime, please pray for him. Any cards or gifts can be handed in to the White Fathers, 9 Milrig Road.

Re-Opening of Churches

I am delighted to say we can open our churches again for limited periods of time. At first it will be for private prayer. In time, there will be public Masses but not yet. We will wait for guidance from the Government and Bishops.

The reason I am waiting until next Sunday is that this is in line with the general guidance given by the Bishops and the specific preference of Bishop Toal (I am in full agreement with this). Sunday is a special day in the life of the Church and is the best day to start. By starting next Sunday, it gives us a bit of breathing space to make sure everything is in place. We can then review how that goes and plan for the following Sunday. After that, we can look at weekdays. So, the plan is:

Sunday 28th June for private prayer from:

8-11am – St Anthony's

1-4pm – St Marks's

Sunday 5th July for private prayer from:

8-11am – St Anthony's

1-4pm – St Marks's

Weekday openings to be announced, week beginning Monday 6th July.

When you come you must wear a face-covering and sanitise your hands. Someone will direct you to a seat and you must take account of all their instructions. We will keep things as simple as possible, but it will involve baby steps so be patient!

I do not know how busy it will be. If the church fills up and people are waiting outside, I might invite people to limit their time in church. We won't know until we get there.

The Bishops of Scotland recently published a number of documents regarding the re-opening of churches. To read them go to <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/tabid/127/Default.aspx>

Private Prayer – What do I say?

Many of us are more used to praying as a group, especially at Mass. I intend to offer some simple pointers for private prayer over the coming week to give a wee bit of help for those coming to church.

Informing People

Not everybody has the internet or is accessing the webpage, so it is up to you to spread the word.

Now we have a date, I will produce a short information sheet and will put bundles of 50 in envelopes. If you take an envelope when you come next Sunday and put it through all the doors in your street and beyond (not just the ones you know are Catholics) then we can get the word out. In the meantime, pass the news on!

Volunteers

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered. That makes a good start. I am encouraging you all please to sign up. Go to the website and fill in the short form. If we don't have the volunteers then the churches will have to stay closed. <https://www.stanthonystmark.org.uk/help-reopen-our-churches/>

Flowers

We will welcome any donations of flowers to decorate our churches before the opening. Please bring them to the door of St Mark's. If you have a preference as to which church they go in, then please let us know.

Parish Contributions

Until now, I have not encouraged you to make your weekly donation to the church, although some have continued to do so. I am still aware that some people might be struggling financially so you should not give anything to the church if this is a burden.

However, as we look to open the churches again at some point, we do have to consider the financial cost. As well as the day-to-day running there will be further costs connected to:

- handwashing, regular disinfecting etc;
- also, there was a certain outlay to pay for equipment to stream Masses from St Mark's: in the long-term this will continue, and we will also look at doing the same from St Anthony's, and this will have cost implications;
- and I also intend to have large TV screens in each church that will (among other things) remove the need for hymn books etc.

I am therefore inviting you (if you can) to make your weekly offering online or place it through the door of the church in St Mark's. Details of how to pay online can be found on the webpage. If you are dropping money at St Mark's please ring the bell: it would be nice to have a distanced chat! Mgr. O'Hare is being shielded in St Anthony's so no-one there should answer the door. You can also save it up for when the churches reopen.

Please let me emphasise: if this were to put you under a burden then do not make an offering!

Online Masses (Youtube Channel CatholicG73)

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 11.30am

Monday 10am

Tues 7pm (with Novena to St Anthony)

Wed-Fri 10am

Online Rosary

Tues & Sat 10am

Online Addresses

Facebook: [@stanthonyandmarkrutherglen](https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyandmarkrutherglen)

Twitter: [@AnthonyandSt](https://twitter.com/AnthonyandSt)

Website: <https://www.stanthonystmark.org.uk/>

Email: stanthonystmark@rcdom.org.uk

YouTube: CatholicG73 https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpz_3QFuQegEegyke9UtDtw

Other Resources

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

<https://www.rcdom.org.uk/>

<https://www.universalis.com/>

<https://camglenradio.org/>

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.

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.

HYMNS FOR VIGIL MASS

Opening Hymn

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Be not afraid.
I go before you always;
Come follow me,
and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Psalm

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You,
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield,
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy,
You alone are the real joygiver,
And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King,
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

Communion

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see, He has given to me,
And his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,
And his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
And I've walked other paths, other ways,
But I've called on his name, in the dark of my shame
And his mercy was gentle as silence.

Final Hymn

Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,

*The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day.*

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
No evil settle in my soul.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side,
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armour that I need
To wage my battle with my foe.