

# **St Anthony's and St Mark's** **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Year A**

## **Wisdom 12:13,16-19**

*You will grant repentance after sin*

## **Psalm 85**

*O Lord, you are good and forgiving*

## **Romans 8:26-27**

*The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words*

## **Matthew 13:24-43**

*Let them both grow till the harvest*

## **Sick**

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Thomas McKell, John Hughes, John McFarlane, Jon Land, Margaret Harris, Baby Fionn Anderson

## **Recently Dead**

Neil Doherty, James McDermott, Gloria McCawley

## **Anniversaries**

James McCaig, Betty Burns, Peter Flynn, Adam and Annie Simpson

## **Reflection on the Readings**

Why does God allow evil to exist? Parable one today suggests that destruction of evil may also cause destruction of good. God alone must make the final judgement on who and what is good or evil. Next come two parables about the growth of the kingdom of God. Farmers saw the mustard plant as a nuisance, and yeast was considered a corrupting force in bread-making. Christians are still often seen as a corrupting influence and a nuisance!

## **Weekday Masses**

Please note that there will be no online Mass on Mondays. You've all become very good at travelling the world for Mass, so that can be your day for taking an online wander! For the rest of the week, we will continue with online Masses and only open for private prayer. I believe that a slow and cautious approach is important. Weekday Masses (in a limited form) will start again in the middle of August.

## **Opening of Churches for Private Prayer**

### **Wednesdays from:**

11am-12noon: St Anthony's

6-7pm: St Anthony's

### **Thursdays from:**

11am-12noon: St Mark's

6-7pm: St Mark's

## **Online Masses**

These will continue at the usual advertised times, including on Sundays.

***Please remember that there is still no obligation to attend Mass.***

## **Volunteers**

There is always room for more volunteers.

<https://www.stanthonystmark.org.uk/help-reopen-our-churches/>

## **Re-opening for Mass**

We have now been given the go ahead to open for Mass with restrictions, specifically:

- No more than 50 people per Mass
- The contact details of all those attending must be retained by the parish (in order to contact people in the event of an outbreak)
  - Face coverings, sanitising and social distancing still apply
  - There must be no singing (not even the priest!)

We therefore are going to have to apply a booking system for Mass. This may seem awkward, but it is the best way to fulfil our obligations to keep people safe. The obvious drawback is that not everyone has the internet. It is therefore **up to you** to support relatives and fellow parishioners in doing this.

***If anyone wishes to volunteer, your phone number could be made available and you could book places for others to come to Mass.***

Masses will be at the usual times (Sat 5pm, Sun 10am, 11.30am & 5pm). If a Mass fills up, you can try for another. In the first instance, there will be availability to book for the next 3 weeks, but please try to leave space for others. It will take time, but we will get there!

To book a Mass go to:

<https://stanthonystmarkmass.eventbrite.co.uk>

If this doesn't work, we can try another way. In the short term, if someone phones St Mark's, I can book them online as well.

***Masses will only be at the weekend (starting with the 5pm Vigil). There will be no weekday Masses at first.***

## **Parish Contributions**

There are now two ways to make an offering online. The first is as given on the parish website. There is also an easier way via the Diocesan website:

1. Go to: [https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity\\_id=1086524](https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086524)
2. In "search" type in either St Mark or St Anthony and it will take you to the payment page
3. Follow the instructions

The same page also allows you to make to donations to things like Peter's Pence.

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

## **Next Week's Readings – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1 Kings 3:5,7-12**

*Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom*

**Psalm 118**

*Lord, how I love your law!*

**Romans 8:28-30**

*Those he called, he justified*

**Matthew 13:44-52**

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field*

## **Online Masses (Youtube Channel CatholicG73 and on Facebook)**

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 11.30am

Tues 7pm (with Novena to St Anthony)

Wed-Fri 10am

## **Online Rosary**

Tues & Sat 10am

## **Online Addresses**

Facebook: [@stanthonyandmarkrutherglen](#)

Twitter: [@AnthonyandSt](#)

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YouTube: CatholicG73 [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpz\\_3QFuQegEegvke9UtDtw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpz_3QFuQegEegvke9UtDtw)

## **Other Resources**

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

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

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

<https://camglenradio.org/> (107.9FM.)

### **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.

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