

St Anthony's and St Mark's

26th July 2020

17th Sunday – Year A

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

Sick

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Thomas McKell, John McFarlane, Jon Land, Margaret Harris, Baby Fionn Anderson, Sheila Brown (Clarkin), Steven Cranfield

Recently Dead

Gloria McCawley, Diarmid O'Hara, Eddie Easton, John Hughes, Frank O'Callaghan

Anniversaries

Michael Collins, John and Anne McCluskey

Please note, there will be no bulletin for the next two weekends. Keep an eye on Facebook and Twitter for any news.

Reflection on the Readings

Two short parables liken our desire for the kingdom of heaven to someone who finds a treasure in a field, or a merchant who finds a pearl of great value. Both work hard to acquire what they value. The dragnet resembles the earlier parable of the weeds, but the dragnet adds another dimension: the boat must be rowed to produce a catch. Disciples are to harvest souls: only God may judge good from bad.

Online Masses

Please note that these will pause for a little while, as I am going on holiday.

So, between 31st July and 14th August, the only streamed Mass will be Sundays at 11.30am.

I have attached the words to the novena to St Anthony, so you can still pray this in private.

Opening of Churches for Private Prayer

Looking at attendances, and given this is the summer holidays, I have reduced openings to the morning only. So, for the next three weeks, it will be as follows:

Wednesdays from:

11am-12noon: St Anthony's

Thursdays from:

11am-12noon: St Mark's

Weekday Masses

I intend to begin having weekday Masses (only on certain days) from **Tuesday 18th August**, beginning with the 7pm Mass in St Anthony's. Details of this will be given on the weekend of 15th/16th August.

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

The restrictions for Sunday Masses are as follows:

- 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.

I will have a dedicated telephone number in place soon that you can pass on to those who cannot use the internet

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.

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
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 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come and eat

Psalm 144

You open wide your hand O Lord; you grant our desires

Romans 8:35,37-39

No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ

Matthew 14:13-21

The feeding of the five thousand

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](#)

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

Email: stanthonystmark@rcdom.org.uk

YouTube: CatholicG73 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.

THE NINE TUESDAYS IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY

Novena

O glorious St Anthony, safe refuge of the afflicted and distressed, who hast revealed that all who piously invoke thee on nine consecutive Tuesdays shall experience thy powerful help, I a poor sinner, come to thee. Encouraged by thy promise, in all confidence, I implore thy counsel and thy protection.

Obtain help for me, O Blessed Anthony, in my present need.
(silently mention it)

If, however, the favour I ask be opposed to the Will of God and the welfare of my soul, do thou obtain for me such other graces as shall be conducive to my eternal salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be (3 times)

O gentle and loving St Anthony, in whose arms the infant Jesus did linger, grant the intercessory aid and at thy word our prayers shall be heard.

Leader: Pray for us O Blessed Anthony!

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, give ear on our behalf to the intercession of thy holy confessor Anthony, upon whom, adorned with heroic virtue, thou didst bestow the gift of miracles, even unto working prodigious signs and wonders.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If then you ask for miracles, death error, all calamities,
the leprosy and demons fly, and health succeeds infirmities.

Response

*The sea obeys and fetters break, and lifeless limbs thou dost restore,
while treasures lost are found again,
when young and old thine aid implore.*

All dangers vanish at thy prayer, so too incessant care and need,
let all who know thy power proclaim, Padua tell, tis so decreed

Response

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

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Leader: Pray for us O Blessed Anthony!

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, may the intercession of Blessed Anthony, thy confessor, be a source of joy to thy Church, that we may be always fortified by thy assistance and deserve to enjoy eternal happiness.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Brief of St Anthony

Behold the Cross of the Lord: Fly ye powers of darkness;
The Lion of the Tribe of Juda, the root of David has conquered.
Alleluia

Hymn to St Anthony

St Anthony, our Father dear, we meet around thy throne once more;
Thy wondrous praises to proclaim, and make them sound from shore to shore.

O ye who for great wonders seek, go visit once his sacred shrine;
Ah there you'll hear that even death has yielded to his power sublime.

Before his wisdom's wondrous rays, dark error takes its rapid flight;
The demons even cannot bear the starlight gleam of his chaste light.

And raging sea obeys his voice, and from the shore doth quickly fly;
For health, things lost and liberty, both old and young to him do cry.

Repeat 1st verse



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