

St Anthony's and St Mark's
6th September 2020
23rd Sunday – Year A

Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death

Psalm 94

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

Romans 13:8-10

Your only debt should be the debt of mutual love

Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother listens to you, you have won back your brother

Sick

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

Recently Dead

Canon Niall Hayes, Eddie Kelly, Cathie McFadden

Anniversaries

Jean McCluskey, Colette Docherty, Margaret Higgins

Reflection on the Readings

Sermon 4 of 5 from Matthew's Gospel provides today's reading. This is directed to the community.

What is to be done regarding a wrongdoer? We can almost hear echoes of an early Christian debate! Jesus teaches that on the one hand, the community must be saved from damage at the hands of wrongdoers, but on the other, every compassionate effort must be made to help the wrongdoer undergo a change of mind and behaviour.

Canon Niall Hayes RIP

Canon Hayes' funeral was celebrated by his brother last week along with Bishop Toal. We will have a Month's Mind Mass for him in St Anthony's on **Friday 25th September at 10am**. I do not know how many people will want to come to that, so it will be a Mass that people have to book in the usual way.

Primary Schools

The staff of our schools have worked hard to prepare for the children coming back to school, and it has been a pleasure to see how well the boys and girls have fitted in to the new arrangements in school. I will announce in the coming week the plans for those boys and girls who should have celebrated their sacraments during lockdown.

Readers at Mass

Individuals can now read at Mass if they wish. You should sanitise your hands before coming forward, and you can remove your mask to read. Anyone wishing to volunteer should speak to Fr Dougan.

Special Collection

It is a bit more complicated than usual to have special collections, so the Bishop has decided the following: there will be one special collection a month that can be given at any time during the month. You can either place it in a clearly marked envelope and put it with your ordinary collection; or you can go to the Diocesan website and pay it directly: <https://www.redom.org.uk/>

This month's collection is for those students training for the priesthood and permanent diaconate.

Weekday Masses

This week, we will open the churches for weekday Masses as follows:

Tuesday 7pm – St Anthony's
Wednesday 10am – St Mark's
Thursday 10am – St Anthony's

There is no need to book for these Masses, as I do not expect there to be the maximum of 50 attending. It will be first-come-first-served. In the unlikely event of numbers reaching 50, then we will not be able to allow anyone else to come in.

When you arrive, you will be required to give your name and phone number and to follow the direction of the stewards. Face-coverings remain the norm.

Please try not to arrive at the last minute!

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

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.

For those who do not have access to the internet, they can telephone 07746 221205

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>

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 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you; and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven

Psalm 102

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy

Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

Matthew 18:21-35

To be forgiven, you must forgive

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

Sat 10am

Online Addresses

Facebook: [@stanthonyandmarkrutherglen](#)

Twitter: [@AnthonySandSt](#)

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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