

St Anthony's and St Mark's
18th October 2020
29th Sunday – Year A

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Psalm 95

Give the Lord glory and power

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope

Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

Sick

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Thomas McKell, John McFarlane, Jon Land, Margaret Harris, Tommy McKenzie, Helen Grassie, John Shields

Recently Dead

Marie Mooney, Franella McCann, John Dobinson, Thomas Lafferty, Michael Dunn (funeral Tuesday 1pm – can be followed online)

Anniversaries

Jean Malarkey, Denis O'Brien, Kathleen Dobson, Tommy Bagen, Stewart McLetchie, Nancy Hyland, Thomas Harkin, John Highes

Reflection on the Readings

The key here is a Pharisee carrying a Roman coin in the Temple precincts. A big deal? Yes! Roman coins had the head of Caesar on them. They carried the inscription 'Tiberius, son of the divine Augustus', an image and an inscription about a false god – infringement of the very first commandment. The coin carriers ask Jesus if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. They give Caesar his due: but they do not give to God what is due!

Self-Isolation

I am now free from isolation and had no symptoms of Covid. Thanks for the messages of support and the many provision left at the door. I now look forward to burning off the extra pounds!

Roof Repairs – Weekday Masses

This week, the roof in St Anthony's will be repaired. As a consequence all weekday Masses (Tues 7pm, Wed & Thurs 10am) will be in St Mark's.

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.

October Devotions

These will be live-streamed devotions on **29th October at 7pm**. They will only be available via YouTube and Facebook, i.e. the churches will **not** be open. This allows us to include some singing, and not to have to worry about length of time.

Special Collection – Missio Scotland

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.rcdom.org.uk/> This month's collection is for **Missio Scotland**.

Heating St Mark's

I have confirmed that I am unable to turn on the heating in St Mark's while people are present. This is because it circulates air. The engineer who fitted said that he is not convinced that there are at present filters that have been proven to eliminate risk.

This means that I can heat the church up before the doors open, but then switch it off. We have now been advised that the heating has to be turned off 20 minutes before the doors are due to open. The seats then have to be sanitised and only then can the church be opened. The church cools down pretty quickly, so please come with warm clothes!

In the meantime, I will look at temporary solutions such as mobile heaters.

If no solution is found, it might become necessary, during the coldest weather, to celebrate all Masses in St Anthony's. I am only flagging this up to you now as a possibility.

Next Week's Readings – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my anger will flare against you

Psalm 17

I love you Lord my strength

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son

Matthew 22:34-40

The commandments of love

Mass Booking

Please continue to book Masses in the usual way. All 4 Masses are becoming fully booked, so it is unlikely there will be a place for people who turn up without a booking. This is not ideal but is the best solution.

The weekday Masses do not need to be booked. At present, just over 30 are attending these Masses.

Weekday Masses

The opening of our churches for weekday Masses has gone smoothly so far with around 30 people at these. This means we can continue as we are, without having to book. A continued thank you to our stewards who make this possible.

Masses will be at 7pm on Tuesdays and 10am on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This week, they will all be in St Mark's.

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://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-at-st-anthonys-and-st-marks-registration-112982078438>

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!

Online Masses (Youtube Channel CatholicG73 and on Facebook)

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 10am

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](#)

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.

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

Response

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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