

St Anthony's and St Mark's
29th November 2020
1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8

O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

Psalm 79

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed

Mark 13:33-37

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep

Sick

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Thomas McKell, Jon Land, Margaret Harris, Tommy McKenzie, John Shields, Moira Boyce, Baby Harris Little, Henry McPhee, Mary Husband, Chris Wetson

Recently Dead

Anne McBryde, Kate Rankin, Cameron Wallace, Maureen Smeaton, Paul Coyle, Patricia McGoran

Anniversaries

John and Margaret Finnigan, James Finnigan, Anne and John McCluskey, Charlie Docherty, John McColgan snr, Hugh Patterson, Eddie McGrevey

Season of Advent

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. This is primarily a season of hope that looks in two directions: backwards as we remember the mystery of Christmas; and forwards as we look towards Christ's return. The structure of the season reflects this: from the 1st Sunday of Advent until 16th

December the prayers and readings urge us to prepare for the Lord's second coming. From December 17-24 the focus turns on the Nativity and preparing to celebrate God's presence among us 2000 years ago. The colour for the season is purple, the same as with Lent. We use the Advent wreath as a focus, lighting one new candle each week as we prepare to celebrate Christ who came as the light in the darkness.

Reflection on the Readings

We are the clay in the potter's hand, as writes Isaiah. However, there are often many problems the potter has to overcome while working with clay. If it is too hard or soft, if there are imperfections or irregularities, the potter has to work harder to get a good pot or plate out of it. As we begin this season of Advent, let us place ourselves willingly in the hands of God, and He will work us into the best we can be.

Christmas Masses

We do not know yet what the restrictions on numbers for Christmas Masses will be. When we do, I will open them up for bookings. I am limited to the amount of Masses I can say on any given day: between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day I can celebrate 5 Masses. Details to follow.

St Mark's Primary – Christmas T-Shirt

The parent council of St Mark's Primary are asking for your help: there will be a Christmas T-shirt day in the school, and they want to make sure every child has one. In the coming weeks, there will be labels you can take away and return with a t-shirt attached. They will then be quarantined in the church before being given out. Look out for announcements.

Comboni Calendars

These will be available at the back of the churches for £1 each. Please only handle the calendars you are taking. Anyone not at Mass can come to St Mark's house to get one.

SPACE Christmas Appeal

For the past three years we have taken part in a Christmas appeal to bring presents to local families. COVID restrictions mean that this will be curtailed this year. Instead of asking for gifts to be handed in, a JustGiving page has been set up:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/space-christmas-appeal>

Advent Quiet Time via Zoom

The Diocesan Adult Formation Team is hosting 4 online meetings during Advent: meditations on the Sunday Gospel with music, reflection and prayer.

These will take place each Sunday of Advent, 29th November, 6th, 13th and 20th December from 7-7.30pm. Anyone interested should contact Fr Magill at missions@rcdom.org.uk.

Sunday Mass Booking

Until further notice, we will be limited to 20 at each Mass.

For Sunday Mass booking, I will now make this only available week-to-week. The booking **should** be open from the preceding Tuesday at 8pm.

Two of the Masses fill up very quickly and I feel there are some people who never manage to get to Mass. In other parishes, people are asked to book every two weeks to allow others a chance. I will leave that to your discretion.

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

Weekday Mass Booking

While numbers are reduced to 20, you will also be required to book for weekday Masses. Please try to let people know who might not find out otherwise. Mass places for weekday Masses will be made available from Sunday at 6pm.

Next Week's Readings – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

Psalms 84

Let us see O Lord your mercy, and give us your saving help

2 Peter 3:8-14

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

Mark 1:1-8

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

Re-opening for Mass

The restrictions for Sunday Masses are as follows:

- No more than 20 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.

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**).

To book a Mass go to:

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

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)

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](https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyandmarkrutherglen)

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

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

Email: stanthonystmark@rcdom.org.uk

YouTube: [CatholicG73](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC73)

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

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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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