

St Anthony's and St Mark's
8th November 2020
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for her

Psalm 62

For you my soul is thirsting O God my God

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another

Matthew 25:1-13

The wise and foolish virgins

Sick

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Thomas McKell, Jon Land, Margaret Harris, Tommy McKenzie, John Shields, John Drain, Moira Boyce,

Recently Dead

Margaret Hannah, Lee McGuire, Billy McDougall, Anne O'Donnell, Tessa McDade,

Anniversaries

Manus O'Brien, John and Nessie McLaughlin, Annie Paterson, Dan and Wullie McLaughlin, Ellen Reynolds, Bill Cowie

Reflection on the Readings

The remaining Sunday Gospels are devoted to parables unique to Matthew. This one puzzles many people: five bridesmaids run out of oil for their lamps, and their five colleagues who saved their oil refuse to share in case they too run out! Is this Christian behaviour? We need to remember that the sole purpose of bridesmaids was to have a light ready for the bridegroom. The five without oil have simply not carried out their task!

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>

November Lists

Any remaining lists can be handed in throughout November.

1st Communion – P4

The dates for P4s will be as follows:

St Anthony's – 8th May 2021

St Mark's – 15th May 2021

The rescheduled dates for the p5s will be announced in December when we hope to have a better idea as to how things will look in Spring 2021.

Mass Booking

For Sunday Mass booking, I will now make this only available week-to-week. This means there will be less disruption if we are moved into tier 4 and have numbers reduced to 20. 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.

Online Masses – Only on YouTube

From now on, Masses and services will only be streamed via [YouTube](#). I have had problems getting Facebook to work this week, so I think it better if I can give a consistent message about where to tune in. I can't even blame Fr Parkes!

Next Week's Readings – 33rd Sunday of the Year

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

She holds out her hand to the poor

Psalms 127

O blessed are those who fear the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus

Matthew 25:14-30

You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

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 (St Anthony's) and 10am on Wednesdays (St Mark's) and Thursdays (St Anthony'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).**

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](#)
Twitter: [@AnthonyandSt](#)
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

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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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