

St Anthony's and St Mark's
13th December 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord

Luke 1

My soul rejoices in my God

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

John 1:6-8,19-28

There stands among you the one coming after me

Sick

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

Recently Dead

Patricia Stewart, Jane Kemp Everett (funeral Friday 1.30pm), Mary Ferguson (funeral Tues 22nd 10.30am)

Anniversaries

Joseph McIntyre, Charles McFadden, Charlie Chambers, Sarah, John and Francis Gallagher

Reflection on the Readings

John the Baptist identifies himself as who he is not. He is not Elijah, not the Christ, not the prophet, not the light. His own identity is much less important to him than the message he carries, and the work he must do. He points to Christ through his mission, ministry and martyrdom. We too must point to Christ in all we do, allowing him to live in us and shine through us. Like John, we must decrease, Christ must increase.

Christmas Masses

Unfortunately, all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have been fully booked. I know many people will be disappointed but there was never going to be a way to accommodate everyone. The weekend Masses on the 26th and 27th will also be celebrated as Christmas Masses so hopefully some of those who have been disappointed will be able to attend one of those.

Christmas Decorations for the Churches

Many of the children who normally come at Christmas will not be able to attend this year. To help them be part of this, I am inviting all the children to bring a decoration for the trees or for the altars in our churches between now and Christmas. If you phone me at St Mark's, I will arrange for you to bring them and I will put them in the church of your choice. Homemade decorations are definitely the best but anything will be gladly received.

Advent Hospice Appeal

Bishop Toal is encouraging us during December to support our hospices. There are two in the Diocese: our local Kilbryde Hospice EK and St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie. If you donate on the Diocesan website (www.rcdom.org.uk) your donation will be shared between the two. If you wish it to go to one of the hospices, you can make a direct donation to them.

School Masses

This Friday's 10am Mass will be directed to St Anthony's Primary and will include video input from the school. The following week (probably Tuesday) there will be a Mass for St Mark's Primary with the time to be confirmed.

SCIAF Real Gifts

This Advent, SCIAF has a new Real Gift of a water filter for £37, which can give the gift of clean water to a family for years to come. Water is life but, globally, a staggering 1 in 10 people do not have access to clean drinking water.

More than ever before, we have pulled together to protect our family and friends from coronavirus.

SCIAF is asking people in Scotland to buy a water filter as a Christmas gift to help parents in Ethiopia to protect their children from preventable diseases caused by dirty water, unsafe water. When you buy a water filter as a Christmas present, SCIAF will send you a beautiful card to pass on to the lucky recipient. In return, your generosity will enable us to provide a family with a durable source of clean drinking water. And women and girls who would normally spend hours walking to fetch often dirty, dangerous water, can get an education and learn the skills they need to break the poverty cycle.

www.sciaf.org.uk/real-gifts-store

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.

Advent Holy Hour

There will be an online holy hour on Wednesday (16th) at 7pm. This will include some Christmas carols and I will put the words on the screen for you to sing along with at home.

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.

Weekday Mass

Now that Mass numbers have returned to 50, there is no need to book for weekday Masses.

Next Week's Readings – 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14-16

Your house and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me

Psalm 88

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord

Romans 16:25-27

The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages

Luke 1:26-28

I am the handmaid of the Lord

Re-opening for Mass

The restrictions for Sunday Masses are as follows:

- Limited numbers subject to government guidelines
- 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](#)

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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