

St Anthony's and St Mark's

14th March 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of His people

Psalms 136(137)

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not

Ephesians 2:4-10

You have been saved through grace

John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Sick

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Thomas McKell, Jon Land, Margaret Harris, Tommy McKenzie, Moira Boyce, Baby Harris Little, Mary Husband, Chris Wetson, Anne Robertson, David Currie, Henry McPhee, Willie McIntosh, Lynsey Alexander, Helen Carroll

Recently Dead

Pat Russell, John Heaney

Anniversaries

Mary Fallon, Elizabeth Pelosi, Ellen and John Keenan

Reflection on the Readings

Today's Gospel ends by reminding us that everything is "done in God", a powerful phrase that embraces both God's restoration of the exiles from Babylon and God's continued liberation from darkness through Jesus as he speaks to Nicodemus. Paul stresses that God's surrounding love and mercy is "for all ages".

Praying the Psalms (Psalm 136/137)

This is a psalm of lament: people in a horrible situation (prisoners in exile, away from their homes). Sometimes a wail of distress is all we have, and we should not sugar coat our prayers for God. He hears us in our distress and does answer.

Feasts of St Patrick and St Joseph

Wednesday is the Feast of St Patrick, and Friday the Feast of St Joseph. 10am Mass will be celebrated and streamed in honour of these great saints.

Church Opening

We heard the great news that we can open the churches from the last weekend in March (Palm Sunday). I will advertise the Mass times for that weekend, and Holy Week, in next week's bulletin.

Bookings can be made from next Sunday. I'll put a reminder below of how to do this.

Lent 2021

Below are all the services etc available to you during Lent.

Sundays

10am—Children's Mass (21 Feb, 7 & 21 March)

11.30am—Mass

Tuesdays

7pm—Mass and Novena to St Anthony

Wednesdays

10am—Mass

1pm—Scripture Talks

Thursdays

10am—Mass

6pm—Stations of the Cross

Fridays

10am—Mass

Saturdays

10am—Rosary

5pm—Vigil Mass

The first Scripture talk can still be viewed on the parish YouTube page. The next talk will include an introduction to the New Testament, especially the Gospels.

The Gift of Scripture

I intend to base my Scripture talks during Lent on a short teaching document by the Bishops called 'The Gift of Scripture' from 2005. If you are interested, the full document can be downloaded from the website of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

[gift-of-scripture-2005.pdf \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/gift-of-scripture-2005.pdf)

Online Children's Mass

There will be another children's Mass next Sunday. The children are again invited to send in messages to be read out. In addition, if any want to record short prayers (like bidding prayers) these can be included.

SCIAF Boxes

I have boxes in St Mark's that can be collected. Please telephone first. Alternatively, you can go directly to SCIAF's website: www.sciaf.org.uk

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE.

On this SCIAF Sunday please pray for women and girls around the world. Today, we especially think of Vaida and her mother Angelina who feature on this year's SCIAF WEE BOX.

Without your help these children and their families will struggle to survive at all.

Please give what you can to SCIAF. You can make a payment over the phone 0141 354 5555 or on the SCIAF website.

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.

To book a Mass go to:

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

There will be no need to book for ordinary weekdays.

Next Week's Readings
5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my Law in their hearts

Psalm 50(51)

A pure heart create for me O God

Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation

John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Hymns for Vigil Mass

Opening Hymn

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

*Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,
On the cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,
Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

Communion

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Final Hymn

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his love as he told me to.

*He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live.*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me to.

Hymns for 11.30am Mass

Opening Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Psalm

*Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day.*

He will release me from the nets of sinful men.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
No evil settle in my soul.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side,
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armour that I need
To wage my battle with my foe.

Communion

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That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

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And grace my fears relieved.
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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 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

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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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