

St Anthony's and St Mark's

25th April 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved

Psalm 117

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone

1 John 3:1-2

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep

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, James Shields

Anniversaries

Patrick Doherty, Brian McLaughlin, Patrick, Annie and Rose McNulty, Mary Bagen, Jimmy and Mary McLaughlin, Graeme Taylor

Reflection on the Readings

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows his sheep. Jesus is close enough to die for them, both those already within his fold, plus those others who will ultimately form one flock with them. In another way, Peter "the Rock" proclaims Jesus as the overarching keystone. Love binds all together in safety.

Online Children's Mass

We will continue with the children's Mass. However, this will be at the earlier time of 9am and will be celebrated without a congregation present. The next one will be next Sunday.

Numbers at Mass

We have been informed that from 26th April, the numbers at Mass can increase a little. The capacity is to reflect how many can sit in the churches socially distanced. In theory, this means that St Mark's could take 84, and St Anthony's 92. However, in practice it is a little more complicated: it would require the exact combination of households fitting in to the 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 6s that the pews are divided into. So, what we will do is increase the booking capacity to 60. You would then be encouraged to register on the waiting list on Eventbrite. If seats are still available after the 60 are taken, you would be informed by email that you have a place. It will be a little bit complicated but is the best short-term solution. The increase will effectively take place on the 1st weekend in May.

From this week, Mass bookings will be available from Tuesday evenings after Mass.

An Appeal to Weekday Mass Attenders

If those arriving first were to take seats at the front of the church, then it would be easier to see which seats are available as the church fills up!

To Those Still Nervous About Coming to Church

There is still no obligation to attend Mass, so no one should feel unduly pressured to do so. However, if it helps, I would be happy to arrange for people to come and have a look at the set-up in the churches when no one else is there. Phone the house at St Mark's if you are interested.

1st Communions

Congratulations to the boys and girls of P5 at St Anthony's celebrating their First Holy Communion this Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers.

Vocations Sunday

This is a weekend of prayer for vocations. Below is a letter from Bishop Toal:



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21st April 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this finds you well. I thank all who have been praying for my mother in her recent illness. She is recovering and appreciates your supportive prayers.

This coming Sunday, 4th Sunday of Easter, is Good Shepherd Sunday, which the Church keeps as our Day of Prayer for Vocations. I invite you all to offer your prayers on this day for Vocations to the ordained ministry and consecrated life. In his message for this Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis speaks of St Joseph, calling him *protector of vocations*:

“ I like to think, then, of Saint Joseph, the protector of Jesus and of the Church, as the protector of Vocations. In fact, from his willingness to serve comes his concern to protect. The Gospel tells us that “ Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night” (Mt 2:14), thus revealing his prompt concern for the good of his family. He wasted no time over things he could not control, in order to give full attention to those entrusted to his care. Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation, the testimony of a life touched by The love of God. What a beautiful example of Christian life we give when we refuse to pursue our ambitions or indulge in our illusions, but instead care for what the Lord has entrusted to us through the Church! God then pours out his Spirit and creativity upon us; he works wonders in us as he did in Joseph.”

On this Vocations Sunday I ask the protection of St Joseph on those of Motherwell Diocese preparing for service in the Church as priests and permanent deacons. Two men will be ordained deacons this year - Christopher Morris, one of our seminarians in St Mary's College, Oscott, will be ordained in Oscott on 6th June by Archbishop Bernard Longley; and Michael Meechan will be accepted as a candidate and ordained as a permanent deacon later in the year. I ask your prayers for them both as they prepare for ordination. Likewise I ask your prayers for our other seminarians in Rome (Christopher Furmage, Ronan McQuade and Kieran Burt) and in Oscott (Colum Martin), as well as Christopher Igwe who will go to Oscott in September, and three others who will hopefully join the Propaedeutic Period in January 2022. Along with Michael Meechan, the Diocese has two other men preparing for the permanent diaconate – Kevin Kirby and Stuart Dick, both of St Vincent's in East Kilbride. If anyone reading this feels called to the priesthood or diaconate, and indeed to religious life, please make yourself known to your PP, who will assist you in your initial discernment and help you approach the Diocesan Vocations' Directors or an appropriate Religious Congregation.

Having mentioned St Vincent's, East Kilbride, I ask for your continued prayers also for its parish priest, Fr Ivan Boyle, who has been unwell in recent times. We wish him a speedy recovery

With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal

Hymns for 5pm Vigil

I am the Light (708)
Because the Lord is my Shepherd
Like a Shepherd (727)
In Christ Alone

Hymns for 11.30am Mass

I am the Light (708)
Bread, Blessed and Broken
Freely Freely (175)
I will be with you (263)

Next Week's Readings **5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

Psalm 21

You Lord are my praise in the great assembly

1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

Re-opening for Mass

The restrictions for Sunday Masses are as follows:

- Numbers limited according to distancing rules
- 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 continue to apply a booking system for Mass. 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:

St Anthony's – Tues 7pm and Thurs 10am

St Mark's – Wed 10am and Fri 10am

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 and 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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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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