

St Anthony's and St Mark's

2nd May 2021

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

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

Recently Dead

Kathleen Dyer, Tony Spicer

Anniversaries

Cathie Divers, Margaret Day, Mary Gilchrist

Reflection on the Readings

As the vine represented the ancient community, Israel, so now Jesus, the true Vine, incorporates the new People of God. Branches are essentially correlated to him, but in order to bear fruit. Acts shows Barnabas bravely introducing Paul into the cautious Jerusalem community. All must bear fruit or perish.

Mr Peter Bollen : Trinity High School

Our very best wishes to Mr Peter Bollen, who retires this week as Head Teacher of Trinity High School. We should acknowledge Peter's excellent work as Trinity HS and to thank him for his contribution to Catholic Education in the Diocese and nationally. We wish Peter a long and happy retirement.

Allison Craig, Deputy Head at Trinity High School, has been appointed as the new Head Teacher and we wish Allison well as she takes over from Peter.

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 this 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

Please pray for the boys and girls of P4 who will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday 8th. Masses will be at 10am and 12noon and can be watched on the Parish YouTube Channel.

1st Confessions

Please pray for the boys and girls of P3 who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Friday in St Mark's School.

A Message from Mary's Meals

Since our humble beginnings, Mary's Meals, named after Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us.

This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that we are now reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish, enabling us to reach more hungry children.

Suggested prayer:

Mary, our Mother, we entrust to your intercession for this work carried out in your name; that children throughout this world will see their lives transformed through the promise of a daily meal at school; that our volunteers across the world on whom this work depends will be filled with hope and strength; that new seeds of possibility will be planted, and more people will discover their place in the Mary's Meals family.

You will find inspirational resources for our Pray In May campaign, including our prayer card, <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay> or do get in touch if you would like to arrange a talk for your church about our work.

Hymns for 11.30am Mass

Gather us in
This is my body (556)
A new commandment (39)
Sing to the mountains (495)

Next Week's Readings

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have

Psalm 97

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

1 John 4:7-10

Let us love one another, since love comes from God

John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command you

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

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

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

Email: stanthonystmark@rcdom.org.uk

YouTube: [CatholicG73](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG73)

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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