

St Anthony's and St Mark's
22nd August 2021
21st Sunday of the Year

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God

Psalm 33

Taste and see that the Lord is good

Ephesians 5:21-32

Christ loves his Church, because it is his body

John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God

Sick

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Jon Land, Moira Boyce, Baby Harris Little, Mary Husband, Chris Wetson, Anne Robertson, David Currie, Henry McPhee, Willie McIntosh, Lynsey Alexander, Helen Carroll, James Shields, Ben McGovern, Fay Patterson

Recently Dead

Margaret Harris, Jim Callan, Ben Rutherford, Joan McFadden

Anniversaries

Nancy Minacoulis, Thomas McKenna, Freda McNally

Reflection on the Readings

By the time we reach this final extract from the Bread of Life Discourse, we find that Jesus' disciples are struggling with his teaching, but Jesus refuses to compromise. Instead, he asks the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Peter replies 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life. We believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

THE CUPPA CLUB IS BACK

We are now open again for business on WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 10.30am-12noon in St Mark's Church Hall. Please come and join us for a tea, coffee, home baking and a chat. We will be delighted to see you all again and meet up with old friends and new.

A Word of Goodbye from Fr Dougan

In one small page there is no way that I can do justice to the privileged time I have had in this parish. It is 9 1/2 years since I arrived as PP in St Mark's, and a year later, following the sad death of Canon Allison, that I became PP in St Anthony's. I then in turn became the PP of the one parish of St Anthony's and St Mark's.

In that time, I have been blessed with so many graces and all I can say is thank you.

We talk about the priest serving his parish; but, in fact, it is I who have received so much from you: I have grown in my priesthood (I might soon get the hang of it); I have grown in my faith as I see the remarkable faith present in the parish as a whole and in you each individually; I have been lucky to have been loved by you and enjoy your care and friendship; and because of that I have a sincere hope that the parish will go from strength-to-strength: because you are all a part of it.

Thank you for your patience and kindness, for laughing at bad jokes, for your support, and for your correction when necessary. Fr Paddy (when he's not talking about Peru) always talks about how lucky priests in our part of the world are: because in our parishes the people aren't slow to love their priests, and I really understand that now.

You now have two jobs in the parish:

Firstly, continue to devote yourselves to God in this place and help the parish to grow and become more than ever a place where Christ's love can be seen;

Secondly, love Fr Charles. He will do some things differently from me. That doesn't mean either better or worse, only different.

With you supporting him, you all can do great things here.

I love going into the primary schools and, when the P7s move on, I always tell them that even if the uniform changes, the school they leave is still part of their identity. The same is true for me: I will move to EK, but this parish will always be part of who I am.

Thank you and please pray for me

Kevin Kirby – Ministry of Lector

Our trainee deacon Kevin will be installed to the Ministry of Lector at 4pm this Sunday, at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Tinto Way, East Kilbride, G75 9DQ.

A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners from St Anthony and St Mark's. Please continue to hold Kevin in your prayers as he continues his diaconate journey.

Mass – Lifting of Restrictions

The one-metre distance rule has been lifted in church so all pews are now available.

- We are still required to wear face coverings. Sanitising will be limited to 'touch-points': ends of pews, door handles.
- When you enter church, if you wish, you can take a wipe to sanitise the seat you will sit on.
- While Test and Protect is not obliged, the Church is asking us to do this. So, if you can, please use the QR code at the door. Otherwise, one person from each household should give details to the steward.
- Please remember that the Sunday 5pm Mass is the quietest Mass, so for those a bit nervous that might be the preferred option.

It is essential that we remember that this is not the end of the pandemic and that we all still have a responsibility to follow the rules and make sure the churches are places that people can attend safely.

ministry of welcome is invaluable.

Collections

For those attending Mass, we will stick with a retiring collection.

Fr Coyle might change that when he arrives in two weeks.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The process for this will start soon. If you (or anyone you know of) would like to become a Catholic, watch out for announcements from Fr Coyle.

Next Week's Readings
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life

Psalms 14

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Accept and submit to the word

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions

Masses (Youtube Channel CatholicG73)

Saturday 5pm St Mark's - online

Sunday 10am St Mark's – online

Sunday 11.30am St Anthony's - online

Sunday 5pm St Anthony's

Tues 7pm St Anthony's (with Novena to St Anthony)

Wed 10am St Mark's

Thurs 10am St Anthony's

Fri 10am St Mark's

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Other Resources

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<https://www.rcdom.org.uk/>

<https://www.universalis.com/>

<https://camglenradio.org/>