

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year B 12th September 2021

### VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

#### THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Thank you to those of you who have let me know about the sick and housebound parishioners. I would like to continue to update the list of those in our community who are sick and housebound. If you are sick or housebound or if you know anyone who is then **please let me know as soon as possible. It's very important that I contact them.** You can telephone, email, or speak to me at Mass.

#### SUGGESTION BOX

Throughout the month of September, suggestion boxes will be available in the porch of both churches. This will give you the opportunity to offer ideas and suggestions you may have regarding any aspect of parish life. The suggestions can be anonymous or, if you want to discuss your ideas, you can also provide your name and contact details. You can also email me, and of course just speak to me after Mass.

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The offertory collection is now at the usual time during the Mass. If everyone has sanitised their hands on entering the Church, the risk of infection should be minimal.

During the month of September, a retiral collection will be taken up for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

#### FR DOUGAN

A dinner dance & presentation have been arranged for Fr Dougan on **FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER in Burnside Hotel 7pm for 7.30pm.** Tickets £25 & includes 3 course meal. A collection is being taken up at all Masses, envelopes provided. Tickets are also on sale and should be paid on collection.

#### LIVESTREAMING

I am now, more or less, getting the hang of how the livestreaming works. Hopefully over the next week or so, all Masses and other services will be livestreamed from both of our Churches.

# ORDINARY TIME - WEEK 24

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

**SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER** (Readings: Isaiah 50: 5-9 Psalm 114; James 2:14-18 , Mark 8:27-35)

- 10.00am **Holy Mass** for Ordinary Sunday 24B **at St Mark's**  
11.30am **Holy Mass** for Ordinary Sunday 24B **at St Anthony's**  
1.00pm **Sacrament of Baptism at St Mark's**  
5.00pm **Holy Mass** for Ordinary Sunday 24B **at St Anthony's**

### THE MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 347-407, one of the four great Greek Doctors, the 'golden-mouthed' preacher, was Archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.*

**MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER** (Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 27; Luke 7:1-10)

**At St Mark's**

- 9.00am-10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memorial of St John Chrysostom  
7.00pm Meeting of the RCIA team in St Mark's Church House

### THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross originally commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The remains of the cross that St Helena had recently discovered were venerated there the following day.*

**TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER** (Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 77; John 3:13-17)

**At St Anthony's**

- 6pm - 7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7pm Holy Mass for the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross followed by the Novena to St Anthony  
7.45pm Meeting of Society of St Vincent De Paul in St Anthony's Church Hall

### THE MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

*Mary, standing by the Cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father (Marialis Cultus).*

**WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER** (Readings: 1 Timothy 3:14-16: Psalm 110; (Sequence Stabat Mater); Jn 19:25-27)

**At St Mark's**

- 9.00am-10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

### THE FEAST OF ST NINIAN

*St Ninian was born in Cumbria about the year 360 and was ordained Bishop in 394 in Rome, probably by Pope Siricius. He landed in Whithorn in 397 and built a church called Candida Casa (White House). This church was a centre from which he and his disciples preached the Gospels in Scotland, South-East of the Highland line. He dies about 432 and was buried in Whithorn.*

**THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER** (Readings: Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150; Luke 6: 27-38)

**At St Anthony's**

- 9.00am-10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
10.00am Holy Mass for the Feast of St Ninian.

**FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER***(Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-9; Psalm 23; Romans 14: 7-12; John 14:1-6)***At St Mark's****10.00am**

Requiem Mass for the repose of the Soul of Kathleen Connor R.I.P.

**6.00pm**

Free St Hildegard Concert at St Columbkille's Church

**SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER***(Readings: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 99; Luke 8: 4-15)***At St Anthony's****9.00am-10.00am**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**9.30am-9.55am**

Confession available

**9:30am**

Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

**10.00am**

Holy Mass in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

**5.00pm**Vigil Mass for Ordinary Sunday 25B **at St Mark's****SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER***(Readings: Wisdom 2:12.17-20; Psalm 53; James 3: 16-4:3; Mark 9: 30-37))***10.00am****Holy Mass** for Ordinary Sunday 25B **at St Mark's****11.30am****Holy Mass** for Ordinary Sunday 25B **at St Anthony's****1.00pm****Sacrament of Baptism** of Ainsley May & Marc Steven Taggart **at St Anthony's****5.00pm****Holy Mass** for Ordinary Sunday 25B **at St Anthony's****RCIA**

The RCIA programme will begin at the end of September. If you or anyone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church then please contact the Parish to sign up for this year's programme.

Can I please meet with the RCIA team on **MONDAY 13TH OF SEPTEMBER at 7pm in St Marks Church House.**

**WORKING IN THE PARISH**

If you are in anyway involved in any of the various groups, or if you volunteer in the parish, please let me know. I'd like to build a data base of all Parish groups and workers, so that we can begin to plan for the coming months and years. Can you also email me if of you are a key holder?

If you have any free time and would like use any particular gifts and talents that you have in and around the Parish then please let me know.

**TEA AND COFFE MORNING**

The tea and coffee morning continues after Morning Mass every Wednesday at St Mark's. Please feel free to join us for this lovely get together and chat. Sandwiches, cakes and biscuits are also on offer.

**PARISH GARDENS**

If you are interested in working to maintain and improve the gardens of our Churches, please let me know. Ideally I'd like to establish a garden club that would meet after 10am Mass on a Saturday morning. We would also plan excursions and talks, as well as working in the gardens themselves.

If you can donate any gardening tools which can be used by the Church gardening club then please let me know.

We'll be looking for some Spring bulbs in a few weeks, especially Daffodils.

**CARPET BOWLING CLUB**

The Carpet Bowling club will resume in St Mark's Hall on **MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER at 1.30pm.** If you are interested in playing carpet bowls then please come along.



## Please remember in your prayers



**Those who died recently:** Agnes Mallon, Kathleen Connor (Requiem Mass on Friday 17th of September at St Mark's), Moira Burke, Jean Mason, Agnes Burke.

**The Months Minds and Anniversaries of:** Ann McKenna, Jim Johnstone, Ellen & John McPake, Stuart Campbell, Edward O'Reilly, Michael Connolly, Susan Ayre.

## OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

I'm not sure when you celebrated October devotions in the past. I was thinking about celebrating them at 6.00pm on a Sunday evening in St Anthony's. That means it would follow the Sunday evening Mass, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning immediately at the end of Mass.

The schedule would then be:

6.00pm The Angelus followed by the recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

A short period of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Please let me know what you think.

## MASS CARDS

If you need a Mass Card at anytime, please ask me at one of the Masses, or email me using the email address on the front page of the Bulletin. I check my email on my phone, so I'll be able to get back to you right away.

You can also telephone the house at St Marks — if I'm not available just leave a message and I'll get back to you right away.

## SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

I'd like to meet with all members of the SSVP. Can we please meet in the Hall of St Anthony's Church after Mass on **TUESDAY 14TH OF SEPTEMBER**. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish SSVP then please let me know or just come to the meeting.

## READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

I'd like to meet the readers and extraordinary ministers of both Churches. Can I please meet with all readers on **TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER after 7pm Mass in St Anthony's Church Hall**.

This is a meeting for people who read at weekday Mass and Sunday Mass. If you are interested in becoming a reader, you are also invited to the meeting.

Can I please meet all current extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion on **Thursday 23rd SEPTEMBER AT 7PM in St Marks Church House**.

## MUSIC

I'd like to meet everyone who is involved in music ministry in the Parish. Can we please meet on **THURSDAY 30TH OF SEPTEMBER in St Marks Church House**.

## ST ANTHONY'S CHILDRENS LITURGY

The children's liturgy will start back on **SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER at THE 11.30am Mass**. This is open to all children from nursery age to Primary 6 age.

## BOOK CLUB

If you are interested in joining a Parish Book Club, then please let me know by email. If there is enough interest we will meet every six weeks or so.

## ST HILDEGARD CONCERT

To celebrate her feast day, a free concert will be given of the music and poetry of St Hildegard of Bingham. The three voices and harp of Canty, Scotland's professional ensemble specialising in medieval music, will present an hour of St Hildegard's music at St Columbkille's Church on the **17TH SEPTEMBER AT 6PM**.