

✠ PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ✠

Those who died recently: Elizabeth (Lilly) Young (her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 6th of October at 10am), Nancy Donnelly, Gerry Gorman, Grace Brogan, Rosaleen Mournian.
The Months Minds and Anniversaries of: Jack Foley, John Brady, John Lawrie, John & Mary McGinley, Daniel & Susan O'Donnell.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Following a few conversations, I have decided to schedule our October Devotions every Thursday during October.
The schedule would then be:

6.00pm	The Angelus followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm-6.15pm	Silent Prayer
6.15pm	Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
6.30pm	Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

Pope Francis invites us all to take part in the Synod which will reflect on these themes. Every parish is asked to come together in prayer, listening and discernment to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. In communion with each other, we experience that "we belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God" (I Corinthians 3.23). Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this synodal process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell **Cathedral on Sunday 17th October at 3pm.** Make a note of this in your diary and take part in this important diocesan event. Please let me know you wish to attend.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

We now meet every **Tuesday after the 7.00pm Mass in St Anthony's.** Come along if you would like to help as the more members we have would enable us to reach more people in the parish. If you can offer, or if you need any material assistance then please call or email the Parish.

RCIA

The RCIA programme will begin on **MONDAY 4TH OF OCTOBER at 7pm in St Mark's Church House.** If you or anyone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church then please contact the Parish, or speak to me at one of the Masses to sign up for this year's programme.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

You may have noticed that some work is being carried out. The roof of St Mark's will have some much needed work done to it in the next week or two as well, the guttering will all be cleared, repaired and painted and serious roof leaks will be repaired. The grounds around St Marks Hall will also be cleared and tided. **A skip will be hired from the 4th of October for this purpose,** if anyone has anytime to help clear up the grounds then please let me know.

A South Lanarkshire unpaid working team will begin to clean and paint the exterior fences on Saturdays, starting at St Anthony's and later moving onto St Mark's.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

A day of Recollection has been organised for the Readers of the Parish. It will be on **Saturday 18th of December in St Anthony's.** More details will follow later. A similar day will, hopefully be arranged for the Eucharistic Ministers and Musicians of the Parish.

PARISH FINANCE

Our Parish finance team is beginning to take shape. If you have time and would like to help out, we are looking for volunteers to help count the weekly collections. This will happen after the 10am Mass in St Mark's. For further information please contact the parish by email, or just speak to me at one of the Masses.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 26TH OF SEPTEMBER:

Loose Plate: £1640.90
Standing Orders: £525
Total: £2165.90

ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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**The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year B
3rd October 2021**

READERS

If you are a Reader and haven't yet provided your contact details for the Parish could you please email them to the parish, or drop them into St Mark's House? Thanks.

FR DOUGAN

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to organise the dinner dance for Fr Dougan, thank you also to

BOOK CLUB

Thank you to those of you who have registered your interest in a parish book club. Can we please meet on **Wednesday 6th of October in St Mark's Church House at 7.00pm.** Anyone interested in joining the parish book club is welcome to come along.

ST ANTHONY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children's liturgy at the 11.30am Mass is open to all children from nursery age to Primary 6 age.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

I'd like to establish books of remembrance for display in each Church. Each month, the book will display the names of parishioners who died during that particular month. Unfortunately, our records are not complete though. Could you please send me the name of anyone you know who has died since the foundation of the Churches for inclusion in the books or remembrance. Hopefully they will be ready for All Souls Day in November.

SCOUT GROUP

The 137th St Columbkille's Scout Group have begun to use the Hall in St Mark's on a **Wednesday evening from 6.30pm until 9pm.** The Scout group is open to young people between the ages of 6 and 25 years old. If you are interested in joining then please go to the hall on Wednesday evenings.

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.

ORDINARY TIME - WEEK 27

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

(Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10: 2-16)

- 10.00am** Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) **at St Mark's**
11.30am Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) **at St Anthony's**
1.00pm Sacrament of Baptism **at St Mark's**
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Friars Minor and, with St Clare, the Poor CLares. For the last two years of his life he bore the stigmata.
(Readings: Zechariah 8:1-8; Psalm 101; Luke 9:46-50)

- At St Mark's**
9.00am-10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10.00am Holy Mass for the memorial of St Francis of Assisi
7.00pm RCIA meeting in **St Marks Church House**

TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

St Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). Devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus has become widespread. It began from the visions of Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun and mystic of the twentieth century, and to which Pope John Paul II gave great publicity. The Octave Day of the Resurrection is now 'Divine Mercy Sunday', the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is popular prayer, and St Faustina's diary, The Desires and Promises of the Merciful Saviour records the many inspired messages she received. The convent on the outskirts of Cracow in which she lived and died is a place of pilgrimage with a vast basilica now erected alongside.
(Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 129; Luke 10:38-42)



- At St Anthony's**
6.00pm - 7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm Holy Mass for the Memorial of St maria Faustina Kowalska followed by the Novena to St Anthony

WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

(Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm The Lord is my shepherd (Sung); Romans 14:7-12; John 14: 1-6)

- At St Mark's**
10.00am Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Young.
10.30am Tea and Coffee morning in St Mark's Hall
7.00pm Book Club Meeting at **St Mark's Church House.**

THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER

THE MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries on all the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.

(Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalm 18; Luke 10:1-12)

- At St Anthony's**
9.00am-10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Jerome
6.00pm October Devotions at **St Anthony's**

FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER

(Readings: John 1 1:13-15;2:1-2; Psalm 9; Luke 11:15-26)

- At St Mark's**
10.00am Holy Mass for Friday of Week 27 in ordinary Time

SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER

(Readings: John 1 14:12-21; Psalm 96; Luke 11:27-28)

- 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
11.00am Gardening Club Meeting at **St Mark's**

THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In next week's Gospel an apparently perfect candidate for discipleship fails, Why? He has never broken a commandment, is respectful toward Jesus. Is it fair that he's told to give away his wealth? Actually, he breaks all the rules about the call to discipleship, which always starts with Jesus' initiative: this man picks Jesus. . Disciples follow Jesus; this one stops Jesus' journey, kneeling in front of him. Disciples make Jesus their top priority: this man's wealth is his priority.

- 5.00pm** Vigil Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) **at St Mark's**

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER (Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30)

- 10.00am** Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) **at St Mark's**
11.30am Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) **at St Anthony's**
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) **at St Anthony's**

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. Please meet in the gardens of **St Mark's next Saturday at 11am.**

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.

SUGGESTION BOXES

Thank you to everyone who made suggestions throughout the month of September. I've been working though all of the suggestions and will use them to help plan for the future.

STEWARDS AND PASS KEEPERS

I'd like to meet all of the stewards and pass keepers of the parish. Can we please meet after the 7.00pm Mass on **Tuesday the 12th of October in St Anthony's Church Hall.**

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.

CARPET BOWLING CLUB

The Carpet Bowling club will resume in St Mark's Hall on **20TH SEPTEMBER at 1.30pm.** If you are interested in playing carpet bowls then please come along.