

✠ **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. John Shields.
The Months Minds and Anniversaries of: Frank Walker.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS
The schedule for October Devotions:
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.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
As things continue to get back to normal it is perhaps a good time to reintroduce the use of Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass. We’d hope to begin using Ministers of Holy Communion again from the weekend of **23rd/24th of October at all Sunday Masses.**

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, this will involve the use of some scaffolding. The grounds around St Marks Hall will also be cleared and tidied.
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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Days of Recollection have now been organised for the Readers, Musicians and Ministers of Holy Communion of the Parish. They will be each Saturday of Advent **in St Anthony’s.** More details will follow later.

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 3RD OF OCTOBER:
Cash (including gift aid envelopes): £1814.18
Gift Aid to Bank: £659
Total: £2473.18
Ecclesiastical Students Fund: £136

ST ANTHONY’S & ST MARK’S

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**The Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year B
10th 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.

GIFT AID
Thank you to everyone who has continued to pay offerings to the parish through a variety of methods e.g. in cash, direct to the parish bank account or direct to the Diocesan account. Your generosity, particularly as we experienced the COVID pandemic, has been remarkable.
Some parishioners who are members of the Gift Aid Scheme have continued to use their envelopes or pay directly into the parish bank account, enabling our Gift Aid Administrators to maintain the records required by HMRC. Some of you who normally use Gift Aid envelopes have been paying into the bank. **If this has been your practice and you intend to continue making payments into the bank rather than use your envelopes, please let me know.** Some Gift Aid envelopes have not been uplifted due to Covid restrictions. If you have now managed **to return to attending Mass in person and wish to collect your envelopes, please let me know.**
Finally, if you are a UK Taxpayer and make offertory payments to the parish but are not a member of the Gift Aid scheme, perhaps you could consider joining. It is easy to join and costs you nothing - but does provide the parish with a rebate from HMRC for payments you make to the Church. If you would like more information on this, please give me your contact details, or email the parish and I’ll get back to you.

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.

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.

ORDINARY TIME - WEEK 28

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

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**
1.00pm Sacrament of Baptism **at St Mark's**
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN XXIII

St John XXIII, Pope, 1881-1963. Prior to his election to the Holy See, as apostolic visitor, apostolic delegate and nuncio he ministered in Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece, and Paris, concerning himself with the problems of the Eastern Churches and assisting, in France, in the Churches' post-war efforts. Within three months of his election to the See of Peter he announced the convocation of an ecumenical council for the universal Church, the Second Vatican Council
(Readings: Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 97; Luke 11:29-32)



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

TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

(Readings: Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 18; Luke 11:37-41)

- At St Anthony's**
6.00pm - 7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm Holy Mass for Tuesday of Week 28 in Ordinary Time followed by the Novena to St Anthony
7:30pm **Meeting of Stewards and pass keepers in St Anthony's Church Hall**

WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

(Readings: Romans 2:1-11; Psalm 61; Luke 11:42-46)

- At St Mark's**
10.00am Holy Mass for Wednesday of Week 28 in Ordinary Time
10.30am Tea and Coffee morning in St Mark's Hall

THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER

(Readings: Romans 3:21-30; Psalm 129; Luke 11:47-54)

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

FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST TERESA OF AVILA

St Teresa of Jesus (or of Avila), Virgin and Doctor of the Church, 1515-1582, deeply contemplative, highly active and practical, she established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule, and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life.
(Readings: Romans 4:1-8; Psalm 31; Luke 12:1-7)



- At St Mark's**
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Teresa of Avila

SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER

(Readings: Romans 4:13.16-18; Psalm 31; Luke 12:8-12)

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

THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There's some misunderstanding in next week's Gospel. Jesus is asked for the best seats in the kingdom of heaven by some of his disciples, he explains that to ask for this at any time is to misunderstand his teaching about taking up the cross and renouncing self as lying at the very heart of discipleship. To make the request when Jesus has just repeated his prediction that he, the Son of Man, is destined to suffer, die and rise again, is crass, and also a masterpiece in bad timing.

- 5.00pm** Vigil Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) **at St Mark's**

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER (Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45)

- 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**
3.00pm **Synod Mass with Bishop Toal at the Diocese of Motherwell Cathedral**
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.

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

A big thank you to everyone who have been developing the parish website and managing the various social media outlets we use. I would like to meet everyone who works on the website and other forms of digital media. If you would like to volunteer to help work in this area for the parish then please come along to the meeting on **Wednesday 20th of October at 7pm in St Marks Church House.**

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 of remembrance. Hopefully they will be ready for All Souls Day in November.

TEA AND COFFEE 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.