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SPACE (SUPPORTING PARETNS AND CHILDREN EVERYWHERE) CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Gift tags are available at both Churches. You can choose a gift tag which will have the age, whether its for a boy or a girl printed on the tag. Please then buy an appropriate gift, wrap it attach the tag and return it to the Church porch. Gifts must be returned by **the 4th and 5th of December**

ST MARK'S PARENT COUNCIL

The parents of St Mark's are hoping to gift all children in the school a new Christmas t-shirt this year. Last year through covid, with your help we managed this, and we thank you all for your generous donations. We are asking for your kindness again. You can simply choose a gift tag from our tree, buy the t-shirt on the tag wrap it and hand it back into the Church or gift a cash donation (a box will be provided next to the tree) and a member of the group will buy the t-shirt for you. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

COP26: ST MARK'S PARENT COUNCIL

Pope Francis wants us all to be involved in COP26. He is very worried. So are we. Global warming is now much closer to home. He expects a great deal from COP26. So do we. Each of us can do our bit. Come to St mark's to find out more. What more can we do to make things safer and better?

The final meeting will be this Thursday 25th November at 7pm.

THE DIVINE OFFICE

During the season of Advent, to help us all prepare spiritually for Christmas, I'll pray Morning, Evening and Night Prayer publicly every day. The schedule is as follows:

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Evening Prayer

9.00pm Night Prayer

The Office will be broadcast on YouTube, with Morning and Evening prayer being before or after Mass. For Night Prayer, I'll open the side door of St Mark's if anyone would like to attend Night Prayer in person.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on the **24th of November at 7pm in St Mark's Church House.** If you are interested in joining the Book Club, then please come along, you'd be very welcome.

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER (Readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92; Revelations 1:5-8, John 18:33-37)

10.00am **Holy Mass** for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B) **at St Mark's**

11.30am **Holy Mass** for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B) **at St Anthony's**

5.00pm **Holy Mass** for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B) **at St Mark's**

MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

MEMORIAL OF ST CECILIA

St Cecilia, the patroness of music and musicians, was a second or third-century Roman Christian martyr. According to Tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded.

At St Mark's

10.00am Requiem Mass for Bridie Browne R.I.P.

7.00pm **RCIA meeting in St Mark's Church.**

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

(Readings: Daniel 2:31-45; Psalm Daniel 3: 57-61; Luke 21:15-11)

At St Anthony's

6pm - 7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7pm Holy Mass for Tuesday of Week 34 in Ordinary time

WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

MEMORIAL ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC, AND COMPANIONS

St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions. In the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, Christians were severely persecuted in Viet-Nam and many thousands were executed. Today's feast honours 117 martyrs between 1820 and 1862; 21 were French and Spanish, some bishops, the other priests; 96 were Vietnamese, priests, laymen and laywomen.

At St Mark's

9.00am-10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Requiem For Anne-Marie Emde R.I.P.

6.00pm-7.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **at St Mark's**

THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

(Readings: Daniel 6:12-28; Psalm Daniel 3:68-74; Luke 21:20-28)

At St Anthony's

9.00am-10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Holy Mass for Thursday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time

7.00pm **COP26 meeting at St Mark's Church House**

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

(Readings: Daniel 7:2-14; Psalm Daniel 3:75-81; Luke 21:29-33)

At St Marks

9.00am-10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am-9.55am Confession available

10.00am Holy Mass in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

(Readings: Daniel 7:15-27; Psalm Daniel 3:82-87; Luke 21:34-36)

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

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24(25): 4-5,8-9,10,14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36)

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

5.00pm Vigil Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent **at St Mark's**
6.00pm Evening Prayer I of the Church for the 1st Sunday of Advent **St Mark's**
9.00pm Night Prayer of the Church at St Mark's

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER *(Readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92; Revelations 1:5-8, John 18:33-37)*

10.00am Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent **at St Mark's**
11.30am Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent **at St Anthony's**
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent **at St Anthony's**
6.00pm Evening Prayer II of the Church at St Mark's
9.00pm Night Prayer of the Church

BEREAVMENT GROUP

If you are interested in helping to develop or join the parish bereavement group, then please let me know. The group is specifically for those who have been recently bereaved or those who feel they need additional support in dealing with bereavement. The first meeting will be **on Wednesday the 1st of December at St Mark's Church House at 7pm..**

FINANCE AND FABRIC TEAM

If you are interested in joining our finance and fabric team, can you come to a meeting in **on Thursday the 2nd of December St Mark's Church House.** The items for discussion will be 1. The heating system of St Anthony's Church. 2. The windows of St Mark's Church. 3. the sound system of St Mark's. Any other items of discussion can of course be raised at the meeting, but these are the pressing matters at the moment.

MEMORIAL MASS

As we continue to return to normal, I'd like to invite any family who lost a loved one during the lockdown to arrange a memorial Mass if they wish. I realise how difficult it is as not to have a public Requiem Mass at the time so if you'd like to gather for mass for your loved one, you'd be very welcome.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

Can I appeal for young people and adults to volunteer to become Altar Servers. We have a great need to more help at all Masses. If you feel you'd like to become an Altar server can you come and meet me **on Monday 8th of December at 6pm for St Mark's, and after 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday 9th of December at St Anthony's.**

READERS AND EXTRORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

From the First Sunday of Advent, I'd like to ask that if you are reading or helping with the distribution of Holy Communion, could you please come to the Sacristy before Mass. We will all then process out to the Church together at the beginning of Mass.



Please remember in your prayers



Those who died recently: Bridie Browne, Anne Marie Emde,

The Months Minds and Anniversaries of: , Margaret Higgins, Bill Hoey, Jim Patterson, Netta Shearer,

CHARITY BOXES AND VOTIVE CANDLES

You'll notice that the charity boxes at the back of St Mark's Church have been relabelled. There are also new votive candle stands in St Mark's, one for the statue of St Mark and one for the new St Anthony shrine. Votive candle stands are on order for St Anthony's book of remembrance and the future St Mark shrine. Monies raised by each votive candle stand will support a particular charity. Our Lady will support the Sisters of the Gospel of Life, St Anthony will support the SVDP, St Mark will support Catholic Education and the Sacred Heart will support HCPT. If you have any other charities in mind then please let them know.

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 in the world 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" (1 Corinthians 3.23). We need at least two volunteers to help with the parish involvement in this process.

If you are interested, could you please join the Pastoral Planning Team meeting on **Wednesday 8th of December at 7pm in St Mark's Church House** to plan the 4 parish synod meetings that will take place before Easter next year.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

To mark Scottish Catholic Education Week this year, which runs from the Feast of St Margaret until the Feast of St Andrew (30th November), Fr Paul Annas, whom many of you know, will concelebrate all Sunday Masses on the weekend of the 27th/28th of November, the first Sunday of Advent, in his capacity as Chaplain to our local secondary school, Trinity High. It is hoped that Fr Paul will then join us every 8 weeks to celebrate Mass and continue to build better links between our Parish and our secondary school.

ST COLUMBKILLES PARISH MISSION

Everyone is warmly invited to join the St Columbkille's Parish Mission which begins this weekend and concludes on Friday 26th of November. It is being led by the Norbertine Fathers. More details are on the poster boards in both of our Churches. If you are in need of transportation to St Columbkille's during the mission week then please call their Church House on 0141-647-6034 to arrange transportation.

REAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS: WATER FOR A VILLIAGE

As Pope Francis teaches us in his 2015 Encyclical *Laudato Si*, "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" are inextricably linked. During November, we saw the world come to Glasgow for COP26 to decide on action on tackling Climate Change. Pope Francis recognises that we all share responsibility. "We need to strengthen the conviction that we are all money single family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide."

A parish group has been meeting during COP26 to consider what action we could take as a parish. One of the suggestions was that we could donate through SCIAF to provide a Real Christmas Gift of a well for an entire community, which costs £1088. **There will be a second collection for this on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent.**