

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially Bertie Auld, Bridie Browne, Anne-Marie Emde, Marjory Fee & Bernard McGinley and the Months Minds and Anniversaries of: Kevin Burns and all of the names so lovingly recalled in our November Lists.

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish, especially Henry McPhee

## ALTAR SERVERS

Can I appeal for young people and adults to volunteer to become Altar Servers. We have a great need for more help at all Masses. If you feel you'd like to become an Altar server, can you come and meet me on **Monday 6th of December at 6pm for St Mark's, and after 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Tuesday 7th of December at St Anthony's.**

## 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" (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 speak to me at Mass or send me an email. Our Parish Pastoral Planning team will then meet on **Wednesday 15th 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. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.**

## 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.**

## READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

From this weekend, 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.

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The first of our Advent days of recollection is next Saturday at St Anthony's. The day will be led by Fr Donald MacLeod, of the Missionaries of Africa. The programme is:

- 10am: Mass
- 10:30am: Tea & Coffee
- 11am: Talk 1
- 12:30pm: Lunch
- 1:15 pm: Talk 2
- 2:15pm: Closing prayer.



All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend. The invitation is also extended to anyone who would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

## FINANCE AND FABRIC TEAM

If you are interested in joining our finance and fabric team, can you please come to a meeting **in St Marks Church House on Wednesday the 8th of December at 7pm.** The items for discussion will be 1. The Heating system of St Anthony's Church. 2. the windows of St Mark's Church.. Any other items of discussion can of course be raised at the meeting, but these are the two pressing matters at the moment.

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## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 21st OF NOVEMBER:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1291.95  
Gift Aid to Bank: £687  
Total: £1978.95

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## The First Sunday of Advent (C) 28th November 2021

### SPACE (SUPPORTING PARENTS AND CHILDREN EVERYWHERE) CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Gift tags will be available from next weekend at both of the Churches. You can then choose a gift tag which will have the age, whether it's 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.

### REAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS: WATER FOR A VILLAGE

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've seen 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 one 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.**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As we continue to return to normal, I'd like to re-establish set times for when the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. The times will be:

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>4.30pm at St Anthony's.</b>                         |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>9.30am at St Anthony's and 4.30pm at St Mark's.</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>6.30pm at St Anthony's.</b>                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>6.00pm-7.00pm at St Mark's.</b>                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>9.30am at St Mark's.</b>                            |

We'll use the confessional boxes of both Churches. Both have windows which can be opened for air circulation. Sprays and wipes will be provided at each Church..



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available from the Stall in St Anthony's and the Sacristy in St Mark's, after all Masses.

# THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

## SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

(Readings: Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44)

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|---------|---|
| 9.00am  | Morning Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>                  |
| 10.00am | Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday in Advent (C) <b>at St Mark's</b>    |
| 11.30am | Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday in Advent (C) <b>at St Anthony's</b> |
| 4.30pm  | Sacrament of Reconciliation available                             |
| 5.00pm  | Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday in Advent (C) <b>at St Anthony's</b> |
| 6.00pm  | Evening Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>                  |
| 9.00pm  | Night Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>                    |

## MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

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| 7.00am              | <b>Rorate Candlelit Mass at St Columbkille's</b>                    |
| <b>At St Mark's</b> |   |
| 9.00am              | Morning Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>                    |
| 10.00am             | Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Margery Fee R.I.P.       |
| 6.00pm              | Evening Prayer I for the Solemnity of St Andrew <b>at St Mark's</b> |
| 7.00pm              | <b>RCIA meeting in St Mark's Church House</b>                       |
| 9.00pm              | Night Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>                      |

## TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

### THE SOLEMNITY OF ST ANDREW PATRON OF SCOTLAND

*St Andrew, Apostle, Principal Patron of Scotland. Born at Bethsaida, he was formerly a disciple of John the Baptist and then followed Christ, to whom he brought his brother Peter. With Philip he introduced the Gentiles to Christ and he was the apostle who pointed out the boy with the loaves and fishes. Tradition has it that after Pentecost he preached the Gospel in many different places and finally suffered death on a cross in Achaia, Greece.*

(Readings: Wisdom 3: 1-9; Psalm 30; Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22)

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| 9.00am                 | Morning Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>  |
| <b>At St Anthony's</b> |   |
| 6.00pm - 7.00pm        | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament   |
| 6.00pm                 | Evening Prayer of the Church <b>at St Anthony's</b>   |
| 6.30pm                 | Sacrament of Reconciliation available   |
| 7.00pm                 | Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Andrew<br>(Homily Delivered by Rev Deacon Michael Ross: The Four Last Things in the context of Advent ). Followed by the Novena to St Anthony |
| 9.00pm                 | Night Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>  |

## WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 2:6-10; Psalm 22; Matthew 15: 29-37)

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| <b>At St Mark's</b> |  |
| 9.00am              | Morning Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>   |
| 9.00am-10.00am      | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  |
| 9.30am              | Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary                                 |
| 10.00am             | Holy Mass for Wednesday of 1st week of Advent  |
| 10.30am             | Tea and Coffee morning in St Mark's Hall   |
| 6.00pm              | Evening Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>   |
| 6.00pm-7.00pm       | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>at St Mark's</b> |
| 7.00pm              | <b>Bereavement Group Meeting in St Mark's Church House.</b>                                  |
| 9.00pm              | Night Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>   |

### RORATE MASS

The Rorate Mass which is a Solemn, Candlelit, Votive Mass, in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated in Advent, will be celebrated on **Monday at 7am in St Columbkille's and Friday in St Mark's during the Season of Advent.**

## THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER

(Readings: Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Psalm 118; Luke 17:20-25)

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| <b>At St Anthony's</b> |   |
| 9.00am                 | Morning Prayer of the Church <b>at St Anthony's</b>   |
| 9.00am-10.00am         | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament                   |
| 10.00am                | Holy Mass for Thursday of the 1st week of Advent      |
| 6.00pm                 | Evening Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>      |
| 7.00pm                 | <b>Advent Book Club: Jesus of Nazareth Volume III</b> |
| 9.00pm                 | Night Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>        |

## FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

### THE MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

(Readings: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 26; Matthew 9: 27-31)

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| <b>At St Mark's</b> |  |
| 7.00am              | Rorate Candlelit Mass                            |
| 9.00am              | Morning Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b> |
| 9.00am-10.00am      | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament              |
| 9.30am-9.55am       | Sacrament of Reconciliation available            |
| 10.00am             | Holy Mass for Friday of the 1st week of Advent.  |
| 6.00pm              | Evening Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b> |
| 9.00pm              | Night Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>   |

## SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 30:19-21.23-26; Psalm 146; Matthew 9: 35-10:1.6-8)

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| <b>At St Anthony's</b> |  |
| 9.00am                 | Morning Prayer of the Church <b>at St Anthony's</b>                                      |
| 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   |
| 10.00am-2.30pm         | <b>Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St Anthony's</b> |

### THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Once again prophecy holds the key to understanding Advent. Baruch points to a great future for a nation in exile; people must prepare by obeying God's decree to flatten mountain and fill in valleys. Israel will then walk in safety under the glory of God, with God's mercy and integrity for escort. John the Baptist urges people to be baptised (literally, immersed) in the things of God, demonstrated by them being immersed in water.*

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| 4:30pm | Confessions available   |
| 5.00pm | Vigil Mass for the for the 2nd Sunday of Advent (C) <b>at St Mark's</b> |
| 6.00pm | Evening Prayer I of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>                      |
| 9.00pm | Night Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>                          |

## SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

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

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| 9.00am  | Morning Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>                  |
| 10.00am | Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent (C) <b>at St Mark's</b>    |
| 11.30am | Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent (C) <b>at St Anthony's</b> |
| 5.00pm  | Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent (C) <b>at St Anthony's</b> |
| 6.00pm  | Evening Prayer II of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>               |
| 9.00pm  | Night Prayer of the Church <b>at St Mark's</b>                    |

### JESUS OF NAZARETH BY POPE BENEDICT XVI

There will be a special book club throughout the season of Advent. We will meet on the **Thursdays of Advent after Evening Prayer in St Mark's Church House.** We will read 'Jesus of Nazareth Volume III: The Infancy Narratives' by Pope Benedict XVI.