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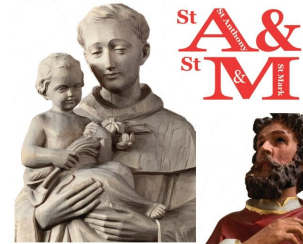
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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C) 24TH JULY 2022

PROPOSED GENERAL PARISH MEETING

Our general parish meeting will soon take place where we can discuss the organisation of the parish. All groups of the parish are therefore invited to attend the meeting and deliver a report on their group to the wider parish community.

The groups which currently operate in the parish are:

- Fabric and planning
- Finance
- Pastoral Planning
- Hall Management
- IT And Media
- Justice and Peace
- Parish Liturgy: Ministers of Welcome, Children's Liturgy, Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers and Musicians, Flowers.
- Parish Stalls
- Pilgrimage Team
- Ongoing formation, both for Parishioners and the RCIA
- Social and Fundraising
- SVDP

Guy Logan, the Diocesan Estates manager, has helpfully agreed to attend to discuss issues of interest or concern pertaining to the management of the Parish estate. I would particularly like us to consider what matters we will be able to progress in the future, now that we have managed to undertake a number of maintenance projects, with a view to producing a Parish Estates Plan which can be taken forward over the next few years.

We briefly considered issues such as: (I) Parish Halls – are they being fully utilised, if not, what can we do to make them an integral part of the life of the parish? (II) The benefits of achieving listed building status for Churches – is this something we might want to pursue? I know that many of you will have your own ideas about what issues we should discuss, and I would encourage you to speak to me or email me at the parish with a note of the topics which are important to you before the meeting and I will add them to the agenda.

The meeting will be in St Mark's Hall on Monday 15th of August at 6.00pm

THE FRIENDSHIP MONDAY CLUB

A friendship club will meet in **St Mark's Hall every Monday from 1.30pm**. This is to provide an opportunity for members of the parish community to meet socially and enjoy each other's company. A number of board games have been purchased and tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes will be provided. Please come along for an enjoyable afternoon. If we get enough people, we might even get a game of Bowls!

THE SEVENTEENTH WEEK OF THE YEAR (C)

SATURDAY 23RD JULY

Two short parables liken our desire for the kingdom of heaven to someone who finds a treasure in a field, or a merchant who finds a pearl of great value. Both work hard to acquire what they value. The dragnet resembles the earlier parable of the weeds, but the dragnet adds another dimension: the boat must be rowed to produce a catch. Disciples are to harvest souls: only God may judge good from bad.

(Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 137; 2 Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13)

At St Mark's

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 24TH JULY

10.00am Holy Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**

11.30am Holy Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

12.30pm **Sacrament of Baptism of** Joshua Thomas McHugh **at St Anthony's**

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 25TH JULY

THE FEAST OF THE APOSTLE ST JAMES THE GREATER

St James the Greater (i.e. the elder of the two apostles called James) and his brother John, while working on their father's boat on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, promptly obeyed Christ's call to follow him. The two brothers, whom Jesus nicknamed the sons of Thunder, formed with Cephas (nicknamed Peter, the trio whom Jesus often had the closest to him. After Pentecost, the history of James is told in popular belief: that he went to Spain to preach the gospel and, on a return visit to Jerusalem, was arrested and suffered martyrdom under Herod Agrippa in AD 44; that his body was taken back to Spain and buried where now the great Cathedral of Santiago ('Saint James') de Compostela still draws pilgrims in their thousands.

(Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 125; Matthew 20:20-28)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Holy Mass for the Feast of the Apostle St James the Greater

TUESDAY 26TH JULY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE

St Joachim and St Anne are the names given to the parents of Our Blessed Lady and, therefore, grandparents of Jesus, according to a second-century tradition. Pope Francis has declared them to be patrons of grandparents

(Readings: Jerimiah 14:17-22; Psalm 78; Matthew 13:6.36-43)

At St Anthony's

6.00pm-6.50pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Joachim and St Anne and in Memorial of those who have died during the month of July from St Anthony's, followed by the Novena to St Anthony

7.30pm **Meeting of the SVDP in St Anthony's House**

WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY

(Readings: Jerimiah 15:10.16-21; Psalm 58; Matthew 13:44-46)

At St Mark's

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 the 17th Week of the Year

7.00pm Holy Mass for Wednesday of the 17th Week of the Year and in Memorial of those who have died during the month of July from St Mark's

THURSDAY 28TH JULY

(Readings: Amos 8:4-6.9-12; Psalm 118; Matthew 9:9-13)

At St Anthony's

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Holy Mass for Thursday of the 17th Week of the Year

FRIDAY 29TH JULY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST MARTHA, ST MARY & ST LAZARUS

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus: *These three siblings lived in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, and were friends of Jesus. One visit, Jesus had Mary sitting at his feet and listening to him when Martha complained that she was not helping her to prepare the meal. Jesus chided Martha, telling her that her sister 'had chosen the better part'. (Luke 20:38-42). Later, we hear the graphic account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead to the delight of the two sisters (John 11:1-44 & 12.3). In 2021 Pope Francis decreed that henceforth the three siblings should share this feast day.*

(Readings: Lamentations 2:2.10-14.18-19; Psalm 73; Luke 2:41-51)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

SATURDAY 30TH JULY

(Readings: 1 Kings 19:16.19-21; Psalm 15; 2 Galatians 5:1.13-18; Luke 9:51-62)

At St Anthony's

10.00am

Holy Mass for Saturday of the 17th Week of the Year, with a blessing for Married Couples.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

SATURDAY 30TH JULY

As Jesus continues to journey toward Jerusalem, he meets a man with a selfish demand—not at all in keeping with Jesus' mission to give his life for humanity. This man wants Jesus to settle a family inheritance dispute. Not only inappropriate, the man's request breaks an important domestic rule—never raise family disputes in public! Martha did this too, in the gospel of two weeks ago. Meanwhile, Jesus heads towards his death. Few people have noticed.

(Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23; Psalm 89; 2 Colossians 3:1-5.9-11)

At St Mark's

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 31TH JULY

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Holy Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

12.15pm

Tea and Coffee available in St Anthony's Hall

5.00pm

Holy Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

MONTHLY MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The Monthly Masses for those who have died from our Churches will be next week: **On the 26th July** for those from St Anthony's who have died in the month of May in and **on the 27th of July** for those from St Mark's, **both Masses at 7.00pm.**

MONTHLY MARRIED COUPLES BLESSING

A blessing will be offered for any married couples of our Parish at the Mass on **Saturday 30th July at the 10.00am Mass.**

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

We will begin to pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart immediately after Mass on Fridays, beginning on **Friday 12th of August**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

During the Pilgrimage season, Carfin Grotto has a procession and Mass in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of every month. If you are interested in attending this event on **Saturday, August 13th at 7.00pm** then please let the Ministers of Welcome know, who will add your name to the list. A bus will be booked if we have enough interest.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped transporting Fr Donald to our Churches during my recent absence. I will be on retreat on Iona from the **29th of July till 5th of August.** Fr Pat Hennessy will say mass when I'm away.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism: Joshua Thomas McHugh

Those who died recently, especially: Mari Crerar, Ian Dewar, James Farmer, Agnes Markey, Mary McDermott, Pat Mullen, Eric Murphy, Patricia Vienski, Mary Williamson,

and the Months Minds and Anniversaries of: Joe and Anthony Doris, James & May Duddy, James Mullen, Johnny Mullen

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish: Elma Dolan, Baby Hope McKenna, Henry McVey & Margaret Rice .

PARISH HISTORY

We would like to develop a parish archive, particularly on the website. Do you have any photographs or other material you could provide? We are looking for photographs of events held in and around the Churches and Halls or schools, or other Parish events such as pilgrimages or other gatherings. If you have anything you can provide, you can email it to the parish or drop it into the St Mark's house.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

I'd like to try and set up a bereavement group for the Parish. Suffering a bereavement is one of the most difficult experiences any of us will ever have to deal with. I'd like to offer the front room of St Mark's house as a venue for people who have recently suffered bereavement. The basis of the group is to allow individuals to share their experiences, feelings, emotions with others who are on the very same journey. In the sharing, often we discover new ways of coping, and begin to discover new strength and hope. If you are interested then please join us in **St Mark's House on Thursday 11th of August at 7.00pm.**

PARISH OUTING TO LARGS

Our SVDP group have organised a trip to Largs on **Saturday the 10th of September.** The Bus will leave St Anthony's after the 10.00am Mass, pick up at St Mark's and then head to Largs. The Bus will return to Rutherglen at 5.00pm. If you'd like to go, then please tell the Ministers of Welcome from the weekend of 6th/7th of August. Spaces are limited, and spaces will be given on a first come first served basis.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE PLANNING

It has been proposed that we have two pilgrimages next year; one to Lourdes for a week after Easter and one to Lake Garda for a week in September next year. If you are interested in joining either of these pilgrimages then please tell the Ministers of Welcome, who will take your names and contact details.

We will have a meeting of the Pilgrimage planning group in **St Mark's House on Monday 8th of August at 6.00pm.** Please come to the meeting if you'd like to help organise our Parish Pilgrimages.

PARISH FINANCES

During the Covid lockdown, some parishioners arranged to make their offertory payments via the Diocese of Motherwell and continue to do so. The Diocese refunds this to parishes and I can tell you that, in the period January to July this year, we have received a total of **£3060.00** for this. This is in addition to the weekly offerings we report in the bulletin. In future, we will try to report these monies on a monthly basis.

I am also pleased to report that we have received our Tax Refund from HMRC in respect of those who Gift Aid their offertory payments. For the financial year ended in April 2022, we received a total of **£14,153.62** so many thanks to the Gift Aid members. In addition, parishes can also receive a fixed payment from HMRC based on the donations we receive which are not Gift Aided and this year we received a total of **£4,000.00.**

CHARITABLE OFFERINGS FOR JULY

St Anthony's

Our Lady: £60.81
St Anthony: £96.49
St Mark: £7.42
St Joseph: £16.70

St Mark's

Our Lady: £122.38
St Anthony: £43.04
St Mark: £47.16
Sacred Heart: £35.06

Hospice: £0.00
Retired Priests & Students: £8.49
SCIAF: £11.00
Holy Souls: £0.00
MISSIO: £0.00
Justice & Peace: £0.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 17TH OF JULY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1510.06

Gift Aid to Bank: £ 182.00

Total: £ **1692.06**

Special Collection—Peter's Pence £ **516.17**