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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C) 28TH AUGUST 2022

PARISH GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. The minutes of the meeting are included here as an insert, with updates to some of the points made.

FOODBANK APPEAL

We thank you for the support you have provided to the foodbank. At this time the foodbank requires the following items: Packets of Instant mashed potato or tins, tins of vegetables, toilet rolls, UHT milk. If possible also tins of fruit, custard or rice, pasta sauce, small jars of coffee, shower gel & toothpaste (brushes).

TUITION AND HOMEWORK CLUB

It is our intention to offer tuition to anyone in our parish and school communities who think they may benefit from it. If you feel you need some extra help with any of your subjects at school, then please let us know. This may be of particular help if you are preparing for exams. St Mark's hall will also soon host a regular homework club for anyone who needs help, time or space to be able to get homework done every week.

What we need now are volunteers, people who can give some of their time to tutor and help the young people of our Parish. If you are interested then please come to a meeting **at 7.00pm on September 7th in St Mark's House.**

CHILDREN'S MASSES

The Children's Masses will resume next week, **Sunday 4th of September at the 11.30am Mass.** These will be monthly, the first Sunday of the month at St Anthony's and the third Sunday of the Month at St Mark's. That means the Children's Mass at St Mark's will be **Sunday 18th of September at the 10.00am Mass.** Hopefully this will give you time to organise your future Mass attendance, particularly if your not a fan of a lot of noise at Mass.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

If you are interested in organising any fundraising socials then please come along to a meeting **at 7.00pm on Wednesday 31st of August in St Mark's House.**

SUGGESTION BOX

Throughout the month of September, suggestion boxes will be available in the porch of both churches. This will give you the opportunity to offer ideas and suggestions you may have regarding any aspect of parish life. The suggestions can be anonymous or, if you want to discuss your ideas, you can also provide your name and contact details. You can also email me, and of course just speak to me after Mass.

THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK OF THE YEAR (C)

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST

Jesus frequently dines with Pharisees in Luke's gospel, and he seldom spares his hosts! Jesus notices the fight for the best places at table—sign of social status. Jesus offers two comments. First, don't risk being moved to a lower place at table when someone more important arrives, Second, dinners etc. should be used as an opportunity to do good to the poor and others who cannot repay the favour.

(Readings: Sirach 3:17-20.28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24; Matthew 16:21-27)

At St Mark's

4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST

10.00am Holy Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**

11.30am Holy Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 29TH AUGUST

THE MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

St John the Baptist, was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, for his heroic witness to the truth, thereby becoming the precursor of the Lord's own violent death, as he had been in his remarkable birth and prophetic preaching.

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm: 118; Mark 6:17-29)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Holy Mass for the Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist

1.30pm **Friendship Monday Club St Mark's Hall**

7.00pm **Parish Music meeting at St Mark's House**

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Psalm 144; Luke 4:31-37)

At St Anthony's

6.00pm-6.50pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm-6.50pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Available

7.00pm Holy Mass for Tuesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

followed by the Novena to St Anthony

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

7.45pm **Meeting of Parish Stalls group at St Mark's House**

WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 32; Luke 4:38-44)

At St Mark's

10.00am Requiem Mass of Mary Husband R.I.P.

10.00am-12.00noon **Food Bank at St Anthony's Hall**

10.30am **Tea and Coffee Club at St Mark's Hall**

12.00noon-2.00pm **Food Bank at St Mark's Hall**

6.00pm **Holy Hour with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mark's**

7.00pm **Social & Fundraising Meeting at St Mark's House**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION

THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

(Readings: Corinthians 3: 18-23; Psalm 23; Luke 5:1-11)

At St Anthony's

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Holy Mass for Thursday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

7.00pm **Bible Study Group meeting in St Mark's House**

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

(Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-4; Psalm 106; Matthew 22:34-40)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am-9.50am Sacrament of Reconciliation available

10.00am Holy Mass for Friday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

followed by the Novena to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

St Gregory the Great (540-604) Of a noble Roman family, he had been Prefect of the city and then became a monk. He was sent as a papal ambassador to Constantinople for three years. In 590 he was called to be bishop of Rome and pope. His work rightly earned him the sobriquet 'Great'. He was an excellent administrator and organiser in areas of doctrine and liturgy, as well as in disciplinary matters. He is known in England as the pope who sent Augustine to Canterbury. Pope Gregory was a preacher, an author, a homilist, an exegete, a theologian, a correspondent. He is rightly recognised as a Father of the Church, a truly great man.

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm 32; Mark 25:14-30)

At St Anthony's

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am-9.50am The Sacrament of Reconciliation available
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Gregory the Great
11.00am-1.00pm **Gardening Club meeting at St Mark's**

THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF THE YEAR (C)

SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Next week while he is still on his way to Jerusalem and his death, Jesus challenges the crowds on their commitment to him. Language about hating family etc sounds strange to our ears, but in Jesus' own language, there was no way of expressing preference. So, instead of saying that a disciple must opt for him in preference to any other, he was to talk about loving him and hating others. Strange words, but they should help us reflect on our own priorities

(Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10.12-17; Luke 14:25-33)

At St Mark's

4.30pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation available**
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am Holy Mass for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**
11.30am Holy Mass for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**
12.15pm **Tea and Coffee available in St Anthony's Hall**
4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

PARISH STALLS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to manage our Parish stalls at Sunday Masses. Can we please meet to see how things are going at **7.45pm on Tuesday 30th of August in St Mark's**. If you are interested in helping with the stalls or if you have any ideas then you are also welcome to come along.

RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We are preparing to begin our RCIA programme once again. If you, or anyone else you know, are interested in becoming a Catholic, then please get in touch with me as soon as you can. You can speak to me at Mass, or email the Parish Office.

If you have already been Baptised and received First Holy Communion, but have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation then this would be a good opportunity to work towards receiving this Sacrament. Please speak to me if you are interested; you would not have to complete the entire RCIA programme, just part of it.

If you are interested in joining the RCIA instructors team, then please speak to me as well. We all learn a great deal during the RCIA programme.

The first meeting of the RCIA group will be at **7pm on Monday 5th of September in St Mark's House**.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT MASS

The Monthly School Masses will resume next week. St Anthony's school will be at the 10.00am Mass this Thursday morning, and St Mark's school will be at the 10.00am Mass on Friday. There will be tea and coffee available in the St Anthony's hall after Mass, to raise funds for the school.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

The annual Diocesan Vocations Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell at **7pm on Tuesday 30th August**.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Betty, Callaghan, Elma Dolan, Mary Husband, Esther McGonigle, Catherine Samuel,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Ursula McGuinness

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish: Baby Hope McKenna, Henry McVey, May O'Donnell & Margaret Rice

If you are sick or you know someone who is sick and would like to have the name printed in this prayer section, then

JUSTICE AND PEACE TALKS

This Sunday the Justice and Peace group will present the first in a series of talks after the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses. They hope to invite a number of charities to come and give informal presentations to parishioners in the Parish Halls after Mass. This Sunday our own SVDP group will offer a presentation on the difference they make in the local community, and hopefully this will encourage some of you to support their work. Please come to the halls after either Mass to find out more. Tea and coffee will be served.

HALLS MEETING

There will be a meeting of the parish group who manage and care for our Halls on **Tuesday 6th of September at 7.45pm in St Mark's House**. If you are interested in helping to look after our Halls then please come to the meeting.

ONGOING FORMATION

Our Bible Study course will continue at **7.00pm on Thursday 1st September in St Mark's House**. We will continue with Genesis to Jesus part 6. The work books can be collected from the Sacristies. **Please read Exodus 1-3; 4:21-23; 12; 19; 24:1; 25:9** in preparation for next week's meeting.

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

Thank you for the overwhelming response to the proposed Pilgrimages. We can now go ahead and plan our trips. New lists are now available in the Porches; we need you to tell us if you require the following: what type of room: single double or twin, whether or not you need a case in the hold. We can no longer take names for Lake Garda as the list is now full (52 people); there will be a reserve list available however if you wish to add your name. There is still some availability for the Lourdes pilgrimage. We will provide dates and costing soon.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Items of the uniforms of our Primary schools are freely available to anyone who needs them.
St Mark's uniform items are available from the School.

St Anthony's uniform items, as well as **Loch Primary School** uniform items are available to collect every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.00 noon from St Anthony's Hall.

IT & MEDIA GROUP

Can we have a meeting of the IT & Media group **at 6.00pm on Sunday 11th September in St Mark's House**.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

If you are aged between 16 and 35 years old and would like to join a Young Adults Group then please come to a meeting at **6.00pm on Sunday 4th September in St Mark's House**. We will discuss ways in which young people can be supported by the parish, and plan a possible programme of events for the next few months. As well as our meeting we will also share a meal, so please come hungry!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 21ST AUGUST:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1261.43

Gift Aid to Bank: £ 732.00

Total: £ 1993.43