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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

11TH SEPTEMBER 2022

DAY OF PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Wednesday 14th September will be a day of prayer for the people of Ukraine. Our Holy Hour will be offered for their intentions. We will have exposition as normal, and will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us from **6.00pm to 7.00pm in St Mark's Church.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our volunteers who lead the music liturgy met on Monday evening. We are very keen to add to the numbers, both singers and instrumentalists are welcome!

If you are interested, please speak to Fr Coyle or anyone who sings/plays at Mass. We are a friendly and approachable bunch who will welcome anyone, and no huge commitment is required. If you hear someone singing enthusiastically at Mass, please also consider encouraging them to join with our musicians! Sometimes people just need a little nudge.

We will be meeting again on **5th October** to discuss choices of hymns and Mass settings, so again please feel free to join us with your thoughts and opinions.

TUITION AND HOMEWORK CLUB

Thank you to those of you who attended the meeting of tutors in our Parish. It was decided to begin a homework club. This we hope to offer on **Thursdays from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in St Anthony's Hall.** Our volunteer tutors will be on hand to help local school pupils to complete their homework, and to help them with any school subject they need help with. This facility is offered to all school pupils of the local area.

We now have the beginnings of a tutoring service as well. The following subjects are available from now: **Business Management and Accounting, French, English, History, Maths, Physics and Spanish.** If you are studying any of these subjects and feel you could benefit from free tuition then please speak to Fr Coyle, or contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S MASSES

The next Children's Mass will be on **Sunday 18th of September at the 10.00am Mass.**

Hopefully this will give you time to organise your future Mass attendance, particularly if you're not a fan of a lot of noise at Mass. St Mark's Parent Council will be fundraising as you leave the Church after the Mass.

SUGGESTION BOX

Throughout the month of September, suggestion boxes will be available in the porches 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-FOURTH WEEK OF THE YEAR (C)

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

We have three major parables this week; each about the joy felt when something or someone lost is rediscovered: a sheep, a coin and a son. Each story/parable is followed by an expression of the finder's great joy—there's always a party. Notice that in these parables at this stage in Luke's Gospel Luke informs us why Jesus told them. Here, it was because the Pharisees were angry because he allowed tax collectors and sinners to listen to him!

(Readings: Exodus 32:7-11.13-14; Psalm 50; 2 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32)

At St Mark's

- 4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**
11.30am Holy Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**
4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**
5.30pm **Young Adults Meeting in St Anthony's Hall**

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26.33; Psalm: 39; Luke 7:1-10)

At St Mark's

- 9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
10.00am Holy Mass for Monday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time
11.00am **RCIA Meeting in St Mark's House**
1.30pm **Friendship Monday Club St Mark's Hall**

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

St John Chrysostom (347-407) The adjective 'Chrysostom' by which he was known means 'golden mouthed', i.e. eloquent. He trained as an advocate but, after six years as a monk, took holy orders—deacon, priest and, in 398, archbishop of Constantinople. He built hospitals, reformed the clergy, sent monks to be missionaries and, for criticising the vices of rulers, was deposed and banished in 403. Still in exile, he died four years later. He was reburied honourably in Constantinople in 418. Recognised as an outstanding orator, he also wrote homilies, commentaries on the Scripture, letters and a number of theological treatises. St John Chrysostom is one of the four great Doctors of the Eastern Church.

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.27-31; Psalm 99; Luke 7:11-17)

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 the Memorial of St John Chrysostom followed by the Novena to St Anthony
7.30pm **Meeting of the SVDP in St Anthony's House**
7.45pm **Meeting of IT & Media group St Mark's House**

WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS & A DAY OF PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

The feast of the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** was instituted for the dedication in 335 of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, built by the Emperor Constantine. In it was placed the Holy Cross, discovered by the Emperor's mother, St Helena.

(Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 77; John 3:13-17)

At St Mark's

- 9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Recitation the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
10.00am Holy Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
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 for the people of Ukraine**
7.45pm **Meeting of the Justice & Peace Group in St Mark's House**

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

*Devotion to **Our Lady of Sorrows** is centuries old; the present liturgical feast was instituted in the 19th century. The seven Sorrows (sometimes called 'Dolours') are Simeon's Prophecy—Flight to Egypt—Loss of the Temple—Meeting on way to Calvary—At the Cross—Jesus taken down—His burial.*

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 117; Sequence Stabat mater; John 19:25-27)

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 Our Lady of Sorrows
7.00pm **Ongoing Formation Meeting in St Mark's House**

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

THE FEAST OF ST NINIAN

St Ninian was born in Cumbria about the year 360 and was ordained Bishop in 394 in Rome, probably by Pope Siricius. He landed in Whithorn in 397 and built a church called Candida Casa (White House). This church was a centre from which he and his disciples preached the Gospel in Scotland, South East-of the Highland line. He died about 432 and was buried in Whithorn.

(Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-107; Psalm 95; Luke 10:1-9)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
9.30am-9.50am Sacrament of Reconciliation available
10.00am Holy Mass for the Feast of St Ninian

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

St Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was a German Benedictine Abbess and polymath active as a writer, composer, philosopher, mystic and visionary. She is one of the best known composers of sacred monophony, and more chants survive by Hildegard than by any other composer from the Middle Ages, and she is one of the few known composers to have written both the music and the words. Hildegard's other works include volumes on visionary theology, a musical morality play, an extensive collection of letters, and manuscripts of sermons she preached. Pope Benedict XVI named her a Doctor of the Church in 2012 and in 2021 Pope Francis inserted her

Optional Memorial into the Universal Calendar.

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 44; Luke 6:20-26)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
9.30am-9.50am Sacrament of Reconciliation available
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Hildegard of Bingen
11.00am-1.00pm **Gardening Club at St Mark's Church**

THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF THE YEAR (C)

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Next week's Gospel parable disturbs many people. Was Jesus really praising a dishonest steward? To understand this parable we should link it to this weeks parable son story. In both parables, the characters were wise enough to look after themselves. Jesus uses an old teaching device of the scribes to say that if bad people can summon enough energy to save themselves, how much more should his followers do so for eternal life itself?

(Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2-1-8; Luke 16:1-13)

At St Mark's

4.30pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation available**
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's (CHILDREN'S MASS)**
11.30am Holy Mass for the 25th 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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**
5.30pm **Young Adults Meeting at St Anthony's Hall**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Queen Elizabeth II, Michael Connolly, Mari Boyle, Irene Farrelly, Kathleen Johnston, Ian Smith & Mary White

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Susan Ayre, Leon Brown, William Egan, Edward O'Reilly & Betty Williamson,

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

HALLS MEETING

Thank you to those of you who came to the Hall meeting. We will have another meeting **at 7.45pm on Tuesday 20th of September in St Mark's House**. If you are interested in helping to look after our Halls then please come to the meeting.

JUSTICE 7 PEACE GROUP

There will be a Justice & Peace group meeting at **7.45pm on Wednesday 14th September in St Mark's House**. Please come along to the meeting if you are interested in working in this group.

IT & MEDIA GROUP

Can we have a meeting of the IT & Media group **at 7.45pm on Tuesday 13th September in St Mark's House**. **Please note the change of time and date.**

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).

ONGOING FORMATION

Our Bible Study course will continue at **7.00pm on Thursday 15th September in St Mark's House**. We will continue with Genesis to Jesus part 9. The work books can be collected from the Sacristies.

Please read 2 Samuel 6 & 7. We are coming to the end of this initial course. We will have a week off and then begin the next course, which is **Parousia: The Bible and the Mass**. Why attend Mass? Our very lives depend on it. It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation. Join us to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass.

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.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING EVENT

A quiz night to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees will take place in **St Anthony's Hall on Friday 4th November**. Tickets are £5 each and will include a light buffet. It's BYOB (bring your own bottle). Tickets will be on sale at both St Anthony's and St Mark's from this weekend. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Thank you to those of you who attended the first meeting of the Young Adults group. We decided that future meetings will be held immediately after this **Sunday's evening 5.00pm Mass in St Anthony's Hall**. If you are interested in attending the meeting then please join us.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Parish Book club will be at **7.00pm on Wednesday 21st of September in St Mark's House**. We are reading 'The Blackhouse' by Peter May. Please come along and join us.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DATES

The Diocese has released the dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation for the current school year:
St Anthony's: 27th February 2023 at 7.00pm; St Mark's: 8th February 2023 at 7.00pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 4TH SEPTEMBER

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1542.98

Gift Aid to Bank: £ 704.00

Refund of Offertory Collections to Diocese: £275.00

Total: £ 2521.98