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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C) 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank; last week we were able to support **57 families**. This is a list of items we are in particular need of at our Food Bank: **Pasta, tinned meat, tinned rice/custard, tinned soup, tinned veg, UHT Milk**. Items can be brought to any Mass or to the Church House at St Mark's.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS

Rebecca Tavener, a specialist in speech & drama will lead the day of recollection for our Readers. Rebecca teaches singing and leads public workshops aimed at singers and speakers. For several years she free-lanced for the Church of Scotland, coaching ordination candidates in public speaking. She is also a regular Cantor for Mass on Sunday afternoons at St Columbkille's, Rutherglen. The day of recollection will focus on how we read. Rebecca will go over the general principles of reading and microphone techniques. She will then return in the New Year for one-to-one meetings for anyone who would like them. It's important that as many readers as possible attend this day of recollection. Can you please let me know if you can attend the day.

ADVENT DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

A series of Advent days of recollection have been organised on the following dates:

Saturday 3rd December: Ministers of Welcome

Saturday 10th December: Musicians and Singers

Saturday 17th December: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The programme for each day is: 10am: Mass, 10:30am: Tea & Coffee, 11am: Talk 1, 12:00 noon: Lunch, 12:30 pm: Talk 2, 1:15pm: Closing prayer.

INTERNET AND COMPUTER HELP

We propose to set up a regular meeting for people who need help using the internet on their computers or smart phones. The meetings will be **every Monday morning from 10.30am-11.30am and every Saturday morning from 11.00am-12 noon in St Mark's House. The first meeting will be on Monday 21st of November.** If you would like some help then please come along.

ADVENT FAITH SHARING

We are lucky to have a prayer group which meets every Advent and Lent. Would you like to form a group of your own with your friends and neighbours? If so please come to an information evening **at 6.00pm this Thursday 24th November in St Mark's House.**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

On the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, its not surprising that Jesus' kingdom is at the centre of the gospel. Today's gospel is about the exchange between Jesus and one of those crucified beside him. The kingdom is not presented as something remote and unattainable: the sinner who acknowledges he has done wrong, and who asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom, is told: "today, you will be with me in paradise"!

(Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121; 2 Corinthians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43)

At St Mark's

- 4.30pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation available
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of Universe

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

- 10.00am** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of Universe **at St Mark's**
11.30am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of Universe **at St Anthony's**
4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of Universe **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an ancient tradition which held that, after being presented there, Mary spent much of her childhood in the Temple. The first reading, about the Temple, might hint at this. Both readings, however, remind us of Mary's total dedication to God's will, for it is God who is central in both. She is celebrated because she put God first always.

(Readings: Zechariah 2:14-17; Psalm: Luke 1:46-55; Matthew 12:46-50)

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 the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.30am-11.30am **Internet and Computer help meeting at St Mark's**
11.30am **Meeting of the RCIA group at St Mark's**

TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST CECILIA

St Cecilia is venerated as a virgin and martyr of Rome. In the second or third century she refused to worship the pagan gods and was beheaded. In the Trastevere church of Santa Cecilia, there is a recumbent sculpture of the martyr with three fingers extended, still proclaiming the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity; this image reproduces how her body was found when the tomb was opened in 1599

(Readings: Revelations 14:14-19; Psalm 95; Matthew 21:5-11)

At St Anthony's

- 6.00pm-6.50pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm-6.50pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available
6.30pm Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary **at St Anthony's**
7.00pm Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Cecilia followed by the Novena to St Anthony
7.30pm **Meeting of the SVDP in St Anthony's House**

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST COLUMBAN

St Columban abbot and missionary, born in Leinster. He founded monasteries in France but was expelled for adhering to the Celtic Easter and denouncing Burgundian royal misconduct, and went on to found a monastery at Bobbio in Italy where he died in AD 615.

(Readings: Revelations 15:1-4; Psalm 97; Luke 21:12-19)

At St Mark's

- 9.00am-9.50am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Columban
10.00am-12.00noon **Food Bank at St Anthony's Hall**
10.30am **Cuppa Club at St Mark's Hall**
12.00noon-2.00pm **Food Bank at St Mark's Hall**
6.00pm-6.50pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation**
7.00pm Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Columban

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF 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 1820-1862; 21 were French and Spanish, some bishops, the others priests; and 96 were Vietnamese, priests, laymen and laywomen.*

(Readings: Revelations 18:1-2.21-23;19:1-3.9:8-11; Psalm 99; Luke 21:20-28)

At St Anthony's

9.00am-9.50am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am-9.50am

Recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

3.30pm

Carols at Christmas Concert organising meeting at St Mark's House

6.00pm

Faith sharing group information evening at St Mark's

7.00pm

St Anthony's & St Mark's Community Choir Meeting in St Mark's Church

7.00pm

Ongoing formation meeting in St Mark's House

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

(Readings: Revelations 20:1-4.11-21:2; Psalm 83; Luke 21:29-33)

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 of Friday of the last week of in Ordinary Time

7.00pm

Holy Mass of Friday of the last week of in Ordinary Time with Archbishop Nolan

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

(Readings: Revelations 22:1-7; Psalm 94; Luke 21:34-36)

At St Anthony'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 in honour of Mary the Mother of God

11.00am-1.00pm

Day of Recollection for Parish Readers

SEASON OF ADVENT

In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's first coming. As we remember we also look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of joyful hope. The hopes of Advent is expressed during the first part of Advent with the concentration of the Second Coming while the first coming is recalled particularly from the 17th December, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel. Throughout Advent, violet (purple) is used for seasonal celebrations. The use of flowers and musical instruments should be restrained until Christmas. The Gloria is normally prayed during Advent. We also begin a New Liturgical Year, Year A, and since its year A, so does the three-year liturgical calendar.

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Next week the first words of the entire lectionary are proclaimed with the words "The vision of Isaiah...": a vision for people to turn swords into ploughshares, spears into pruning hooks—destructive implements into creative tools. Advent is a season of hope, of positive expectation. Our challenge is to bring about this hope, this peace.

(Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; 2 Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

10.00am

Holy Mass for the First Sunday of Advent **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Holy Mass for the First Sunday of Advent **at St Anthony's**

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Holy Mass for First Sunday of Advent **at St Anthony's**

QUIZ NIGHT FOR UKRAINE

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz night, and to the Social & Fundraising group for organising everything. A special thank you goes to Len for his hard work as quiz master. A magnificent £700 was raised for the people of Ukraine

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Ted Ball, Anna Lang, Ann Marie McConnell, Desmond McGeoghegan
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially John & Mary Barkey, Margaret Bolzan, John McCann
James McLaughlin, Joan McLaughlin
Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish: Isobel Clark, Isa Daniels, Michael Dooley, Patsy Harkin, Helen Hunt, Baby Finn McGuinness, Michael McGuire, Baby Hope McKenna, Henry McVey, May O'Donnell & Margaret Rice

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year the Fayre is being held on **Sunday 27th November from 12.30pm until 4.00pm in the School Hall.** There will be Christmas Stalls, a Grotto, a Craft Room, a Festive Café. A raffle will also be offered with lots of prizes. Please support this important fundraising initiative.

TUTORING

Our tutoring service is now well underway; thank you to all of the tutors who have given their time to help the young people of the local community. The current schedule is as follows
Tuesday: History at 5.30pm; Wednesday: **English** at 4.30pm, **Biology** at 6.00pm; Thursday: **Maths** at 4.30pm, **Maths & Physics** at 6.30pm; Friday **Modern Studies** at 4.30pm, **Maths** at 4.30pm.
We are also able to help with the following subjects: **Business Management and Accounting, Drama, Chemistry, Design & Manufacture, French, Geography, Graphic Communication, and Spanish.**
If you need any help with your studies then please let us know.

ST MARK'S PARENTS GROUP

We are looking for parish support for our Christmas Raffle this year. Trying to raise funds has been challenging the past few years but with your continued support the pupils of St Mark's Primary and Nursery have had many treats and we hope to continue this. We are organising a "Booze Sleigh" which we will raffle off for £5 per ticket. And the winner takes all!!! If you can spare any sort of beverage to add to our Sleigh this would be greatly appreciated. We thank you all in advance.

SPACE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Would you like to make a difference to a child at Christmas? SPACE Family Group (supporting parents and children everywhere) is a local charity which aims to brighten children's Christmas morning. Here's how it works: You choose a tag for either a boy or a girl, and buy a gift for your chosen person. The tags are available this weekend. A bag/box will be available at the back of the Church for your tagged gifts. The final date for gifts to be donated is **3rd/4th December**. Any questions should be directed to our Social and Fundraising team members Karen Smith on 07710469637 or Ann Ferry on 07941214608.

JUSTICE & PEACE

Archbishop Nolan of the Archdiocese of Glasgow and President of Justice & Peace Scotland will be here on **Friday 25th of November to celebrate Mass at 7.00pm in St Mark's Church.** All are welcome to attend; there will be a reception following the Mass in St Mark's Hall.

ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S COMMUNITY CHOIR

Wonderful start to our rehearsals, thank you to everyone who came along! You may have seen some videos on Instagram and Facebook. Don't worry if you missed the first week, all are welcome to join us! We are preparing music for Masses and for the Carols by Candlelight concert on 22nd December. Rehearsals are at St Mark's Church, Thursdays, 7-8pm.

PARISH HALLS

As we look for ways to continue to support the local community we'd like to appeal for ideas for the use of our Halls. Two of the ideas that have been proposed are a bingo club and a Mother and Toddlers group. If you have any ideas please come and meet the Halls group **at 7.00pm on Wednesday 30th of November in St Mark's House**

ST MARK'S CUPPA CLUB

St Anthony's and St Mark's Primary Schools have both been given a donation of £100 from St Mark's Cuppa Club. Thank you to all who give so generously.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 13th NOVEMBER:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1576.69

Gift Aid to Bank: £ 335.00

Total: £ 1913.69

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION