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THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

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 not prayed during Advent.

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS WITH ST LUKE

One of the many ways you can prepare for the Season of Christmas is to read some of the Gospel stories. The month of December offers a great opportunity to read the Gospel of Luke. Luke's Gospel is made up of 24 chapters, therefore if you read one chapter per day from the 1st of December you will have read the entire Gospel by Christmas Day. I will be available every Friday morning after Mass to talk about the Gospel of Luke with anyone who chooses to try and read it.

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: **Diluting juice, pasta, tinned meat, tinned rice/custard, tinned soup, tinned beans, tinned potatoes, tinned spaghetti, tinned veg, toiletries, UHT Milk**. Items can be brought to any Mass or to the Church House at St Mark's.

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.

MINISTER OF WELCOME

The day of recollection for the Ministers of Welcome will be led by Fr Pat Hennessy of St Columbkille's

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.

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

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(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**
- 12.30pm-4.00pm** **Christmas Fayre at St Anthony's School**
- 4.30pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation available
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the First Sunday of Advent **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm: 121; Luke 10 10:21-24)

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 1st Week of Advent
- 10.30am-11.30am** **Internet and Computer help meeting at St Mark's**
- 7.00pm** **Meeting of the RCIA group at St Mark's**

TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 71; Luke 10: 21-24)

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 Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent with a Gospel Reflection by Sr Margaret McGrath of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. followed by the Novena to St Anthony

WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST ANDREW

St Andrew the Apostle is Principle Patron of Scotland. Born in Bethsaida at the Sea of Galilee, he was a follower of John the Baptist before he was a disciple of Christ, to whom he brought Peter, his brother. Along with Philip, he presented some Gentiles to Jesus and, in the gospel, is named as the person who told Jesus about the boy with loaves and fishes. It is said that he evangelised in Asia Minor and Scythia (a region of Eurasia, to the north of the Caspian and Black Seas) before being crucified in Achaia (the area of Patras around, in western Greece). The iconography of the martyrdom of Andrew—showing him bound to an X-shaped cross—does not appear to have been standardised until the later Middle Ages.

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

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 Solemnity of St Andrew
- 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 Solemnity of St Andrew
- 7.30pm** **Parish Hall meeting in St Mark's House**

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 117; Matthew 7:24-27)

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
- 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 2ND DECEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 117; Matthew 7:21.24-27)

At St Mark's**7.00am****Rorate Caeli Mass****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 1st week of Advent

3.00pm-5.00pm**Christmas Fayre at St Mark's School****SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER****THE MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER**

St Francis Xavier (1506-1552) was born in the royal castle at Javier in the Basque country. He went to university in Parish in 1525, where he met his countryman, Ignatius of Loyola, and the other five original members of the Society of Jesus. In 1542 he was sent to India and he spread the Faith to many territories between there and Japan. Poised to enter Chia, he died in 1552, aged 46. The unfinished nature of his work inspired St Guido Conforti (1865-1931) to found the Xavarien Fathers in 1895, for the Chinese mission. His extensive missionary journeys made many compare him to St Paul, and Pope Pius XI named him a Patron of the Missionaries.

(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 Ministers of Welcome

SEASON OF ADVENT**SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**

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At St Mark's**4.30pm****Sacrament of Reconciliation available****5.00pm**

Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**10.00am**Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent **at St Mark's****11.30am**Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent **at St Anthony's****4.30pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pmHoly Mass for Second Sunday of Advent **at St Anthony's****SCIAF REAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS: WATER FOR A VILLAGE**

The Parish will once again offer a Real Christmas Gift of water for a village which costs £1088.

Water is the most basic and vital need, but it is scarce and unpredictable in many parts of the world's poorest communities.

The Real Gift of water for a village is used in a number of ways to provide life-changing access to water, including building wells and lakes, and by implementing irrigation systems. This allows families to collect and store rainwater so they always have the water they need to grow their own food.

There will be a second collection for this on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent.

RAIN OR SHINE

The local charity Rain or Shine are with us this weekend. Paula from Rain or Shine will give us a short chat after the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses about the difference they make to children and families in our area and how we can help up to Christmas...and beyond. Tea & Coffee are available. The meeting at St Mark's is in the House, and the meeting at St Anthony's is in the Hall.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Members of the community of Trinity High School will be here this weekend to speak to us about the school as part of Catholic Education Week.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Hannah O'Donnell, Alan Leitch, **Anne Marie Logan**, Karen MacArthur, Maureen Mojica,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially James Finnigan, Margaret & John Finnigan, **Peter McConnell**, Ann, & John McCluskey, Nessie, John, Willie and Dan McLaughlin, Annie & Hugh Paterson, Jean Robertson, John Scott, Joseph & Roseann Swinburne,

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

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.

ST MARK'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St Mark's School are having their Christmas Fayre from **3.00pm-5.00pm next Friday 2nd December**. Please come along, entry is free. The school are appealing for help. Can you please provide any of the following: Home baking, old teddy bears and any donations for the raffle. Anything you can give can be dropped off at the School or the Parish House.

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 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th of November in St Mark's House.**

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL JINGLE AND MINGLE

The S4 Practical Cookery Class at Trinity High School would like to invite you to celebrate with them at their special Jingle and Mingle Christmas Party **from 12.00pm to 2.00pm at Trinity High School**. Please let the school know by contacting them **by telephone on 0141646 3650 or email Mrs Coccozza on gw09coccozzaclare@glow.sch.uk**

MONTHLY SCHOOL MASSES

The Primary Schools will be joining us for Mass this week. St Anthony's Primary will be at Mass on Thursday at 10.00am. There will then be a fundraising tea and coffee available in the Hall afterwards. St Mark's Primary will be at Mass on Friday at 10.00am. The Parent Councils of both schools will fundraising after mass to help them with their work.

SACRAMENT ENROLMENT

The children who are celebrating their Sacraments in the next few months will be with us at the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses to enrol for their Sacraments.