

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

11TH DECEMBER 2022

### FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank; last week we were able to support **52 families**. This is a list of items we are in particular need of at our Food Bank: **beans, coffee, Breakfast cereals, cereal bars, cuppa soup, deodorant, diluting juice, household, cleaning products, pasta, pasta sauce, shower gel, spaghetti, soap, shampoo, tea, tins of soup, packets of soup, toothpaste, washing powder.** Items can be brought to any Mass or to the Church House at St Mark's. Thanks again.

### 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 THIS SUNDAY**

### ADVENT DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

The remaining Advent day of recollection is on the following date:

Saturday 17th December: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

The day will be lead by Deacon John McGarry of Our Lady and St Anne's in Hamilton.

### PARISH READERS

Thank you to everyone who attended last Saturday's Day of Recollection. Please collect some follow up notes from the Sacristy. A number of people asked about preparing to read at Mass. Therefore, beginning this week, those people who are reading at the following weekend Masses are invited to attend a short prayer and reflection meeting on the Sunday readings at **7.00pm in St Mark's House every Wednesday**. These meetings are primarily for Mass readers, but they are also open to anyone who wants to know more about the Readings at Mass.

### CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT

We are having a special Christmas Film Night. At **7.00pm on Friday 16th of December 'It's a Wonderful Life'** will be screened in **St Mark's Hall**. A small buffet will be provided, please bring you own drinks.

## THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

### SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

An imprisoned John seeks the reassurance that he correctly identified Jesus as the one who was to come. Jesus' reply to John's delegates is characteristically enigmatic. Jesus invites them (and John!) to evaluate him, not just by his word, but by his giving sight to the blind, mobility to the lame, rehabilitation to lepers. John challenged Pharisees to display signs that they embraced the kingdom; now Jesus challenges John to see the kingdom present in his works.

(Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6.10; Psalm 145; 2 James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11)

#### At St Mark's

4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent

### SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

10.00am Holy Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent **at St Mark's**

11.30am Holy Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent **at St Anthony's**

4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent **at St Anthony's**

6.00pm **Fundraising and Social Team Meeting in St Mark's House**

### MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER

(Readings: Numbers 24:2-7.15-17; Psalm: 24; Luke 5:17-26)

#### 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

10.00am Holy Mass for Monday of the 3rd Week of Advent

7.00pm **Meeting of the RCIA group at St Mark's**

### TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

## THE MEMORIAL OF ST LUCY

**St Lucy (283-304)** lived on the island of Sicily. She consecrated herself to Christ as a virgin. When she turned down an arranged marriage with a pagan aristocrat during the persecution instigated by the Emperor Diocletian, he reported her to the authorities as a Christian, and she was put to death.

(Readings: Zephaniah 3:1-2-13; Psalm: 33; Matthew 21:28-32)

#### 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 Lucy with a Gospel Reflection by Professor Roisin Coll, Professor of Catholic Education at the University of Glasgow and currently Director of the St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education followed by the Novena to St Anthony

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

### WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF GOOD AID CATHEDRAL

*The Church of Our Lady of Good Aid, Motherwell, was opened on Monday 9 December 1900 and elevated to Cathedral status in 1948*

(Readings: Isaiah 45:6-8.18.21-26; Psalm 84; Luke 7:19-23)

#### 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 the Dedication of Our lady of Good Aid Cathedral

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**

1.30pm **Christmas Concert at St Anthony's School**

6.00pm **Sunday Readings meeting in St Mark's House**

6.30pm **Christmas Concert at St Anthony's School**

7.00pm **Reconciliation Service at St Mark's Church**

8.00pm **Book club meeting in St Mark's Church**

## INTERNET AND COMPUTER HELP

The internet and Computer help meetings will resume after Christmas, if you need any help in the meantime please speak to me after Mass.

**THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER****THE MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS**

**St John of the Cross (1442-91)** was born in Fontiveros, near Salamanca. He became a Carmelite friar in 1564, and in 1567 he met St Teresa of Avila who persuaded him to join her in reforming the Carmelites, male and female. He suffered much opposition, including a period of detention in a religious house. This was when he began to write deeply on spiritual things using poetry. He is regarded as the foremost poet of the Spanish language. He experienced visions of Christ, and after one such vision he created a line drawing of Christ on the Cross which inspired Salvador Dali to paint 'Christ of St John of the Cross' which was bought in 1951 by the City of Glasgow.  
(Readings Isaiah 54:1-10; Psalm 29; Luke 7:24-30)

**At St Anthony's**

<b>9.00am-9.50am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>9.30am-9.50am</b>	Recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Mass for the Memorial of St John of the Cross
<b>12.00pm-2.00pm</b>	<b>Jingle &amp; Mingle Christmas Party at Trinity High School</b>
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Concert at St Mark's School</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Concert at St Mark's School</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>IT &amp; Media Team Meeting in St Mark's Church</b>
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>St Anthony's &amp; St Mark's Community Choir Meeting in St Mark's Church</b>

**MASS ON FRIDAY WILL BE IN ST ANTHONY'S AND NOT ST MARK'S****FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER**

(Readings: Isaiah 56:1-3.6-8; Psalm 66; John 5:33-36)

<b>7.00am</b>	<b>Rorate Caeli Mass At St Mark's</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Mass of Repose of the Soul of Margaret Rusk R.I.P. <b>at St Anthony's</b>
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Film Night 'It's a Wonderful Life' at St Mark's Hall</b>

**SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER**

(Readings: Genesis 49: 2.8-10; Psalm 71; Matthew 1:1-17)

<b>At St Anthony's</b>	
<b>9.00am-9.50am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>9.30am</b>	Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
<b>9.30am-9.50am</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation available</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Mass for Saturday of the 3rd week of Advent
<b>11.00am-1.00pm</b>	Day of Recollection for Parish Ministers of Holy Communion

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT****SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER**

*Only on the last Sunday of Advent do we ever have an infancy narrative story in the Gospel; this year we have Matthew's 'annunciation' - to Joseph, rather than to Mary. In his acceptance of Mary's child, Joseph sets in motion the final part of the history of the line of David. By adoption, Mary's child, whom she will call 'Jesus', will be descended from King David. There will be no further descendants after Jesus: he will be the eternal king!*  
(Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6.10; Psalm 145; 2 James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11)

**At St Mark's**

<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation available</b>
<b>5.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

**SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent <b>at St Mark's</b>
<b>11.30am</b>	Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent <b>at St Anthony's</b>
<b>4.30pm</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation available
<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent <b>at St Anthony's</b>

**FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL TEAM**

There will be a meeting of the Fundraising and Social team at **6.00pm on Sunday 11th of December in St Mark's House**, to discuss the Carols by Candlelight Event.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Christmas Masses: Judy & John Banks**, The Banks family, Peter & Agnes Browne, Greg & Maureen Butt, Michael & Annette Daly, John Paul & Jacqueline Daly, Gerry & Josephine Dunn, Mary Gaffney, Angela McCluskey, Henry & Bridie McLaughlin, Irene McLaughlin, The Swinton Family and their friends and relatives, Dr Tierney, John & Kathleen Weir

**Those who died recently, especially:** Andrew Duffy, Asfra Farag, Anne Haughey, Peter Jordan, Julie Nicholson, Robina Reynolds, Margaret Rusk, Ian Sword & Agnes West

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Bill & Catherine Collins, Annie Finn, Janice Green, Anna Lang, Christine Rooney,

**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:

Monday: **Spanish** at 4.30pm; 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.

## RECONCILIATION SERVICE

A Service of Reconciliation will be celebrated at **7pm in St Mark's Church on Wednesday 14th of December.** This will give us all a chance to prepare for the coming of Christ by examining our consciences and making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The service will be in two parts; the first part will be a general examination of conscience, and during the second part everyone will have an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by going to confession, for which a number of Priests will be in attendance.

## SPACE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to the appeal this year, the response was overwhelming, and you have made a difference to a great many children's Christmas.

## IT & MEDIA GROUP

There will be a meeting of the IT & Media Group at **6.00pm on Thursday 15th of December in St Mark's House.** If you are interested in helping us improve our digital profile and communication then please come along to the meeting.

## 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 on Thursday 15th December.** Please let the school know by contacting them **by telephone on 0141 646 3650 or email Mrs Coccozza on gw09coccozzaclare@glow.sch.uk**

## PARISH CALENDAR

There are a number of Parish Calendars available in the stalls. They are £1 each with all proceeds going to the Kylbride Hospice. Thank you to Ian for the images.

## COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community choir will meet **at 7.00pm next Thursday in St Mark's Church** as we prepare to participate in the Parish 'Carols by Candlelight'.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LAKE GARDA

The trip to Lake Garda, will be from **19th-26th October 2023.** There will be a meeting in **St. Anthony's Church at 6.15pm Tuesday 13th December.** **A deposit of £400 to be paid to secure flight and accommodation immediately.** The itinerary will also be discussed.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 4th DECEMBER:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes:

£1668.28

Gift Aid to Bank: £709.00

**Total: £2377.28**

**THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR OUR REAL CHRISTMAS GIFT**  
**Missio Scotland wrote the Parish to thank us all for the £1188.08 donation**