

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18TH DECEMBER 2022

### FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank; last week we were able to support **48 families**. This is a list of items we are in particular need of at our Food Bank: **Coffee, Jars of pasta sauce, tea bags, tins of meat / chilli, curry (ready meals), tins of potatoes, spaghetti, tins of rice pudding / custard/ fruit, toilet rolls, UHT Milk**. As it is almost Christmas, if you could add a selection box / chocolates / crisps as an extra treat for our families it would be appreciated. Items can be brought to any Mass or to the Church House at St Mark's. Thanks again.

### ADVENT DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

Thankyou to those you who attended the days of Recollection. These days of recollection will be offered every Advent and Lent. Details of the Lenten days will be advertised soon.

### PARISH READERS

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.

### PARISH COUCIL MEETING

There will be a Parish Council Meeting at **7.00pm on Monday 16th January in St Anthony's Hall**. All groups of the Parish are invited to make a short report on their work at the meeting. If there are any particular items you would like to be added to the meeting agenda, then please submit them in writing or by email to the Parish Office.

### CANON HARRY ALLISON

On the **3rd of January the 7.00pm Mass in St Anthony's** will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of our beloved Canon Allison, marking the 10th anniversary of his death. The Mass will be followed by a reception, where we can gather and share our memories of this great man, at the Burnside Hotel.



### SCHOOL MASSES

On the **23rd of December** we will celebrate a Mass for each of our schools. **St Mark's Primary school will attend the 10.00am Mass in St Mark's Church. St Anthony's Primary school will celebrate mass together at 1.30pm in St Anthony's Primary School.**

## THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

### 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 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24)

#### At St Mark's

4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

### SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

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

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

4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available

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

### MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER

(Readings: Judges 13:2-7.24-25; Psalm: 70; Luke 1:5-25)

#### 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 4th Week of Advent

11.00am **RCIA Meeting in St Mark's House**

### TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm: 23; Luke 1:26-38)

#### 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 4th Week of Advent with a Gospel Reflection by Sr Andrea Fraile of the Cardinal Winning Pro-life Initiative followed by the Novena to St Anthony

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

### WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER

(Readings: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 32; Luke 1:39-45)

#### 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 Wednesday of the 4th Week of Advent

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**

7.00pm **Sunday Readings meeting in St Mark's House**

### THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER

(Readings 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1-4-8; Luke 1:46-56)

#### 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 Thursday of the 4th Week of Advent

7.00pm **Carols by Candlelight Service at St Mark's**

### FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER

(Readings: Malachi 3:1-4.23-24; Psalm 24; Luke 1:57-66)

#### At St Mark's

7.00am **Rorate Caeli Mass**

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am-9.50am Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am Holy Mass for Friday of the 4th Week of Advent with St Mark's School

1.30pm Holy Mass for Friday of the 4th Week of Advent **at St Anthony's School**

## SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

(Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16; Psalm 88; Luke 1:67-79)

At St Anthony's  
9.00am-9.50am  
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9.30am-9.50am  
10.00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation available**  
Holy Mass for Saturday of the 4th week of Advent

## THE SEASON OF CHRISTMASTIDE

*Preceded only in importance by the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church has no more ancient a tradition than the celebration of the Christmas Season: from Jesus' humble birth in Bethlehem; the announcement of his birth to the Shepherds by Angels; the revelation to the Magi and their subsequent adoration of the child; his Baptism in the River Jordan and the Father's declaration of Jesus as "Beloved Son" and the beginning of his public ministry. The other feasts of Christmastime (St Stephen, St John the Evangelist, the Holy Innocents, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) all have an intimate connection to the Lord's manifestation.*

## SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

### CHRISTMAS EVE

#### VIGIL MASSES

*Jesus is the fulfilment of the history of his people, and is the climax of a long story of promises kept and God's covenant fidelity*

(Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm: 88; Acts: 13:16-17.22-25; Matthew 1:1-25)

4.30pm Carol Service and Nativity Play **at St Anthony's**  
5.00pm Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the LORD **at St Anthony's**  
8.30pm Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the LORD **at St Mark's**

#### MIDNIGHT MASS

*Jesus is the promised Messiah, the revelation of the glory of God in the world and the light in its darkness. But the glory is revealed in poverty and simplicity, rather than in splendour or state. The poor, who know suffering and its darkness, are the first to see it.*

(Readings: Isaiah 9:1-7; Psalm: 95; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14)

11.30pm Carols **at St Mark's**  
12.00midnight Midnight Mass of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the LORD **at St Mark's**

## SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### DAWN MASS

*God has entered the world and a new chapter in human history begins. The first responses are the purest: amazement, wonder and praise of God. The news must be shared.*

(Readings: Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm: 96; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20)

10.00am Dawn Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the LORD **at St Mark's**

#### DAY MASS

*The one born signals the coming of the divine into the human. God has come among his people, into his creation. Thus, creation is blessed and humanity raised to a new dignity*

(Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm: 97; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18)

11.30am Day Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the LORD  
**at St Anthony's**

## 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:** Aileen Dunne, Anne Haughey, Robina Reynolds, Margaret Rusk, Ian Sword & Agnes West

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Josephine Brady, Michael Connolly, James Devlin, James Donnelly, Francis & Mary Forley, Giovanna Ionta, Catherine & Patrick McCarry, Agnes McGinn, Mary McGinn, Margaret & Patrick McKell, Anthony Millar, Mary O'Farrell & George Walsh

**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.

## THE JERSEY BOYS

The show has now been booked. It's at **7.30pm on Thursday 2nd of February at the Edinburgh Playhouse.** We have received the maximum number of 50 for the bus, but there is a waiting list. **Tickets cost £46.10, and payment is due before the 28th of December please.** Please put the payment in an envelope with your name(s) on it and hand it either to Fr Coyle, myself or a member of the Welcome team. Any questions, please contact Karen Smith on 07710469637 or ask the Ministers of Welcome.

## 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.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LAKE GARDA

Spaces have become available for Parish Trip to Lake Garda. Please contact Fr Coyle or Marjorie McAulay 07771939696 asap if you are interested in joining the pilgrimage.

## COMMUNITY WHATSAPP

Would you like to be kept up to date with the latest news from the Parish via WhatsApp? Please contact me on 07762549034 and I'll add you to the Parish community group

## 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.

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Our Carol Service is at **7.00pm on Thursday 22nd of December in St Mark's Church.** The order of service is included in this week's bulletin. There will be a reception afterwards in St Mark's Hall. Please come along and support our school and community choir who have all be working very hard to prepare for the Service.

## BOOK CLUB

Due to the poor weather, we had to postpone our Book Club meeting last week. We will now meet at **7.00pm on the 11th of January in St Mark's House.** That means you still have time to read our latest book, which is 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 11TH DECEMBER:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes:

£1517.64

Gift Aid to Bank: £505.00

**Total: £2022.64.28**

**OUR REAL CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION £2071.87**