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THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

4TH DECEMBER 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: **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.

JOHN SCOTT

Margaret Scott and family would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for all their cards, prayers and support shown to them on the sad death of John. Holy Mass will be for the intentions of all.

ADVENT DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

The remaining Advent days of recollection are on the following dates:

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.

MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

The day of recollection for the Musicians and Singers will be lead by Fr Christopher Morris of St Francis Xavier in Carfin.

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.

INTERNET AND COMPUTER HELP

We have now 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**. If you would like some help then please come along.

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SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

John the Baptist makes his first of two Advent appearances this weekend. His dress recalls the Prophet Elijah, but the language used to describe his actions is that of the anonymous prophet of the exile, the wilderness voice figure. When John sees Pharisees and Sadducees approaching for baptism, his words are uncompromising. He warns that their request for Baptism must be accompanied by the signs that they have truly embraced the kingdom of God.

(Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; 2 Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12)

At St Mark's

4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

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

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

6.30pm **Justice & Peace Group Meeting in St Mark's House**

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm: 84; 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 2nd Week of Advent

10.30am-11.30am **Internet and Computer help meeting at St Mark's**

11.00am **Meeting of the RCIA group at St Mark's**

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm: 95; Matthew 18:12-14)

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 2nd Week of Advent with a Gospel Reflection by Sr Isabel Smyth Scottish Catholic Bishops Associate Secretary for Interfaith Relations followed by the Novena to St Anthony

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

WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF ST AMBROSE

St Ambrose (340-397) was born in Germany, where his father was an official of the Roman Empire. He became governor of Liguria-Emilia in 372. There was tension between Arian and orthodox parties among the Christians of Milan when they gathered to elect a new bishop in 374 and he counselled them to observe public order. He was an impressive speaker, and they acclaimed him as their bishop though he was a catechumen, and he had to be baptised and ordained in the space of a few days. He was a strong and popular pastoral leader, opposing Arianism, and once excommunicating the emperor after an atrocity.

(Readings: Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 144; Matthew 11:11-15)

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 the Memorial of St Ambrose

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

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a mystery of our Faith. It is one of several points where Our Lady was treated in a privileged way by God, emphasising her unique place in his plan. As a doctrine of the Church, it was only promulgated in 1854, but had a strong popular belief for centuries. Our own Blessed John Duns Scotus (1266-1308) was one of the greatest champions of this dogma.

(Readings Genesis 3:9-15.20; Psalm 97; Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12; Luke 1:26-38)

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 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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 9TH DECEMBER

(Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1; Matthew 11:16-19)

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 2nd week of Advent

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

THE MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF LORETO

The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto: *The Sanctuary is in the small town of Loreto, near Ancona in Italy. The Sanctuary is a large baroque basilica containing a 'Holy House' thought to be the very house in Nazareth where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived after they returned from Egypt. The story is told of a miraculous transfer of the house carried by angels from Palestine to Loreto at the end of the thirteenth century. The shrine is a place of pilgrimage.*

(Readings: Sirach 48:1-4.9-11; Psalm 79; Matthew 17:10-13)

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 for the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto
11.00am-1.00pm	Day of Recollection for Parish Musicians and Singers

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Next week an imprisoned John seeks the reassurance that he correctly identified Jesus as the one who was to come. Jesus' reply to John delegate's 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 Third 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 NEXT SUNDAY, the Third Sunday of Advent.

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

Birthday Remembrance: Fr Frank Dougan celebrates his 50th Birthday on the 8th of December,

Those who died recently, especially: Patrick Doherty, Christine Gilfillan,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Ann Barrett, Mary McElroy, Kevin Thomas Burns, Kathleen Harkin, John McColgan, Kathleen O'Donnell, Mary O'Hare,

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

If you are sick or you know someone who is sick and would like to have the name printed in this prayer section, then please let me know.

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.

ONGOING FORMATION

The next part of the course is entitled **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.

We will continue at **7.00pm on Thursday 8th December in St Mark's House.** Please come along if you are interested. Notes for the course can be collected from the Sacristy after Mass.

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.

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 your own drinks.



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**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 20th NOVEMBER:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes:
£1485.32

Gift Aid to Bank: £ 592.00

Total: £ 2077.32

SPECIAL COLLECTION SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION: £672.85

Final total for SCIAF Ukraine Emergency Appeal via the Quiz Night: £1121.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 27th NOVEMBER:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes:
£1779.87

Gift Aid to Bank: £300.00

Total: £2079.87

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR OUR REAL CHRISTMAS GIFT