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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 15TH JANUARY 2023

FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank; last week we were able to support **32 families**. This is a list of items we are in particular need of at our Food Bank: **Household cleaning products. Items such as a washing powder, washing up liquid, dish cloths, multipurpose cleaners** etc would be greatly appreciated.

We also need **tins of potatoes; toilet rolls and jars of pasta sauce** to allow us to make up basic bags. Items can be brought to any Mass or to the Church House at St Mark's. Thanks again.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023

Ash Wednesday: 22nd of February

Easter Sunday: 9th of April

Sacrament Dates:

St Anthony's First Reconciliation: Thursday 23rd February at 6.00pm in St Anthony's Church

St Mark's First Reconciliation: Tuesday 28th February at 6.00pm at St Mark's Church.

St Anthony's First Holy Communion: Saturday 14th May at 12 noon in St Anthony's Church

St Mark's First Holy Communion: Saturday 6th May at 12 noon in St Mark's Church

St Anthony's Confirmation: Monday 27th February at 7.00pm in St Anthony's Church

St Mark's Confirmation: Wednesday 8th February at 7.00pm in St Mark's Church

Holy Days of Obligation:

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the LORD: Thursday 18th of May

The Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul: Thursday 29th of June

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Tuesday the 15th of August

The Solemnity of All Saints: Wednesday the 1st of November

Feast Days

Feast Day of St Anthony: Tuesday 13th June

Feast Day of St Mark: Tuesday 25th April

CHRISTIAN UNITY TAIZÉ

To mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are hosting a Taizé prayer service at **7.00pm on the 18th January in St Mark's Church**. Other Christian Churches within the Diocese will also be invited. The service will be lead by our Parish Community Choir.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY

Ordinary Sundays for the Year of Matthew begin today, but this Sunday's gospel is always from John. Thus, we begin Ordinary Time with an introduction to Jesus prior to his ministry. Today, only John the Baptist speaks. He introduces Jesus to his own disciple as 'The Lamb of God'. Jews choose a lamb from their flocks to offer to God at Passover. Jesus is God's choice of victim: one who takes away the sins of the world!.

(Readings Isaiah 49: 3.5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34)

4.30pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Mark's
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Mark's

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY

10.00am Holy Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Mark's
11.30am Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Anthony's
4.30pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Anthony's
5.00pm Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Anthony's
6.00pm Vigil and Reception for the Requiem mass of Frank McGarvey R.I.P.

MONDAY 16TH JANUARY

(Readings: Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm: 109; Mark 2:18-22)

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 in Ordinary Time
11.30am RCIA meeting at St Mark's House
1.00pm Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Frank McGarvey R.I.P at St Anthony's

TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST ANTHONY

St Anthony the Abbot (251-356) is known as the "Father of Christian Monasticism". As a teenager he gave up all his possessions when his parents died and went to live as a hermit in the Egyptian desert. However, he gave public support to the local church in times of difficulty, particularly helping St Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, in opposing the Arian heresy.

(Readings: Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm:100; Mark 2:23-28)

At St Anthony's
12.00pm Justice & Peace group meeting in St Mark's House
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 Anthony followed by the Novena to St Anthony
7.30pm Meeting of the SVDP in St Anthony's House

WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS

(Readings: Hebrews 7:1-3.15-17; Psalm: 109; Mark 3:1-6)

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 2nd Week of the Year
10.00am-12.00noon Food Bank at St Anthony's Hall
10.30am Cuppa Club in St Mark's Hall
12.00noon-2.00pm Food Bank at St Mark's Hall
6.00pm Meeting of next weekends Readers in St Mark's House
7.00pm Taizé Prayer service for Christian Unity at St Mark's

BOOK CLUB

The next book for the Book Club is 'The Man Who Died Twice' by Richard Osman. The date of the next meeting is **8.00pm on Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday) at St Mark's House.**

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST FAOLAN

St Faolan (St Fillan) Abbot and Bishop, made his monastic profession in Wexford, Ireland. He travelled to Scotland, where he stayed first with his uncle St Comgan at Lochalsh, later preaching the Gospel in Perthshire. Victory in the Battle of Bannockburn was attributed to the presence of both his crozier and his arm on the battlefield. He lived and died in the eight century.

(Readings Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalm 39; Mark 3:7-12)

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 Faolan

7.00pm

On-going Formation in St Mark's House

7.00pm

Community Choir Rehearsals at St Mark's

FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY

(Readings: Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 84; Mark 3:13-19)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am-9.50am

Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

9.30am-9.50am

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

10.00am

Holy Mass for Friday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

with the Novena to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST AGNES

St Agnes (291-304) is one of the young virgin martyrs whose names have a permanent place in the first Eucharistic Prayer. She refused several approaches from young men, one of whom denounced her to the authorities as a Christian. She was put to death on the year 303, aged thirteen.

(Readings Hebrews 9:2-3.11-14; Psalm 46; Mark 3:20-21)

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 St Agnes

11.00am-1.00pm

Gardening Club at St Mark's

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY

Matthews account of Jesus' ministry begins next week. Matthew recognises that Jesus' location, known in his time as Galilee, but to Isaiah as Zebulun and Naphtali, fulfils the old prophecy about a people in darkness seeing a great light. Jesus announces the Good News that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand and calls everyone to repentance (literally, a change of mind), and calls his first disciples. An energetic beginning. How energetic is our response?

(Readings Isaiah 49: 3.5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY

10.00am

Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

4.30pm

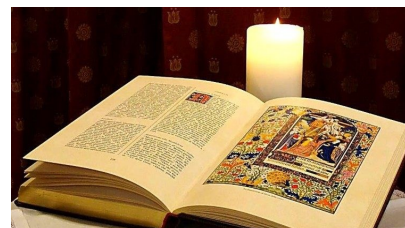
Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday the 22nd of January is 'Sunday of the Word' of God'. At all of the Sunday Masses, the Readers of the Parish will be instituted and blessed. Like the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers will then be instituted for three years. If you are interested in becoming a Reader please let me know. Please pray for our Readers as they continue to proclaim the Word of God.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Anne Doherty, Michael Burns, Frank McGarvey Irene McGeorge

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: John Carroll, Joe Daly, Edward Lawrie, Jean Little, Jim 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

THE FUNERAL OF FRANK MCGARVEY

The funeral of Frank McGarvey will take place at **1.00pm on Monday 16th of January in St Anthony's Church**. To ensure family and friends of Frank can attend the Mass, tickets will be available from family members. Arrangements have also been made for overflow in hall, where the Mass will be streamed.

The Rosary will be said following an evening reception at **6.00pm on Sunday 15th of January in St Anthony's Church**. Teas and coffees will be available in the hall afterwards. Franks daughter would like to pass on her gratitude to Parishioners for their support:

"It's at time like this you feel so grateful to be part of such a great Parish, your love and kindness is truly felt, and we would like to thank everyone for your ongoing prayers and support"

Jenny is passionate about raising more awareness for Pancreatic Cancers and would be grateful for any donations to be made via:



INTERNET AND COMPUTER HELP

Our regular meetings for people who need help using the internet on their computers or smart phones will resume on **Monday 23rd January**. 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.

PARISH COUCIL MEETING– POSTPONMENT

The Parish Council Meeting will need to be postponed.

It will now be at **7.00pm on Monday 6th February in St Anthony's Hall**. I'm sorry for the delay, but it can't be helped. 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.

HOMEWORK CLUB AND TUITION

Thank you to all of the tutors who have given their time to help the young people of the local community. The schedule will resume when the schools return and 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.

We are now in a position to begin our Homework Clubs. We aim to begin the clubs during the last week of January. They will be at the following time and locations:

St Mark's: Every Wednesday from 3.15pm-4.15pm

St Anthony's: Every Thursday from 3.15pm-4.15pm

CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH & TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Would you like to know more about St Joseph? Each year we have the opportunity to consecrate ourselves to him during a period of 33 days prayer and reflection. We will meet each week to discuss and reflect upon the consecration process.

The consecration to St Joseph will begin on **15th of February** and we will conclude on the Solemnity of St Joseph on **19th of March**. If you are interested then please let me know. All reading material will be provided for you, and we will meet in St Mark's house.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 8TH JANUARY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1971.26

Gift Aid to Bank: £984.00

Total: £2955.26

CUPPA CLUB DONATIONS TO RAIN OR SHINE: £100 AND TO THE SVDP : £400