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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) **22ND JANUARY 2023** SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank; last week we were able to support 54 families. This is a list of items we are in particular need of at our Food Bank: Deodorant, Jam, Tinned potatoes, Toilet roll, Toiletries, UHT Milk,

Items can be brought to any Mass or to the Church House at St Mark's. Thanks again.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023 Easter Sunday: 9th of April

Ash Wednesday: 22nd of February Sacrament Dates:

St Anthony's First Reconciliation: Thursday 23rd March 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 13th 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

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.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY

Matthew's account of Jesus' ministry begins this 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 8: 23-9:3; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17; Matthew 4:12-23)

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

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY

10.00am	Holy Mass for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Mark's
11.30am	Holy Mass for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Anthony's
4,30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Anthony's
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Anthony's
MONDAY 23RD JA	NUARY
	(Readings: Hebrews 9:15-24-28; Psalm: 97; Mark 3:22-30)
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 in Ordinary Tine
1 1.00am	Computer and IT help in St Mark's House
7.00pm	RCIA meeting at St Mark's House

TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

St Francis De Sales (1567-1622) became Bishop of Geneva when it had become a strong centre of the Protestant Reformation. He won back many to the Faith by his gentle and patient nature which even won the respect of his opponents. "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies tan a barrelful of vinegar" was a saying of his. (Readings: Hebrews 10:1-10: Psalm:39: Mark 3:31-35)

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 Francis De Sales and in memory of those who have
	died followed by the Novena to St Anthony
7.30pm	Meeting of the SVDP in St Anthony's House

WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

The Conversion of St Paul is recorded twice in great detail in the Acts of the Apostles (chapters 9 and 22). It presents us with the mystery of how he rose to greater prominence than most of the Twelve already hand picked by Christ, and why he needed to be chosen in such dramatic fashion. (Readings: Acts 22:3-16: Psalm: 116: Mark 16:15-18)

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
Holy Mass for the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul
Food Bank at St Anthony's Hall
Cuppa Club in St Mark's Hall
Food Bank at St Mark's Hall
Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of
Reconciliations
Holy Mass for the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul and in memory of those who
have died
Meeting of next weekend's Readers in St Mark's House

THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST TIMOTHY AND ST TITUS

St Timothy and St Titus were disciples of St Paul to whom he wrote pastoral letters included in the New Testament. There is no strong tradition they were martyred, but lived long lives building up the Church at Ephesus and on Crete., respectively.

(Readings 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 23; Mark 4:21-25)

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 St Timothy and St Titus
7.00pm	On-going Formation in St Mark's House
7.00pm	Community Choir Rehearsals at St Mark's

FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST ANGELA MERICI

St Angelia Merici 1474-1540) founded the Ursulines. She directed then to provide education to the young with love, kindness with firmness and an attention to each individual. (Readings: Hebrews 10:32-39: Psalm 36: Mark 4:26-35)

9.30am-9.50am	Sacrament of Reconciliation available
9.30am-9.50am	Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
9.00am-9.50am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
At St Mark's	
	(Readings: Hebrews 10:32-39; Psaim 30; Mark 4:20-35)

Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Angela Merici

with the Novena to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY

10.00am

THE MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS

St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1273) abandoned his aristocratic upbringing to join the Dominican Order. He was a man of prayer which bore fruit in extensive writings on spiritual subjects, for which he has the additional title of Doctor of the Church. His theological works, especially his Summa Theologica, were the standard texts for students for the Priesthood for centuries afterwards.

	(Readings Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19; Psalm Luke 1:69-75; Mark 4:35-41)
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 Thomas Aquinas with a blessing of Married Couples
11.00am-1.00pm	Gardening Club at St Mark's
11.00am-1.00pm	Computer and IT help at St Mark's house

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 29TH JANUARY

Next week's Gospel shows Jesus taking a weak mentally-disturbed man and making him strong enough to become a missionary to his own people. Hebrews also teaches about weak people being made strong "in spite of dungeon, fire and sword". We too can be strengthened to live like them through this Eucharist.

(Readings Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13; Psalm 145; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12)

At St Mark's	
4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation available
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 22N	D JANAURY
10.00am	Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Mark's
11.30am	Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Anthony's
4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation available
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Anthony's

PARISH FOODBANK

The Volunteers of the Parish foodbank will be making a statement at all Masses next weekend to update the parish on their work.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Eileen Collins, Margaret Deery, Tom Dobie, Joe Millar, Frank McGarvey Irene McGeorge & Garry Waugh

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Richard Conway, Mary & Nell Conway, Anne Cowie, Peter Dunnachie, Ian Duncan, Mary Hughes, Mary Mahon, George McCaffrey, Mary & Pat McElwee, Nora McKenna, Sheila Quigley

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

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. Now that the schools have returned the 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.

We are now in a position to begin our Homework Clubs. We aim to begin the clubs during the **first week** of **February**. They will be he 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.

MONTHLY MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The Monthly Masses for those who have died from our Churches will be next week: **On the 24th January** in St Anthony's and **on the 25th of January in St Mark's, both Masses at 7.00pm.**

SACRAMENT CANDIDATES

You'll notice over the next couple of weeks that pictures of the children who are celebrating Sacraments will appear in both Churches. The children are asking for prayer partners. If you would like to partner any child in prayer then please write your name under their photograph and I'll let them know who is partnering them.

ENGAGED COUPLES MASS

There will be a special Mass for those couples who are being married in the Parish this year. The Mass will be at **7.00pm on Wednesday 15th of February in St Mark's.** There will be a small supper in St Mark's House afterwards for the couples. The Parish community continues to pray for them during this special year for them all.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 8TH JANUARY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1253.23 Gift Aid to Bank: £207.00 Total: £1460.23 SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PROJECT GAMBIA £2563.95