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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 29TH JANUARY 2023

FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank; last week we were able to support **50 families**. This is a list of items we are in particular need of at our Food Bank: Toiletries- soap, shampoo, shower gel (ladies), toothpaste. Cheesy pasta, instant noodles, tinned potatoes, tomato sauce, pasta sauce, diluting juice; Washing up liquid, general cleaning products, washing powder, toilet rolls. 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 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.**

MONTHLY BLESSING OF FAMILIES

The Monthly Blessing of families will be offered at the **10.00am Mass on Saturday 4th of February in St Anthony's.**

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY

An easily recognisable feature of Matthew's gospel is Jesus' authentic teaching. Matthew presents five blocks of teaching, and this is from the first extract and most famous of these: the Sermon on the Mount. Moses had climbed Mount Sinai to receive God's Law, God's teaching. Jesus climbs the Galilean mountain (hill) to teach the true meaning of God's Law. Through the beatitudes in today's Gospel, he summarises to whom the kingdom of God belongs.

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

4.30pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Mark's

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**

SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY

10.00am

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

11.30am

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

MONDAY 30TH JANUARY

(Readings: Hebrews :1132-40; Psalm: 30; Mark 5:1-10)

At St Mark's

9.30am

Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am

Holy Mass for Monday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

11.00am

Computer and IT help in St Mark's House

11.30am

RCIA meeting **at St Mark's House**

TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN BOSCO

St John Bosco (1815-1888) dedicated his life as a priest to the street children of Turin, finding them shelter, food and spiritual nourishment. He was a great believer in Divine Providence especially when his work was imperilled. To further this apostolate he founded the Salesian Fathers as well as the Co-operators among Christ's Faithful.

(Readings: Hebrews 12:1-4; Psalm:21; Mark 5:21-43)

At St Anthony's

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 John Bosco

followed by the Novena to St Anthony

7.30pm

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

WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

(Readings: Hebrews 12:4-7.11-15; Psalm: 102; Mark 6:1-6)

At St Mark's

9.30am

Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am

Holy Mass for Wednesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

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

THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

World Day of Consecrated Life

Luke notes repeatedly Joseph's and Mary's fidelity to the Law of the Lord, the heritage of their people. Yet Simeon represents a heritage of hope, reminding them to look to the new realities beginning through their child (though at a cost, especially to Mary). With devotion, they brought him for rituals; with trust, they hand him over into Simeon's arms. New light and salvation are dawning. Simeon calls us to welcome—and reveal—that light.

(Readings Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 23; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40)

At St Anthony's

9.30am-9.50am

Recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the LORD

7.00pm

Community Choir Rehearsals at St Mark's

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY**THE MEMORIAL OF ST BLAISE**

St Blaise (+316) was a doctor before becoming a bishop in Armenia. He was martyred in the year 316. With him is associated the blessing of the throats.

(Readings: Hebrews 13:1-8; Psalm 26; Mark 6:14-29)

At St Mark's**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 the Memorial of St Blaise with the Novena to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

(Readings Hebrews 13:15-17.20-21; Psalm 22; Mark 6:30-34)

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 in honour of Mary, the Mother of God, with a blessing of Families

11.00am-1.00pm**Gardening Club at St Mark's****11.00am-1.00pm****Computer and IT help at St Mark's house****5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)****SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY**

Following the beatitudes, there are two short sayings, 'proverbs', depicting Jesus as a Wisdom teacher in the Jewish tradition. Jesus tells his new disciples that they are salt of the earth and light of the world: not that they will become these. This reminds us that we already give flavour and light to the world: but is it good or bad? We cannot choose not to be flavour, but we can choose what flavour to give.

(Readings Isaiah 58: 7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16)

At St Mark's**4.30pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY**10.00am**Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's****11.30am**Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's****4.30pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

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.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES HOSPICE

Karen Smith and her daughter are taking part in a Fire Walk on Saturday 4th of February for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice in Bellahouston Park. If you are able, could you please sponsor them/make a small donation? If so, please add your name to the sponsor sheet in the porches of the churches!

JERSEY BOYS

The Parish outing to see the Jersey Boys is **this Thursday 2nd of February**. The Bus leave at 5.30pm from St Mark's car park - please arrive by 5.15pm so that you name can be checked against the list.

ABSENCE

I'll be away from the Parish for a few days from Monday to Friday. Fr Paul Annis will say Mass in my absence. I want to thank you all for the many cards and messages of condolence, and for your patience following the sudden death of my Uncle Joe. His funeral will be at **11.00am on 8th February in St Mark's**.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

A representative for SPUC will be here this weekend to appeal for help to support their work. This means there is a Second Collection this weekend.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism: Karci Joanne Stewart

Those who died recently, especially: **Monica Keating**, Margaret McGuinness, Joe Millar, Irene McGeorge, Kevin O'Connor & Garry Waugh

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Hugh Biggins, Joe Daly, Peter Dunnachie, Charles Kirk, Mary Kirk, Marie McAuley, Ellen McColgan, Annie & Seamus McGowan, Ellen McKenna, Anna Moss, Sheila Quigley, Rosemary Reynolds, Josephine Watson

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.

INTERNET AND COMPUTER HELP

Our regular meetings for people who need help using the internet on their computers or smart phones resumed 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 – FURTHER POSTPONMENT

The Parish Council Meeting will need to be postponed again, due to a family bereavement.

It will now be at **7.00pm on Monday 20th February in St Anthony's Hall**. I'm sorry for the further delay.

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 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.

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 22ND JANUARY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1655.74

Gift Aid to Bank: £735.00

Total: £2390.74