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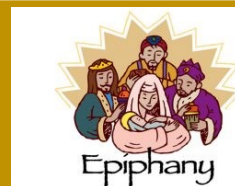
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THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8TH JANUARY 2023



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

JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Justice & Peace Group at **12.00noon on Tuesday 11th of January**. If you are interested in joining the group please come along.

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY

The Gospel narrative and the text of Isaiah together shape our traditional crib scene of kings, camels and lavish gifts. But the feast celebrates revelation itself. The Wise Men's search, guided by the light of Reason takes them only so far. Only an encounter with Scripture—Divine revelation—can perfect it, and lead them to find and worship the divine child. Our human capacities need to be enlightened by divine revelation to lead us to God and to Christ, the light which enlightens all of life.

(Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6; Matthew 2:1-12)

4.30pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Mark's

5.00pm

Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the LORD **at St Mark's**

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the LORD **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Holy Mass for the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the LORD **at St Anthony's**

4.30pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Anthony's

5.00pm

Holy Mass for the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the LORD **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 9TH JANUARY

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Christmas ends with the adult Jesus' Baptism. Christmas is the celebration of the Saviour coming to Earth. Mostly, the emphasis is on human acceptance (or rejection) of the Saviour. Now, Jesus accepts his destiny as the Saviour. Baptism means 'immersion'. In baptism, the adult Jesus immerses himself in the Father's will. Hence God's voice: This is my son, the Beloved"; hence the Spirit is uncharacteristically present in a visible form— the dove. The entire Trinity is present.

(Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-4.6-7; Psalm: 28; Acts 10: 34-38; Matthew 3:13-17)

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 the Feast of the Baptism of the LORD

THE END OF CHRISTMASTIDE

THE BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME

The Ordinary Time of the Year begins. *This season is devoted to the unfolding of the mystery of Christ in all aspects. Green is the colour of the season and the Gloria is sung or said on all Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts. The Creed is recited on Sunday's and Solemnities.*

TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY

(Readings: Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm: 8; Mark 1:21-28)

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 Tuesday of the 1st Week of the Year

followed by the Novena to St Anthony

7.30pm

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

WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY

(Readings: Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm: 104; Mark 1:29-39)

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 1st 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

6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.00pm

Book Club Meeting at St Mark's House

THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY

(Readings Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 94; Mark 1:40-45)

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 1st Week of the Year with St Anthony's Primary School

7.00pm

On-going Formation in St Mark's House

7.00pm

Community Choir Rehearsals at St Mark's

FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY

THE FEAST OF ST KENTIGERN

St Kentigern (518-603). *His mother, St Enoch, was a Lothian princess who became pregnant because she was raped. Her father had her cast off into the Firth of Forth in a coracle, She landed on the opposite shore at St Serf's monastic school at Culross. It was he who nicknamed him Mungo. He became the first Bishop of Glasgow. He was forced out by pagan opponents and spent some time in England and Wales. He returned to spend many more years preaching the Word and praising his Name.*

(Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 95; Luke 5:1-11)

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 the Feast of St Kentigern

with the Novena to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY

(Readings Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 18; Mark 2:13-17)

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 Our Blessed Mother

11.00am-1.00pm

Gardening Club at St Mark's

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY

(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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY

10.00am

Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

PROJECT GAMBIA

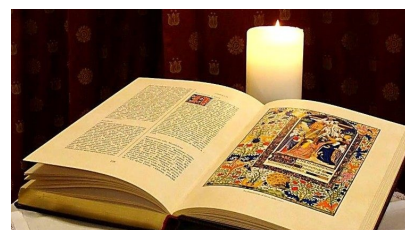
Volunteers from Project Gambia will be visiting our parish on the weekend of the 14th & 15th January to update us on their work with Deaf children in The Gambia. They will be most appreciative of any support given, both prayerful and financial. There will a second collection to support their work.

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.

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: Elish Kerrigan, Susanne McConnellogue, Frank McGarvey & Charles Shields

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Canon Allison, Cathie Bowman, Charles McLaughlin, Jane McLaughlin, Anne MacPherson, Ian McDougall, Mary Millar, Bobby Roney, & Frederick Wylie,

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.

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**. Our latest book is 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig.

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 16th 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.

LAKE GARDA PARISH PILGRIMAGE

If you are going on the Lake Garda pilgrimage there are some forms which need to be completed. Can you please collect the forms from the Ministers of Welcome or from the Sacristy. The forms need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. Please return them to the Parish Office.

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.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon is a Family Group for anyone whose life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking. We have an AL-ANON representative in the Parish. If you would like to know more then please speak to me at Mass, telephone, or send me a text.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 1ST JANUARY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £2059.27

Gift Aid to Bank: £280.00

Total: £2339.27