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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank; last week we were able to support **69 families**. This is a list of items we are in particular need of at our Food Bank: Cold meat, tins of beans, spaghetti, ready meals, potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, savoury rice, cheesy pasta, pot noodles, packets of soup, tins of custard, creamed rice, jelly, fruit. Ladies' shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, shampoo. Diluting juice, crisps, biscuits, tea, coffee. UHT milk. Household cleaning products.

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

If you live locally and want to donate items - we now have a regular collection point in Burnside Butchers.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LAKE GARDA

A further £150 needs to be paid by the **28th February**. Marjorie McCauley can collect the money at St Anthony's and Mary McColgan and Elizabeth Robertson can collect the money at St. Mark's.

PARISH COUCL MEETING

The Parish Council Meeting will now be at **7.00pm on Monday 20th February in St Anthony's Hall**.

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.

WEEKDAY READERS

I know that some of you are organising a Readers rota for Saturday Morning Mass, which is great. Can we organise a rota for the other days of the week. I'm open to suggestions as how to organise them. Perhaps one or two people could organise one for each Church? If you are interested in coordinating a weekday rota then please let me know.

THEATRE

We have organised more theatre trips. The first trip is to see **'The King and I'** in the Kings Theatre in Glasgow at **7.30pm on Wednesday 17th of May**. The cost will be £44.50 per person. The second trip is to see **'Wicked'** in the Playhouse in Edinburgh at **7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd January 2024**. The cost will be £55 per person. If you would like to go to either of these shows then please add your name to the list in the porch of each Church.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

The ancient Babylonians had introduced the principle of 'eye for eye and tooth for tooth' to try to curb excessive retaliation in war. Jesus replaces this with a radical demand: when someone hits you on one cheek, turn the other; go an extra mile; give to anyone who asks. His reason? Retaliation does not stop violence: it doubles it. Jesus' idea of turning the other cheek is a way to stop violence in its tracks.

(Readings Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48)

4.30pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Mark's

5.00pm

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

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

10.00am

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

11.30am

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

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

(Readings: Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm: 92; Mark 9:14-29)

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 Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

11.00am

Computer and IT help in St Mark's House

7.00pm

Parish Council Meeting in St Anthony's Hall

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

(Readings: Sirach 2:1-11; Psalm:36; Mark 9:30-37)

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 Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

followed by the Novena to St Anthony

7.30pm

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

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. The Lenten liturgy disposes the faithful, catechumens and candidates to celebrate the Paschal mystery as the centre of the liturgical year and of the Christian life. Violet is the colour of the season. The season was originally devised as a period of catechesis for those becoming members of the Church at Easter. The Sunday Readings (original version in Cycle A) are dominated by truths of faith (Sundays 1 & 2) and Baptismal Themes (3, 4 & 5). Weekday Readings have the theme of an encounter inviting change.

Flowers are not used and musical instruments are only used to support singing. The Te Deum and Gloria are omitted except on Solemnities and the Gloria is sung or said on Feasts.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

The words that accompany the imposition of ashes on our foreheads at mass are very similar to the words of the priest holding a handful of earth at the graveside: "for we are dust, and unto dust we shall return"; we are reminded of our mortality, and thus our need for God.

(Readings: Joel 2:12-18; Psalm: 50; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18)

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 Ash Wednesday

10.00am-12.00noon

Food Bank **at St Anthony's Hall**

11.00am

Holy Mass for Ash Wednesday **at St Mark's School**

12.00noon-2.00pm

Food Bank **at St Mark's Hall**

1.30pm

Holy Mass for Ash Wednesday **at St Anthony's**

6.00pm

Meeting of next weekend's Readers in St Mark's House

7.00pm

Holy Mass for Ash Wednesday **at St Anthony's**

8.00pm

Book Club Meeting in St Mark's House

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY**THE COMMEMORATION OF SAINT POLYCARP**

St Polycarp (69-156) was a disciple of St John the Apostle, who made him Bishop of Smyrna, one of the seven churches of St John's Apocalypse. He visited Rome to consult with Pope Anicetus showing an early sign of respect for the successor of St Peter. Shortly after returning he was arrested by officials of the Roman Empire. They burned him to death in the city stadium, at the age of 87.

(Readings Daniel 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 9: 22-25)

At St Anthony's**8.30am****Holy Mass for Thursday after Ash Wednesday****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 Commemoration of St Polycarp

10.30amStations of the Cross **at St Anthonys** for those who have suffered abuse**7.00pm**Stations of the Cross **at St Marks** for those who have suffered abuse**7.30pm****Community Choir Rehearsals at St Mark's****7.30pm****Ongoing formation at St Mark's House****FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY****DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED ABUSE**

(Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 50; Matthew 9:14-15)

At St Mark's**7.00am****Holy Mass for Friday after Ash Wednesday****10.00am**

Requiem Mass for Patsy Harkins

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

(Readings Hebrews 11:1-7; Psalm 144; Mark 9:2-13)

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 Saturday after Ash Wednesday, with a Blessing for Married Couples****11.00am****Sacrament of Baptism for Douglas McLeish at St Anthony's****11.30am****Sacrament of Baptism for Kallum Johnston at St Anthony's****11.00am-1.00pm****Gardening Club at St Mark's****11.00am-1.00pm****Computer and IT help at St Mark's House****THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY****At St Mark's****4.30pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**10.00am**Holy Mass for the First Sunday of Lent **at St Mark's****11.30am**Holy Mass for the First Sunday of Lent **at St Anthony's****3.00pm****Rite of Election for RCIA Candidates & Catechumens at Motherwell Cathedral****4.30pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pmHoly Mass for the First Sunday of Lent **at St Anthony's****RCIA**

Please pray for our RCIA candidates who will celebrate the Rite of Election next weekend at our Cathedral, with all of the candidates from across the Diocese.

BLESSING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

A blessing for all married couples will be offered at mass next Saturday.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

In order to support the relief efforts following the terrible Earthquake in Turkey and Syria, a collection box will be available at the back of both Churches. You can also add any donation to the regular Sunday collection, but please place your donation in an envelope indicating that it's for the fund. You may also place any donation in the SCIAF charity box in St Mark's Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism: Kallum Johnstone & Douglas McLeish

Those who died recently, especially: Patsy Harkin, Nellie Kennedy, Sheila Kerrigan, Christine McLeod, Isa McCluskey & Jean O'Hara

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Tommy Blacker, Catherine Breheny, Hellen Butler, John Curley, Catherine Fallon, Isobel, Foster, Victor Hanlon, Sarah Law, Isabel McLaughlin, Billy Mullen, John O'Donnell, Stanley Rosental & Rosemary Scollin,

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish: Isobel Clark, Isa Daniels, Michael Dooley, Helen Hunt, Baby Finn McGuinness, Michael McGuire, Baby Hope McKenna, Henry McVey, May O'Donnell & Margaret Rice

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 very soon. 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

SCHOOL MASSES FOR LENT

There will be two weekly Masses this Lent for the school communities of our Parish.

On Mondays at 8.40am Mass will be celebrated in **St Mark's Primary School** for the school community only.

On Thursdays at 8.30am Mass will be celebrated in **St Anthony's Church** for the school community and anyone else who would like to come.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

There will be a St Patrick's Night Celebration at **7.00pm on Saturday 11th of March in St Mark's Hall.** All proceeds will be going to the Kylbride Hospice.

STATUE OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

The Pilgrim statue of St Michael the Archangel will be coming to St Mark's Church from **Wednesday 15th of March to Wednesday 22nd of March.** If you are interested in helping to develop a prayer schedule for the parish during this visit then please come to a meeting at **7.00pm on Wednesday 1st of March in St Mark's House.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each week of Lent in both of our Churches at the following times:

St Anthony's: **10.30am every Thursday**

St Mark's: **7.00pm every Thursday**

Each week we will pray the stations for a different intention: Next week: for those who have suffered abuse.

Lent Week 1: for our SVDP; Week 2: for the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus; Week 3: for SCIAF;

Week 4: for Marriages and Families; Week 5: for Ecumenism; Week 6: for the Sick and housebound

DAYS OF RECOLLECTION DURING LENT

There will be days of recollection offered for the various ministries of our Parish during Lent. The first day is for the Readers, once again led by Rebecca Tavener. Each Reader is asked to prepare a favourite reading, which you will then read in the Church. We can all then discuss various aspects of reading in Church, having listened to each other. Please let me know which Reading you will use before hand. The day will begin with **10.00am Mass on 4th of March**, and will conclude no later than **2.00pm.** Tea, coffee soup and sandwiches will be served as usual.

A day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion has also been confirmed for 11th of March. A date for Musicians and the Ministers of Welcome will be confirmed next weekend.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 12TH FEBRUARY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1514.45

Gift Aid to Bank: 522.00

Total: £2036.45