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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank; last week we were able to support **70 families**. This is a list of items we are in particular need of at our Food Bank: Coffee, diluting orange, pasta sauce, sugar, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned spaghetti, tinned rice/custard and washing tabs

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.

PENITENTIAL ACT

There are three forms of the Penitential Act that we can use at Mass and we frequently use two of them: form 1 & form 3. During Lent we will begin to use form two, so that we are comfortable with all three forms. The second form is prayed as follows:

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

*People: **For we have sinned against you.***

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

*People: **And grant us your salvation.***

SCIAF LENTEN APPEAL

This year's Lenten appeal focuses on the lives of families in Zambia. It tells stories of women and the things they do to overcome the challenges they face, of the work of our partners and of the distance that SCIAF supporter's generosity goes.

It deals with the practicalities of farming in the harshest of conditions and the problems that families face when their crops fail and there is nothing for them to eat.

For families in Zambia, going hungry is just the start of their problems but it does not have to be the end of their lives.

A representative from SCIAF will be here to talk to us about this appeal, and we will take up a second collection to aid their work on the **Fourth Sunday of Lent (18th/19th March)**.

SCIAF boxes can also be collected from the Porch of the Churches this weekend.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

Matthew's account of the temptation and the abridged version of the Fall are both characterised by lies, half-truths and "spin" on the commands of God. Our need for redemption springs from our choosing illusionary truths and abandoning what we know deep down is the path that leads to life. Today's readings expose that dynamic not to dispirit us but rather that we may have our eyes opened.

(Readings Genesis 2:7-9.3:1-7; Psalm 50; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11)

4.30pm **The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Mark's**
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Lent **at St Mark's**

SUNDAY 26TH 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**
4.30pm **The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Anthony's**
5.00pm Holy Mass for the First Sunday of Lent **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

(Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2.11-18; Psalm: 18; Matthew 25:31-46)

8.40am Holy Mass for Monday of the First Week of Lent **at St Mark's School**
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 First Week of Lent
11.00am Computer and IT help in St Mark's House
11.00am **RCIA meeting in St Mark's House**
7.00pm **Mass for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Anthony's**

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

(Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 33; Matthew 6:7-15)

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 First Week of Lent
 followed by the Novena to St Anthony
7.30pm Meeting of the SVDP **in St Anthony's House**

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

(Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm: 50; Luke 11: 29-32)

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 Wednesday of the First Week of Lent
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 Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.00pm **Meeting of next weekend's Readers in St Mark's House**
7.00pm **Meeting to discuss the visit of the Statue of St Michael the Archangel to St Mark's**

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

(Readings Esther 4:17; Psalm 137; Matthew 7: 7-12)

At St Anthony's
8.30am **Holy Mass for Thursday of the First Week of Lent**
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 First Week of Lent **with St Anthony's School**
10.30am Stations of the Cross **at St Anthony's** for our SVDP
7.00pm Stations of the Cross **at St Mark's** for our SVDP
7.30pm **Community Choir Rehearsals at St Mark's**
7.30pm **Introduction to the Bible at St Mark's House**

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

(Readings: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 129; Matthew 5:20-26)

At St Mark's

7.00am

Holy Mass for Friday of the First Week of Lent

9.00am-9.50am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am

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 First Week of Lent with St Mark's School

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

(Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 118; Matthew 5:43-48)

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 of the 1st Week of Lent, with a Blessing for families.

Followed by the Day of Recollection for Readers

11.00am-1.00pm

Gardening Club at St Mark's

11.00am-1.00pm

Computer and IT help at St Mark's House

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

Matthew tells that the disciples fall on their faces overcome with fear when they hear the voice of the Father. Only after the resurrection will their faith be perfected to the point that they can hold to both the majesty of God and his desire to save them by drawing them into his perfect love through Jesus.

(Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Childrens Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent **at St Anthony's**

12.30pm

Sacrament of Baptism for Ruaridh Anderson at St Anthony's

1.00pm

Sacrament of Baptism of Louis Michael Noonan at St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent **at St Anthony's**

RCIA

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, our newly named "Elect" will participate in three successive rites called "the Scrutinies." These rites, with roots dating back to the early Church, take place during the Sunday Mass, each thematically linked to the Gospel reading for that Mass. The three passages from St. John's Gospel for these Sundays were selected around 500 AD as powerful depictions of the hidden transformation God accomplishes in the Elect through each Scrutiny. Each proclamation emphasizes repentance and conversion as the Light of Christ comes to pierce the darkness of sin and to bring life where there is death. The "Elect" along with their sponsors, stand before the celebrant and the assembly, who pray for them silently with a series of intercessions.

It culminates in a prayer of cleansing and protection (exorcism) with the laying-on-of-hands. Each Scrutiny is a step in preparing the Elect for the celebration and initiation soon to come at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for James and Jordan over the next few weeks.

IT & MEDIA MEETING

There will be a meeting of the IT & Media team **at 7.00pm on Monday 6th of March in St Mark's house.** If you are interested in helping with the Parish IT & Media please come to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to those who attended the recent Parish Council meeting in St Anthony's last Monday evening. The minutes are published here. An outline of the finances of the parish for 2022 are also included in the bulletin. If you have any questions about anything, please let me know. If you would like to participate in any of the parish groups then please do. If you have any ideas for further parish groups or how we can develop the parish community then, again, please let me know.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who were married this weekend: Jennifer Burns (a daughter of the Parish)

Those who died recently, especially: Michael Dooley, Patsy Harkin, Neal McBride, Alistair Preston & Thomas Reid,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Catherine Anderson, Bill Collins & Peter Lafferty

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish: Isobel Clark, Isa Daniels, 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.

BLESSING FOR FAMILIES

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

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**.

PARISH THEATRE TRIPS

We have planned a further three Theatre trips over the next year. We hope to see 'The King and I' at **7.30pm on Wednesday of May at the King's Theatre in Glasgow**. We then hope to see 'Wicked' at **7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd of January 2024 at the Playhouse in Edinburgh**. We then hope to see 'Hamilton' at the **Festival Theatre in Edinburgh in early 2024, the date and time to be confirmed**. If you are interested in attending any of these shows then please add your name to the lists in the porch of the Churches, or speak to Karen or myself.

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.

BOOK CLUB

The next book we are reading is 'The Keeper of Lost Things' by Ruth Hogan. We will meet at 7.00pm on Wednesday 29th March in St Mark's house. If you would like to join the Book Club then please come along.

HCPT

The HCPT group who were here last October to appeal for volunteers would now like to meet the people who volunteered. The meeting will be at **3.00pm on Sunday 3rd March in St Mark's House**. The group will be going to Hosanna House in Lourdes from 14th—21st of July 2023.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 19TH FEBRUARY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1567.15

Gift Aid to Bank: 592.00

Total: £2159.15

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CLASSROOMS FOR MALAWI: £1441.93

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION TO SUPPORT SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS