

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 5TH FEBRUART 2023

### **FOODBANK**

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank; last week we were able to support **66 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.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Please pray for the children of St Mark's Primary School who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. Thank you to all of you who offered to be their prayer partners; the children and their families were absolutely delighted.

### **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**.

### **CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH**

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 come to the **Cuppa Club for a meeting at 10.30am in St Mark's Hall**. All reading material will be provided for you, and we will meet in St Mark's house. If you are unable to make the meeting then please speak to me and we'll make other arrangements.

### **PARISH COUCIL 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.

## 4TH 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)

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

### 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** The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Anthony's  
**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time at St Anthony's

### MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

## THE MEMORIAL OF ST PAUL MIKI AND HIS COMPANIONS

St Paul Miki (1564-1597) was born in Japan. He joined the Society of Jesus and preached the gospel to the Japanese people with great success. When a persecution of the Catholics arose he was arrested together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5th of February 1597, bound to crosses and speared.

(Readings: Genesis 1:1-19 132-40; Psalm: 103; Mark 6:53-56)

**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 Memorial of St Paul Miki and his Companions  
**11.00am** Computer and IT help in St Mark's House  
**7.00pm** RCIA meeting at St Mark's House

### TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

(Readings: Genesis 1:20-24; Psalm:8; Mark 7:1-13)

**6.00pm** Vigil Reception for the Requiem of Joe Millar R.I.P at St Mark's  
**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 Tuesday of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time followed by the Novena to St Anthony  
**7.30pm** Meeting of the SVDP in St Anthony's House

### MASS ON WEDNESDAY

Mass on Wednesday will be at 11.00am and not 10.00am. This is to accommodate the Requiem Mass

### WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

(Readings: Hebrews Wisdom 3: 109; Psalm: 23; Romans 14:7-12; Matthew 5:1-12)

**At St Mark's**  
**10.00am-12.00noon** Food Bank at St Anthony's Hall  
**10.30am** Cuppa Club in St Mark's Hall  
**11.00am** Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Joe Millar R.I.P  
**12.00noon-2.00pm** Food Bank at St Mark's Hall  
**7.00pm** Holy Mass for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mark's

### THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

(Readings Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 127; Mark 7:24-30)

**At St Anthony's**  
**9.30am-9.50am** Recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary  
**10.00am** Holy Mass for Thursday of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time  
**7.00pm** Community Choir Rehearsals at St Mark's  
**7.00pm** Ongoing formation at St Mark's House

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

## THE MEMORIAL OF ST SCHOLASTICA

**St Scholastica (480-547)** was born in Nursia in about 480, the twin sister of St Benedict. She was dedicated to God from an early age and followed her brother to Cassino, where she died in about 547.

(Readings: Genesis 3: 1-8; Psalm 31; Mark 7:31-37)

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 Memorial of St Scholastica

with the Novena to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

## THE MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called "de Massabielle". Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick.

(Readings Genesis 3:9-24; Psalm 89; Mark 8:1-10)

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 Our Lady of Lourdes

11.00am-1.00pm

**Gardening Club at St Mark's**

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

It's easy to see God's Law only as a collection of "don'ts", but Jesus shows its real purpose over the next few weeks. He takes a selection of commandments, starting with "you shall not kill", and turns them into positive directives—not only must we not kill another, but we must also positively seek to enhance the dignity of every human being! Even calling someone a fool is a serious matter if doing so detracts from that person's dignity.

(Readings Sirach 15: 15-20; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

10.00am

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

11.30am

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

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

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

## WORDL DAY FOR THE SICK

Next Saturday the 11th of February is the World Day for the Sick. We will pray in a special way for the sick of the Parish at 10.00am on Saturday morning.

## ST PATRICKS NIGHT

There will be a St Patricks Night Dance at **7.00pm on Saturday 11th of March in St Mark's Hall**. All proceeds will be going to the Kylbride Hospice. Can we therefore have a meeting of the Social and Fundraising Team at **6.00pm on Monday 13th of February 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.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Joe Millar, Patsy Harkins, Frank Maley

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Catherine Anderson, Elizabeth Hughey

**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

*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.

## 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**

## ONGOING FORMATION

We are about to complete our work Parousia: the Bible and the Mass, by Dr Scott Hann. We will now begin to work through a course developed by Dr Brandt Petrie: **Introduction to the Bible: Inspiration, Inerrancy, Interpretation, and the Interior Life..**

Many Catholics *want* to study the Bible, but aren't quite sure where to start. What do I need to know first? What does the Catholic Church teach about Scripture? What rules do I follow in order to interpret the Bible correctly? And how can I study in such a way that not only gives me knowledge, but deepens my spiritual life? In this course, Dr. Brant Pitre lays the foundations for a thoroughly Catholic approach to Sacred Scripture. In this course, you will learn about the following important topics:

- **The Canon:** What is the Bible? How did we get it? Who decided which books are included in Scripture and how does this help us interpret it correctly?
- **Inspiration:** Is the Bible "inspired" by God? If so, what exactly does this mean? How does inspiration make Scripture different from any other book?
- **Inerrancy:** Can we trust the Bible? Are there errors in Scripture? What is the Church's official teaching on the truth of Scripture, and has it changed since Vatican II?
- **Apparent Contradictions:** Is there any way to reconcile the apparent contradictions in the Bible, like in Genesis 1 and 2 or regarding the Date of the Last Supper?
- **Interpretation:** How do Catholics interpret the Bible? What rules and methods does the Church follow? What about the historical-critical interpretation of Scripture? Why has Pope Benedict called it "indispensable"?
- **The Lectionary:** How do I make sense of the readings at Mass? How is the Lectionary put together, and what keys unlock the Liturgy's interpretation of Scripture?
- **The Four Senses:** What are the "four senses" of Scripture, and how can they help me draw out the riches of God's Word?
- **Lectio Divina:** Why did the monks call Scripture the "Ladder of Paradise," and why is Scripture an essential part of the life of prayer?

Full notes will be provided and, the course will begin on **Thursday February 16th at 7.00pm in in Mark's House**

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 29TH JANUARY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £2001.85

Gift Aid to Bank: £185.00

**Total: £2186.8**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION—SPUC WHITEFLOWER APPEAL—£619.61**