

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 12TH MARCH 2023

### FOODBANK

Thank you once again for your continued support of the foodbank. It is greatly appreciated. This week we supported **70** families thanks to your support. We again must thank The Burnside Hotel, Nith Valley eggs and Burnside Butchers for their generous donations - all very much appreciated. Finally, thanks to everyone in the Springhall/Whitlawburn areas who voted for our foodbank in the Participatory Budget Funding. As a result of your votes, we were awarded £3000. This is a wonderful support to us and will enable us to upgrade the storage facilities at St Anthony's, allowing us to extend what we can offer to visitors.

### MONSIGNOR O'HARE

On Friday the 10th of March, the Feast of St John Ogilvie, we celebrated Mass to mark the first anniversary of the death of Monsignor O'Hare. We thank God for him, and for the care he took of everyone. Our parish are particularly thankful to him for the great love and support he offered to us all. We will always remember him.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. And may his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*



### SCIAF LENTEN APPEAL

This year's SCIAF Lent appeal focuses on communities in Zambia, where hunger is killing all hope. Right now, millions of families are suffering from devastating hunger and urgently need your help. Please continue to collect money in your WEE BOX at home or donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/donate](http://sciaf.org.uk/donate) or calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

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.

### PARISH FABRIC

Some scaffolding has been erected on the north side of St Mark's Church. This is to repair a leak which has occurred on part of the roof.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

### SATURDAY 11TH MARCH

*The woman at the well seems a marginal figure, coming to draw water alone and in the heat of the day. Her encounter with Jesus causes her to leave her bucket behind, and what had seemed so essential for life now pales into insignificance compared to the new life and healing that faith in Christ brings.*

*(Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2.5-8; John 4:5-42)*

4.30pm

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Mark's**

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent **at St Mark's**

### SUNDAY 12TH MARCH

10.00am

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

11.30am

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

12.30pm

**Sacrament of Baptism for Esmé Susan Mackie at St Mark's**

1.00pm

**Sacrament of Baptism of Aaron & Peter Brown at St Mark's**

4.30pm

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Anthony's**

5.00pm

Holy Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent **at St Anthony's**  
**with a celebration of the Scrutinies of our RCIA candidates**

### MONDAY 13TH MARCH

*(Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 41;42; Luke 4:24-30)*

8.40am

Holy Mass for Monday of the Third 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 Third Week of Lent

10.30am

Computer and IT help in St Mark's House

11.00am

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

### TUESDAY 14TH MARCH

*(Readings: Daniel 3:25.34-43; Psalm 24; Matthew 18:21-35)*

**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 Third Week of Lent, with the homily delivered by  
Fr. Kevin Rennie, of the Diocese of Galloway

followed by the Novena to St Anthony

7.30pm

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

### WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH

*(Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1.5-9; Psalm: 147; Matthew 5:17-19)*

**At St Mark's**

10.00am

Requiem Mass for Agnes Tomeny R.I.P

10.00am-12.00noon

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

10.30am

**Cuppa Club in St Mark's Hall**

10.30am

**Meeting to discuss a new craft group in St Mark's Hall**

12.00noon-2.00pm

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

6.00pm

**Holy Hour to begin the visit of the statue of St Michael the Archangel with  
the St Michael chaplet**

7.00pm

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

### THURSDAY 9TH MARCH

*(Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; Luke: 16: 19-31)*

**At St Anthony's**

8.30am

**Holy Mass for Thursday of the Third 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 Second Week of Lent

10.30am

Stations of the Cross **at St Anthony's** for the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus

6.30pm

**Prayer of the Chaplet of St Michael the Archangel at St Mark's**

7.00pm

Stations of the Cross **at St Mark's** for the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus

7.30pm

**Community Choir Rehearsals at St Mark's**

7.30pm

**Introduction to the Bible at St Mark's House**

**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH****THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK**

**St Patrick (385–461)** was kidnapped while very young and taken to Ireland, where he was put to work looking after sheep. On the lonely hillsides he learned to pray. He escaped, already within him a call to Priesthood. There was also an insistent call to return to Ireland and he spent the rest of his life there building up the Kingdom of Christ. He was fearless in facing opposition from powerful pagan rulers; he practised regular penance which became a strong feature of Irish monasticism; he instilled a missionary spirit which has lasted to the present day.

(Readings: Jerimiah 1:4-9; Psalm 116; Luke 10:1-12.17-20)

**At St Mark's**

<b>7.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass for the Feast of St Patrick</b>
<b>9.00am-9.50am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>9.30am</b>	Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
<b>9.30am-9.50am</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation available</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass for the Feast of St Patrick</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Meeting about the formation of a UCM group in St Mark's House</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Prayer of the Chaplet of St Michael the Archangel at St Mark's</b>

**SATURDAY 18TH MARCH****At St Anthony's**

<b>9.00am-9.50am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>9.30am-9.50am</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation available</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Mass for Saturday of the Third Week of Lent
<b>11.00am-1.00pm</b>	<b>Gardening Club at St Mark's</b>
<b>11.00am-1.00pm</b>	<b>Computer and IT help at St Mark's House</b>
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Baptism of Mollie Lisa Janette Docherty at St Mark's</b>

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)****LAETARE SUNDAY****SATURDAY 18TH MARCH**

Clearly patterning Christian Initiation, the man born blind is "anointed" with the paste and then washed clean and can see. His new sight leads to mixed reactions, choices and the opportunity to bear witness. Only in remaining steadfast in the face of opposition is he able to receive the gift of life eternal.

(Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41)

**At St Mark's**

<b>4.30pm</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation available
<b>5.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Prayer of the Chaplet of St Michael the Archangel at St Mark's</b>

**SUNDAY 19TH MARCH**

<b>10.00am</b>	Children's Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent <b>at St Mark's</b>
<b>11.30am</b>	Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent <b>at St Anthony's</b>
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Baptism of Maximus Mitchinson at St Anthony's</b>
<b>4.30pm</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation available
<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent <b>at St Anthony's</b> <b>with a celebration of the Scrutinies of our RCIA candidates</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Prayer of the Chaplet of St Michael the Archangel at St Mark's</b>

**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.

**PARISH MUSIC**

Can all people involved in Music ministry please come to a meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd of March in St Mark's House.

**PARISH FINANCE TEAM**

The parish finance team will meet at 11.00am on Monday 20th of March in St Mark's House.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism:** Aaron & Peter Brown, Mollie Lisa Janette Docherty, Esme Mackie & Maximus James Mitchinson

**Those who died recently, especially:** Michael Dooley, Henry McVey & Agnes Tomeny

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Mary Fallon, Gerry Killen, James Oates, Monsignor O'Hare, Michael Duke, John McGinn & Patrick McKell

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

## THE STATUE OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

On Wednesday the **15th March** the statue of St Michael the Archangel will arrive at St Mark's, and will remain in the Church until Wednesday **22nd of March**. On each evening we will pray the Chaplet of St Michael the Archangel. Please join us when you can for this special visit. In celebration of this visit, we will begin praying the prayer to St Michael the Archangel at all parish Masses from **Thursday 16th March**.

## INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE EVENT

The Diocese has organised a meeting on Interreligious Dialogue. The subject of the meeting is: What is Interreligious dialogue and why is it important? The meeting will begin with a talk by Sr Isabel Smyth, the recently retired secretary of the Bishops' Conference Interreligious Dialogue Commission. After a light lunch, there will be group discussions on the points raised by Sr Isabel.

The meeting is in St Bride's Hall in Motherwell, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of March from 11.00am to 2.00pm.

## 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 17th 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 on Tuesday 12th of March 2024**. 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.

## THE KNIT & NATTER CRAFT GROUP

We are establishing a new craft group, which will meet once per month. If you enjoy knitting and crafting, and if you are interested in joining this new group, then please come to a meeting **in Mark's Hall after 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 15th March**; if you can't make that meeting time, then please let me know.

## THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Some members of the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) will be at the **10.00am Mass on Friday 17th of March**. They hope to meet mothers of the Parish who would like to set up a UCM group in the Parish. There will be a meeting in **St Mark's House after Mass** to discuss this with anyone who is interested.

If you are interested in setting up a UCM group but can't make the meeting on the 17th, then please let me know.

## 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 Jim and Jordan over the next few weeks.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 26TH FEBRUARY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1773.92

Gift Aid to Bank: 876.00

**Total: £2649.92**

Refund of Offertory paid online to Diocese: £705.00

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS: £682.77**