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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 19TH MARCH 2023 LAETARE SUNDAY

### **FOODBANK**

Thank you once again for your outstanding generosity to the foodbank this week. We are so grateful to everyone for your donations. As a result of your items and those donated by the Burnside Hotel and Nith Valley eggs we were able to support **62** families.

The main items we are running low on are- tinned veg, tinned spaghetti, cereals, jam/marmalade, pasta sauce, UHT milk, diluting juice, toiletries and soap bars.

If anyone has empty egg boxes could you possibly hand them in so that we can safely pack the donated eggs? We would also appeal for any plastic carrier bags to enable us to make up bags. Again these can be handed in to either church porch.

### **SCIAF LENTEN APPEAL**

On this SCIAF Sunday, we pray for all mothers around the world – that they may realise how special they are to us, their children. We thank you Lord for giving us this precious gift and we thank mothers for the love, care and understanding they have given to us. We especially give thanks for mothers in Zambia, who despite suffering from devastating hunger, are providing their children with the love and support they need to survive. Please give what you can in today's collection for SCIAF.

You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/donate](http://sciaf.org.uk/donate) or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you. You can also use the QR Code to donate directly to SCIAF.

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



### **EASTER FESTIVITES**

On Easter Sunday this year we will have a number of activities for the children of the parish. Across all of our Masses on Easter Sunday we will have an Easter Bonnet competition. We invite all of the children of the parish to come to mass wearing their Easter Bonnets. We will then collect photos of all of the entries and the Children's Liturgy teams will choose winners.

We will have an Easter egg hunt at St Mark's after the 10.00am Mass and an Easter egg roll after the 11.30am Mass in St Anthony's. For the egg roll at St Anthony's please bring a decorated boiled egg. The Easter egg hunt at St Mark's and egg roll at St Anthony's will be after the Sunday Masses.

**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)*

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

**SUNDAY 19TH MARCH**

**10.00am**                      **Children's Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent at St Mark's**  
**11.30am**                      **Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent at St Anthony's**  
**12.30pm**                      **Sacrament of Baptism of Maximus Mitchinson at St Anthony's**  
**4.30pm**                      **The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Anthony's**  
**5.00pm**                      **Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent at St Anthony's**  
**with a celebration of the Scrutinies of our RCIA candidates**

**MONDAY 20TH MARCH**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

*St Joseph is shown in the Gospels as the wise and just man, who had worked out the kindest way to deal with Our Blessed Lady's mysterious pregnancy, and who could then accept the will of God which pointed out a different path even when it contradicted his life plans. He has acquired many titles: Husband of Mary, Foster-father of the Child Jesus, Guardian of the Holy Family, Protector of the Church, patron of a happy death.*

*(Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-5.12-14.16; Psalm 88; Romans 4:13.16-18.22; Matthew 1:16.18-21)*

**8.40am** Holy Mass for Monday of the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary **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 Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary  
**10.30am**                                  Computer and IT help in St Mark's House  
**11.00am**                                  Finance Group meeting in **St Mark's House**  
**6.00pm**                                  **Vigil Reception for the Requiem of George Robertson Cosker R.I.P.**  
**6.30pm**                                  **Prayer of the Chaplet of St Michael the Archangel at St Mark's**  
**7.00pm**                                  **RCIA meeting in St Mark's House**

**TUESDAY 21ST MARCH**

*(Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-9.12; Psalm 45; John 5:1-3.5-15)*

**10.00am**                                  **Requiem Mass for George Robertson Cosker R.I.P. at St Mark's**  
**1.00pm**                                  **Requiem Mass for Henry McVeigh R.I.P. at St Mark's**  
**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 Fourth Week of Lent, with the homily delivered by Fr. Vincent Lockhart, the National Director of Missio Scotland

**WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH**

*(Readings: Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm: 144; John 5:17-30)*

**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**                                  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**  
**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 available**  
**7.00pm**                                  **Meeting of next weekend's Readers in St Mark's House**  
**7.30pm**                                  **Meeting of the people involved in music ministry**

## THURSDAY 23RD MARCH

(Readings: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 105; John 5:31-47)

At St Anthony's

8.30am

**Holy Mass for Thursday of the Fourth 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 Fourth Week of Lent

10.30am

Stations of the Cross **at St Anthony's** for Marriages and Families

6.00pm

**First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for pupils of St Anthony's School**

7.00pm

Stations of the Cross **at St Mark's** for Marriages and Families

7.30pm

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

## FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

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

At St Mark's

7.00am

**Holy Mass for Friday of the Fourth 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 Fourth Week of Lent

## SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD

*The Annunciation of Our Lord by the Archangel Gabriel of the imminent arrival of the long-awaited Messiah, born to the humble Virgin of Nazareth, shows us the Faith of Our Blessed Lady—unsure of what was really involved, she nonetheless agreed to God's plan*

(Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14;8-:10; Psalm 39; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38)

At St Anthony's

9.00am-9.50am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am-9.50am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available**

10.00am

Holy Mass for The Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord

11.00am-1.00pm

**Gardening Club at St Mark's**

11.00am-1.00pm

**Computer and IT help at St Mark's House**

12.00noon

**Sacrament of Baptism of Harrison & Kane Campbell at St Mark's**

12.30pm

**Sacrament of Baptism of Flynn O'Donnell**

### COVERING OF STATUES & IMAGES

The practice of covering Crosses and images will be observed from next Sunday. Crosses will remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion. Images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

### SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

*Both Martha and Mary, for all their difference in response to Jesus, open with the same words of greeting (or faith, or reproach?). Behind this sentence lies a deep-felt sense that the presence of Jesus and the reality of death are incompatible with each other. Can we journey to Good Friday, and through our own encounters with mortality, with such certitude.*

(Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

### SUNDAY 26TH MARCH

10.00am

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

11.30am

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

12.00noon

**Sacrament of Baptism of Finn Michael McDowall at St Anthony's**

12.30pm

**Sacrament of Baptism of Marcus Ansu Kamara at St Mark's**

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

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

**with a celebration of the Scrutinies of our RCIA candidates**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism:** Harrison & Kane Campbell, Marcus Ansu Kamara & Finn Michael McDowall

**Those celebrating the Sacrament for the Reconciliation for the first time:** Pupils of St Anthony's Primary School

**Those who died recently, especially:** George Robertson Cosker, Albinas Dobrovolskis, Michael Dooley, Dominic Furey, Mary Lennie, Henry McVey & Agnes Tomeny,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** James Oates, Patrick Doherty, Jean Meana, & Catherine Sweeney

**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 arrived 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 have begun praying the prayer to St Michael the Archangel at all parish Masses from **Thursday 16th March**.

## PARISH THEATRE TRIPS

The next Theatre trip is to see 'The King and I' at the Kings Theatre on **Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm**. The show is 2 hours and 55 minutes long. The price of each ticket is £44.50 (based on 40 people going). This is the last week to add your name, from the **20th-27th of March**. **Payment is due to by Monday 10th of April**. Envelopes will be available at the back of the Church—please add your payment and give it to either Fr Coyle, Karen or a Minister of Welcome—Many thanks!

## 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.

## BENEMERENTI MEDAL PRESENTATION

On **Saturday the 29th of April at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass**, Len Logan will be presented with a *Benemerenti* Medal by Bishop Toal. We congratulate Len on this award. This award is to acknowledge the many years of dedicated service to the Church in our parish, particularly in the SVDP. Following the presentation at the Mass, there will be a Parish celebration at the Burnside Hotel. If you would like to attend the celebration, tickets will be available at next weekend's Masses.

## SPACE EASTER EGG APPEAL

If you would like to donate an egg for a child within the Glasgow area, please pop it into the baskets provided on the following dates: **Saturday 18th March, Sunday 19th March, Saturday 25th March, Sunday 26th March**. Any questions, please speak to Karen Smith, Ann Ferry or Fr Coyle. Our thanks for your continued support.

## ST PATRICK'S NIGHT IN AID OF KILBRYDE HOSPICE

An amazing **£921:66 was raised** for the hospice. A big thanks to Lorraine, James, Lisa and Leeanne McGeadie for all their work and donations, Karen Watson and Harry Burns for the Celtic ball, Tony and Cameron the entertainment and everyone who attended or donated to a wonderful night. Many thanks.

## ST ANTHONY'S SUNDAY TEA CLUB

The club recently donated £200 to the Parish Foodbank

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 12TH MARCH:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1751.30

Gift Aid to Bank: 475.00

**Total: £2226.30**

**Next weekend a group of young people who are raising money to attend the Pilgrimage to Portugal for the World Youth Day, will be at all Masses next weekend. They will be selling candles, each candle costs £2.50.**