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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 26TH MARCH 2023

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 **61** 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.

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 schedule for the Easter Triduum services is included in this week's bulletin.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

St Anthony and St Mark's Community Choir will be rehearsing for the Easter Triduum on **Thursday 30th March, 7.30pm, St Mark's Church** and all are welcome! If you've always wanted to join, or you've not managed to attend rehearsals for a while, then please feel free to come along on Thursday!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the pupils of St Anthony's who celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time last week. Please pray for the St Mark's pupils who will celebrate the Sacrament on Tuesday evening.

SCIAF

This Lent, your prayers and donations are making a big difference in Zambia – and around the world. As you prepare for Easter, SCIAF have created a number of prayers and reflections to use as part of your Lenten worship. [Please visit sciaf.org.uk/resources](https://sciaf.org.uk/resources) to download your prayer resources today

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)

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

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**
12.30pm **Sacrament of Baptism of Finn Michael McDowall at St Anthony's**
4.30pm **The Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Anthony's**
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent **at St Anthony's**
 with a celebration of the Scrutinies of our RCIA candidates

MONDAY 27TH MARCH

(Readings: Daniel 13:1-9.15-17.19-30.33-62; Psalm 22; John 8:1-11)

8.40am Holy Mass for Monday of the Fifth 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 Fifth Week of Lent
10.30am Computer and IT help in St Mark's House
11.00am **RCIA meeting in St Mark's House**

TUESDAY 28TH MARCH

(Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 101; John 8:21-30)

6.00pm **First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**
for pupils of St Mark's School at St Mark's Church
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 Fifth Week of Lent, with the homily delivered by
Fr. Chris Doig, of the Diocese of Aberdeen
followed by the Novena to St Anthony
7.30pm Meeting of the SVDP **in St Anthony's House**

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH

(Readings: Daniel 3:14-20.24-25.28; Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56; John 8:31-42)

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 Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Fifth 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 available
7.00pm **Meeting of next weekend's Readers in St Mark's House**

ST MARKS PARKING

When attending the Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass at St Mark's please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid parking across their driveways.

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

(Readings: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 104; John 8:51-59)

At St Anthony's

8.30am

Holy Mass for Thursday of the Fifth 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 Fifth Week of Lent

10.30am

Stations of the Cross **at St Anthony's** for Ecumenism

12.30pm

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

7.00pm

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7.30pm

Community Choir Rehearsals at St Mark's

7.30pm

Introduction to the Bible at St Mark's House

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

(Readings: Jerimiah 20:10-13; Psalm 17; John 10:31-42)

At St Mark's

7.00am

Holy Mass for Friday of the Fifth 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 Fifth Week of Lent

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

(Readings: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Psalm Jerimiah 31:10-13; John 11:45-56)

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 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

11.00am-1.00pm

Gardening Club at St Mark's

11.00am-1.00pm

Computer and IT help at St Mark's House

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

COVERING OF STATUES & IMAGES

The practice of covering Crosses and images will be observed from this 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.

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

Matthew's ancient audience would be familiar with the physical suffering involved in crucifixion and so he tweaks the Macran (or pre-Macran) Passion Narrative to stress repeatedly that this Jesus is King of the Jews and his violent death is to fulfil scripture. As Jesus dies on the Cross, already there are portents of resurrection and the power of God.

(Readings: Procession Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH

10.00am

Holy Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Holy Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD **at St Anthony's**

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Holy Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD **at St Anthony's**

MONTHLY MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The Monthly Masses for those who have died from our Churches will be next week: **On the 28th March** in St Anthony's and **on the 29th of March** in St Mark's, both Masses at 7.00pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism: Marcus Ansu Kamara & Finn Michael McDowall

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

Those who died recently, especially: Eamonn Burns, Gerry Campbell, Ellen Gardiner, Mary Lennie, Susan McCue, Henry McVey & Helena Tierney,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Gerard Ayre, Leonard Gray, Grace McFadden, Jean Meanen, Donald McKinnon, Catherine & James Murphy

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
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.

CHRISM MASS

The Diocesan Chrism Mass is at **11.00am on Thursday 6th of April**. A bus will be provided for anyone who would like to attend the Mass. If you would like to attend then please add your name to the lists in the Porches of the Church.

PARISH THEATRE TRIPS: 'THE KING AND I' FINAL CALL

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 are available at this 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. Any questions, please speak to Karen Smith, Ann Ferry or Fr Coyle.
Our thanks for your continued support.

BLESSING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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

FUNDRAISING

This 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 19TH MARCH:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1622.20

Gift Aid to Bank: 592.00

Total: £2254.20

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SCIAF: £2222.52