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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A) 2ND APRIL 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 eggs 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.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This Wednesday there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Easter Triduum. The usual Holy Hour with exposition will begin with an examination of conscience, after which the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

### PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Following the visit to the parish of the statue of St Michael we have begun to pray the prayer of St Michael at all Masses. Here is the prayer:

*Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### 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 )

**4.30pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation available  
**5.00pm** Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD

### SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

**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**

### MONDAY 3RD APRIL

(Readings: Daniel Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 26; John 12:1-11)

**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 Holy Week  
**10.30am** Computer and IT help in St Mark's House  
**6.00pm** Vigil Reception for the Requiem of Mary Lennie R.I.P. **at St Mark's**

### TUESDAY 4TH APRIL

(Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 70; John 13:21-33.36-38)

**10.00am** Requiem Mass for Mary Lennie 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 Holy Week followed by the Novena to St Anthony  
**7.30pm** Meeting of the SVDP **in St Anthony's House**

### WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL

(Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm: 68; Matthew 26:14-25)

**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 Holy Week  
**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** **Reconciliation Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**7.00pm** **Meeting of next weekend's Readers in St Mark's House**

### THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

**11.00am** **Chrim Mass at Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell**

## SCHOOLS

I wish the staff and pupils of our Primary and Secondary schools a happy and restful Easter holiday. Everyone has worked very hard over the past few weeks.

I wish our tuition groups a good holiday also, although some of you will be studying hard for forthcoming exams, I hope you get some time for rest. Thank you to the tutors who have given so much of their time to help the young people of the local community.

Our Primary Schools have very kindly decorated our new Easter Candles for each of our Churches. Thank you to all involved.

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

### THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Details abound: Passover Lambs are meticulously prepared as food for the journey; blood marks each single home for God's protection. Jesus rises from table, removes his outer garment, gets a towel and wraps it round him, pours and washes feet. Our own detailed preparation makes for our fuller participation.*

**At St Anthony's**

**6.00pm**

**Evening Prayer of the Church**

*(Readings: Exodus;12:1-8.11-14; Psalm 115; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-5)*

**7.00pm**

Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the procession to the Altar of Repose

**9.00pm**

Night Prayer at the Altar of Repose **at St Anthony's**

### FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*A Day of Fasting and Abstinence*

*The goodness of Good Friday is emphasised today as we celebrate Christ's victory: red vestments of the victorious Martyr, the solemn procession of the victorious Cross, John's account of Jesus' glorious Passover to the Father. Our supreme High Priest goes through into the highest heaven: let us be confident then!*

**FRIDAY 7TH APRIL**

**10.00am**

The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church **at St Mark's**

*(Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 30; Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42)*

**3.00pm**

The Liturgy of the Passion **at St Mark's**

**6.00pm**

The Liturgy of the Passion **at St Anthony's**

**9.00pm**

Night Prayer of the Church **at St Anthony's**

### HOLY SATURDAY AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST

*On this day the Church keeps watch at the Lord's tomb. No Mass is celebrated. Weddings are not celebrated. Holy Communion may only be given as Viaticum.*

*The prayer of the church continues in quiet recollection with ancient psalmists, thirsting for God, and preparing to sing the new song of the Risen Christ. We may like to explore the mind and heart of Mary the Mother, sharing her wonder at the magnificent things God has done.*

**SATURDAY 8TH APRIL**

**10.00am**

The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church **at St Anthony's**

**3.00pm**

Prayer During the Day from the Divine Office **at St Mark's**

### AFTER NIGHTFALL

### THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

*(Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2 Psalm 103; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Psalm Exodus 15:11-6.17-18; Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6; Matthew 28:1-10)*

**At St Mark's**

**8.30pm**

The Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)

*Easter faith appears to be a corporate enterprise: Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple all build on what the other experiences to come to a mature faith and a belief in the Risen Christ. We do not discover, let alone possess, the Good News of Eternal Life on our own.*

*(Readings: Acts 10:34.37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; Sequence Victimae Paschali; John 20:1-9)*

**10.00am**

Holy Mass for Easter Sunday **at St Mark's**

**11.30am**

Holy Mass for Easter Sunday **at St Anthony's**

**12.30pm**

**Baptism of Addison Julianne Potts at St Anthony's**

**5.00pm**

Holy Mass for Easter Sunday **at St Anthony's**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Maureen Hart, Mary Lennie & Eric McGurk

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Billy Fallon, Helen Hunt, Dahlia Gray, Leonard Gray, James McGuire & Con Reynolds

**Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish:** Isobel Clark, Isa Daniels, 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. **The bus will leave St Mark's at 10.00am and then St Anthony's at 10.10am.** If you would like to attend then please add your name to the lists in the porches of the Church.

## RCIA

Please continue to pray for our RCIA candidates and their families as they enter the final few days of their preparation of the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation. Jordan and Jim will celebrate these Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

## SCIAF

Thank you all so much for your support of the SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Lenten appeal. Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can. You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or by calling 0141 354 5555 or by using this QR code. Thank you once again for your great generosity. From everyone at SCIAF, we wish you an Easter full of joy and peace.



## 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.

## THE KING AND I

A list of those people who have signed up to go to see 'The King and I' has been posted in the porches. Can you double check that your name is there, and add it if it's not.

## COVERING OF STATUES & IMAGES

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.

## BOOK CLUB

The next book we are reading is 'Paper Cup' by Karen Campbell. We will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th May in St Mark's house. If you would like to join the Book Club then please come along.

## FUNDRAISING

The young people who were selling candles for their trip to the world youth day send their thanks to the parish. They raised £688.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 26TH MARCH:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1693.20

Gift Aid to Bank: 260.00

**Total: £1953.83**

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR HOLY PLACES**