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All Masses in this Parish are livestreamed on YouTube

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 14TH MAY 2023



FOODBANK

As always, we want to express our thanks to you for your continued support of the foodbank. With your help we were able to support $\underline{87}$ families this week. We are indebted to all who contribute so generously.

However, as you know we distribute our stock quickly so our main gaps this week are:

Milk, Tins of Veg, Pasta, Tins of Potatoes, Pasta sauce, Toilet rolls, Nappies - size 3 & 5, Baby wipes, washing up liquid, Washing powder. We are grateful for anything you can give us.

Donations can be left at the back of both Churches and at Burnside Butchers. Many thanks.

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JUSTICE & PEACE

Thanks for all the questionnaire responses. Results next Sunday. In the meantime ... Laudato Si' Week 2023 will be celebrated **May 21ST-28TH** to mark the 8th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. "Hope for the Earth. Hope for humanity" is the theme that will guide us this year. Register here for updates <u>laudatosiweek.org</u> and learn about events you can join.

THE KING AND I

The bus will be leaving **St Mark's car park at 6.30pm on Wednesday 17th May** for our trip to see the King and I. **Refreshments will be served in St Mark's House from 5.30pm.** Names will then be checked and seat numbers allocated.

BOOK CLUB

The next book we are reading is 'The Prosecutor: One Mans Pursuit of Justice for the Voiceless' by Nazir Afzal. We will meet at **7.30pm on Wednesday 14th June in St Mark's house.** If you would like to join the Book Club then please come along.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

SATURDAY 13TH MAY

Philip (the deacon) proclaims the Good News and even works many miracles to bring the Samaritans to faith and baptises them. But it is the Apostles who confer the Holy Spirit. The Apostolic foundation of the Church and the special role they play are reinforced in Acts; this is a gift the world cannot give and flows through the channels Jesus chooses.

(Readings: Acts 8:5-8.14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21)		
At St Mark's		
4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation available	
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter	
SUNDAY 14TH MAY		
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter at St Mark's	
11.30am	Children's Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter at St Anthony's	
4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation available at St Anthony's	
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter at St Anthony's	
MONDAY 15TH MAY		
	(Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149; John 15: 26-16:4)	
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 Sixth Week of Easter	
10.30am	Computer and IT help in St Mark's House	
7.00pm	Social and fundraising team meeting at St Mark's	
TUESDAY 16TH MAY		
	(Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 137; John 16:5-11)	
8.45am	Recitation of a Decade of the Rosary at St Mark's School	
At St Anthony's		
6.00pm-6.50pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
6.30pm	Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary	
7.00pm	Holy Mass for the Tuesday of the Sixth Week on Easter	
	followed by the Novena to St Anthony	
7.30pm	Meeting of the SVDP in St Anthony's House	
WEDNESDAY 17TH M	ΑΥ	
	(Readings: Acts 8:1-8; Psalm: 65; John 6: 35-40)	
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 Sixth week of Easter	
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	
2.00pm	Lake Garda meeting in St Mark's Hall	
5.30pm	Pre-theatre party at St Mark's House	
6.30pm	Bus leaving St Mark's Car park for the theatre	
THURSDAY 18TH MAY		
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)		
Holy Day of Obligation		

The Great Commission in Matthews's Gospel doesn't give us a literal account of the Ascension itself. In this final appearance of Jesus to the eleven emphasis is on totality and completeness: all authority, in heaven and earth is given; the disciples are to go to all nations to teach all he commands; Jesus will be with them for all time. This is it. (Readings: Acts 1:1-11: Psalm 46: 2 Ephesians: 1:17-23: Matthew 28:16-20)

(Reddings: Acts 1:1-11; Psdim 40; Z Epnesians: 1:17-23; Matthew 20:10-20)
8.30am	Recitation of a decade of the Rosary at St Anthony's Church
At St Anthony'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 the Solemnity of the Ascension of the LORD
6.00pm	May Devotions at St Mark's
7.00pm	Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the LORD at St Mark's
7.30pm	Rehearsal of Community Choir in St Mark's Church
7.30pm	Bible Study Group in St Mark's House

FRIDAY 19TH MAY

8.45am At St Mark's 9.00am-9.50am 9.00am-9.50am 9.30am 10.00am

(Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 46; John 16:20-23) Recitation of a Decade of the Most Holy Rosary at St Mark's School

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation available Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary Holy Mass for Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter with the Novena to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY 20TH MAY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST BERNADINE OF SIENA

St Bernadine of Siena (1380-14444): became a Franciscan friar and preached very effectively all over Italy, using colloquial language and popular imagery. He refused three times to become a bishop because it would interfere with his freedom to be a travelling preacher. He promoted devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus and gave us the IHS monogram.

(Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 46; John 16:23-28)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sacrament of Reconciliation available
Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Bernadine of Siena
Gardening Club meeting at St Mark's

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

SATURDAY 20TH MAY

The Prayer of Jesus focusses on the concept of Glory. In Hebrew "Glory" has the same root as the word for the liver, the heaviest organ of the body, and so can be thought of as meaning "giving weight" to something. Jesus glorifies the Father when he gives the most weight to the Father's will and fulfilling the mission he has been entrusted with. We in turn give glory to God, when we allow the thing of God to tip the scales in our lives and become the most pressing focus, the most important voice.
(Readings: Acts 1:12-14: Psalm 26: 1 Peter 4:13-16: John 17:1-11)

	(Reddings: Acts 1:12-14.; Psdim 20; 1 Peter 4:13-10; John 17:1-
At St Mark's	
4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation available
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

10.00am	Holy Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter at St Mark's
11.30am	Holy Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter at St Anthony's
4.30pm-4.50pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Available
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter at St Anthony's

LAKE GARDA

A meeting for those going to Lake Garda will take place on 17th May at 2 pm in St Mark's Hall. Anne Marie Cairns from Alba Tours will be there. A further £200.00 is required for the trip with final payment due in July.

PARISH CENSUS

Please remember to complete the parish Census form if you have not already done so. Forms can be collected from the porch of either Church, or they can be filled in online via the website.

FROM THE DALY FAMILY

The family of Gerry Daly would like to thank everyone for all the masses, prayers, condolences, cards, flowers, and above all the kindness and love that has been shared over the past weeks. The thoughtfulness of the parish has brought such comfort during difficult times.

CARFIN DAY

I'd like to organise a Parish day at the Carfin shrine, preferably before the summer holidays. Please see the sign up sheets next weekend.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those celebrating the Sacrament of Ordination: Rev Colm Martin who will be ordained as a Priest on Friday in Our lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell

Those who died recently, especially: Isobel Clark, Gerald Daly, Susan Kelly, William Marley, Fred McConnell, Frank Mulligan & Andrew McGuire.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Jack Dornan, Mary Egan, Mary & Jimmy McLaughlin, Daniel & Susan O'Donnell, Harry O'Donnell, Dougal Rowan & Graeme Taylor.

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish: Isa Daniels, Peter Kavanagh, Baby Finn McGuinness, Michael McGuire, Baby Hope McKenna, May O'Donnell, Kathleen Perry & Margaret Rice.

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL TEAM

Can the social and fundraising team meet at **7.00pm on Monday 15th of May in St Mark's House.** Please note the change of date and time.

MAY DEVOTIONS

As we are in the Month of Mary, May Devotions will be celebrated each week throughout the month of May. Because of the Solemnity of The Ascension, May devotions will be at 6.00pm. Each week we will pray a Litany to Mary.

Thursday 18th May The Litany of Our Lady of Victory

Thursday 25th May The Litany of the Immaculate Heart

The schedule for devotions is as follows

6.00pm The Angelus, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.05pm The Recitation of the Holy Rosary

6.15pm Litany

6.30pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

PARISH READERS

Owing to the busy time we are currently experiencing, the Readers meetings on Wednesday evenings have become intermittent, I'm sorry about that. If you are reading on Sundays, I encourage you to come to the meeting when they are scheduled. Alternatively you can contact me directly and arrange a meeting with me at any time during the week. The meetings should only last about 20 minutes.

ALTAR SERVERS

Now that the First Communions have been celebrated, I'd like to invite our new first communicants, or indeed anyone, to become Altar Servers. If you are interested then come into the Sacristy before Mass. The current Altar servers will then help you find an alb and they will then show you how to serve during the Mass.

ONGOING FORMATION

In our Ongoing Formation group we have continued to follow the course 'Introduction to the Bible' by Dr Brant Petrie. We listen to recordings of his lectures and then discuss various points raised. Over the last few weeks we have been introduced to the Papal encyclical of Pope Leo XIII *Providentissimus Deus* (1893). In this momentous work the Holy Father reaffirmed the teaching that the Bible is Divinely Inspired and that the principle author is God, and it can therefore not contain any error.

We have also been talking about Scripture and Tradition, and Dr Petrie pointed out that tradition is very important and encouraged in the Bible, and that it should be used for teaching, correction, and training (2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1: 16-21)

If you would like to know more then please come and join our discussion group on Thursday evenings in St Mark's house.

Providentissimus Deus (1893) and all of the Papal encyclicals can be downloaded from the Vatican website

HOMEWORK CLUB

We would like to begin offering our homework club this week. At the moment we can only offer it once a week: **Every Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Mark's Hall**. Please come along if you are interested or needing help with homework.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 7TH MAY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: \$1779.33

Gift Aid to Bank: £912.00

Total: £2691.33

NEXT WEEK THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR WORLD COMMUNICATION SUNDAY