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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18TH JUNE 2023 THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART



FOODBANK

This week, thanks to your generosity as well as that of The Cuppa Club, The Auld Cathkin Inn, Dignity Funeral Services and Nith Valley Eggs, we supported **71** families.

Special thanks go to The City Charitable Trust who, not only give us a weekly donation but, have also purchased a van for us to use. There are no words to express our gratitude.

You may have noticed that we now have a storage container at St Mark's. It has been painted, lined and shelved. Our team has been transferring stock from St Anthony's to the storage facility steadily over the past week and we will now use this as our main base.

Our stock is low so we are publishing the main list and would appreciate any donations you can give- tins of beans, spaghetti, cold meat, ready meals, potatoes, Smash, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, savoury rice, cheesy pasta, pot noodles, packets of soup, packets of noodles, tins of custard, creamed rice, jelly, fruit, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner. Diluting juice, crisps, biscuits, tea, coffee UHT milk.

Household cleaning products- washing up liquid, general purpose cleaner, cloths, sponges, toilet rolls, washing powder. Baby wipes, nappies. As always donations can be left at the back of both Churches as well as in Burnside Butchers.

RESTORATION OF PRE-COVID LITURGICAL PRACTICES

The Bishop has announced that in the Motherwell Diocese all Pre-Covid Liturgical practices should now be restored. This includes the hand-shake as an appropriate sign of peace, the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue, and the opportunity for the lay faithful to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice, where this custom previously existed or is now deemed desirable.

I understand that the reception of the Precious Blood of the lay faithful was a custom in St Mark's but not in St Anthony's? If you are interested in reintroducing this practice in our Churches then please let me know. The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will of course need to agree to the resumption of this practice. If the response is overwhelmingly positive, we can begin to reintroduce this practice in the next few weeks.

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE

Matthew, having taken us through the Sermon on the Mount, returns once more to Jesus teaching disciples. It is interesting that Jesus does this for the benefit of the crowds of people gathering round Jesus, who likens them to sheep who lack a shepherd. Jesus is the ultimate shepherd figure, but even he cannot shepherd all the sheep on his own, so he sets the twelve disciples to share in that work. For Matthew, no one—not even Jesus—can shepherd on his own.

(Readings Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

4.30pm

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

5.00pm

Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 19TH JUNE

(Readings: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 97; Matthew 5:38-42)

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 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

10.30am

Computer and IT help in St Mark's House

TUESDAY 20TH JUNE

(Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Psalm 145; Matthew 5:43-48)

6.00pm

Leavers Mass for St Mark's Primary 7s at St Mark's Church

At St Anthony's

6.30pm

Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

7.00pm

Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time followed by the Novena to St Anthony

7.30pm

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

WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE

THE MEMORIAL OF ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

St Aloysius Gonzaga (1568-91) was born of a noble family in Lombardy, the oldest of seven children. Still a child, his father gave him military training. However, at 17 years of age he won a four-year long battle with his father to give up his inheritance to become a Jesuit. When a plague broke out in Rome in 1591, the Jesuits opened a hospital to care for the sick. Aloysius, who had never enjoyed good health, was infected and died, aged 23. he is one of the patrons of young people.

(Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Psalm 111; Matthew 6: 16-18)

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 the Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga

10.00am-12.00noon

Food Bank at St Anthony's Hall

10.30am

Cuppa Club in St Mark's Hall

12.30pm-2.00pm

Food Bank at St Mark's Hall

6.00pm—7.00pm

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.00pm

Meeting of Readers for next Sunday's Masses **at St Mark's House**

THURSDAY 22ND JUNE

(Readings: 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1.3-6; Psalm 84; Matthew 5:20-26)

At St Anthony's

10.00am

Requiem Mass for Michael McGuire

7.00pm

Rehearsal of Community Choir in St Mark's Church

7.00pm

Bible Study in St Mark's House

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

(Readings: 2 Corinthians 11:18.21-30; Psalm 33; Matthew 6:19-23)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am

Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am

Holy Mass for Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time followed by the Novena to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Birth of St John the Baptist was accompanied before and after by such exceptional events that the local people wondered "what will this child turn out to be?" (Luke 1:66). His vocation was to "prepare a way for the Lord" (Matthew 3:3), and to be the witness that Jesus was "the Chosen One of God" (John 1:34). He baptised Jesus reluctantly because he considered himself unworthy "to undo the strap of his sandals" (Mark 1:7). He knew the nature of his mission: "he must grow greater; I must grow smaller" (John 3:30).

(Readings: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Psalm 102; Luke 2:41-51)

At St Anthony's

9.30am

Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

11.30am

Gardening Club at St Mark's

12 noon

Annual Peace Witness at Faslane Naval Base (South Gate)

12.30pm

Baptism of Olivia English

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

Who can kill the soul as well as the body? We usually assume this refers to Satan, but only God could kill the soul as well as the body. Jesus makes it clear that this is not God's intention, because he tells us not to be afraid. God knows every hair on our heads: if not even a sparrow can fall to the ground without God knowing, how much more precious in God's eyes are his children?

(Readings: Jeremiah; Psalm 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Twelfth Sunday of the Year **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Holy Mass for the Twelfth Sunday of the Year **at St Anthony's**

1.00pm

Solidarity gathering at Duvagel Detention Centre

4.30pm-4.50pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Available

5.00pm

Holy Mass for the Twelfth Sunday of the Year **at St Anthony's**

CARFIN DAY

A Parish day at Carfin has been organised for this **Thursday 22nd of June**. The itinerary of the day is as follows:

10.00am Leave St Mark's

10.10am Pick up at St Anthony's

11.00am Tea & Coffee at the Grotto

1.00pm Holy Mass

1.30pm Lunch

2.30pm Rosary

4.00pm Depart

EMERALD LUNCH CLUB- LUNCH WITH AN IRISH FLAVOUR!!

The Emerald Lunch Club is a community project for seniors. As well as lunch, we will have live entertainment including **Irish Traditional Music, Singing & Dancing**. **Monday June 19th, 12pm – 3pm, St Mark's Church Hall**. **LUNCH** provided will consist of **soup, sandwiches, sausage rolls** plus Tea & coffee/cakes. **COST: £3 - places to be booked by calling Evin on 07866 453708**. All Welcome!

TOILET TWINNING

Thanks to everyone who was able to contribute to the Toilet Twinning appeal last weekend. A terrific amount of £821 was raised. This will contribute directly to saving many lives, young and older.

Every toilet twin celebrates a new toilet for a family living in a poorer country, and the average size of a household is six people, so for every £60 donation we can help one family, or 6 people. The parish will round up the collection and we will be able to support 14 families.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism: Olivia English.

Those who died recently, especially: Bridie Canny, William Crawford, Edna Ferguson, Michael McGuire, Ann, Patricia Moore, Thomas & Hannah O'Donnell

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Neil Joseph Kearney, Rena McCaig, Patrick & Catherine McCarry, Sadie McDougall & James Quinn

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

ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Volunteer Parish based confidential benefits advice and assistance with form filling is available in person via the Wednesday food banks or from the SVDP telephone 07977185826 for more information.

DAY FOR LIFE

Each year on this day, our Churches in Scotland, England and Wales and Ireland celebrate the Day for Life, a day in our Church's year which is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition *from the womb to the tomb*.

This year's theme, **Listen to Her**, tells *Jane's Story* of the healing a woman found through the Church and the Sacraments and a *Rachel's Vineyard* retreat following the tragic circumstances of her abortion, and of her long journey back to peace and light. At the end of her journey, she found the consolation and joy of accepting herself and her motherhood in the grace of GOD. This year's theme focuses on the all too often silent voices of women like Jane, on their regret, their lifelong struggle with post-abortion trauma and their hope of eventual healing and new life. For more details on the **Day for Life** please follow this link: cbcew.org.uk

JUSTICE AND PEACE SCOTLAND

Next weekend members of the Justice and Peace group will be joining the annual peace witness at Faslane Naval Base on Saturday 24th and then the solidarity gathering at Dungavel Detention Centre on Sunday the 25th. Please meet at the south gate of Faslane at 12 noon on Saturday 24th. The solidarity gathering at Dungavel begins at 1.00pm on the 25th. If you are interested in coming along then please speak to one of the group members.

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. We recently discuss the work of Pope Benedict XV. In his encyclical *Spiritus Paraclitus* (1920) he points out that St. Jerome never questions the fact that the individual authors of the books of the Bible worked in full freedom under the divine afflatus, each of them in accordance with his individual nature and character... In each case Jerome shows us how, in composition, in language, in style and mode of expression, each of them uses his own gifts and powers... If we ask how we are to explain the power and action of God, the principal cause, on the sacred writers, we shall find that St. Jerome in no wise differs from the common teaching of the Catholic Church. For he holds that God, through his grace, illumines the writers mind regarding the particular truth that, "in the person of God," he is to set before men. He holds, moreover, that God moves the writer's will—nay, even impels it—to write; finally, that God abides with him unceasingly, in unique fashion, until his task is accomplished. (Benedict XV, *Spiritus Paraclitus* 3).

Pope Benedict also outlines St Jerome's recommended reading order of the Bible. Begin with the Psalms, then read Solomon's Proverbs to learn a way of life, then learn from Ecclesiastes how to trample the world. Then in Job find an example of patient virtue. Then pass to the Gospels, the Acts and the Epistles. Then read the Prophets, then Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua and Judges. Then Kings, and Chronicles, Ezra and Esther, then Solomon's Canticle of Canticles (Benedict XV, *Spiritus Paraclitus* 516).

If you would like to know more please join us every Thursday as advertised.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 11th JUNE :

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1333.03

Gift Aid to Bank: £552.00

Total: £1885.03

Refund of Offertory paid to the Diocese: £330.00

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR TOILET TWINNING - £822.16