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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25TH JUNE 2023 THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART



FOODBANK

This week we supported **82** visitors at our foodbanks. As always, we couldn't do this without your continued support, so thank you very much for your generosity. Thanks also to The City Charitable Trust for their ongoing contributions. We are very grateful. We also welcomed some Caritas students from Trinity High, who came along with their teacher, Mrs Marks, to help at both foodbanks. We really appreciated their support and wish to thank them. Hopefully we'll see some of you back over the summer break!

This week we need the following items:

tinned spaghetti, tinned veg, tinned potatoes, rice pudding, custard, dried pasta, pasta sauce, toilet roll, UHT milk, nappies, newborn and sizes 3&5, baby wipes, washing up liquid. As always, donations can be left at the back of both churches and at 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 by 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.

CHURCH CLEANING IN ST MARK'S

A small band of volunteers meet every second Thursday to clean St Mark's church. The number of volunteers undertaking this important task has been slowly reducing and we therefore need your help. The more volunteers we have, the easier the task. If you can give some of your time to help, please speak to Fr Coyle and he will give you details of the next dates for cleaning.

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 20:10-13; Psalm 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE

10.00am Holy Mass for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Mark's**

11.30am Holy Mass for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available **at St Anthony's**

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 26TH JUNE

(Readings: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 32; Matthew 7:1-5)

At St Mark's

10.00am

Requiem Mass for Anne Moore R.I.P.

10.30am

Computer and IT help in St Mark's House

2.00pm

Final Mass of the Year at St Mark's School

TUESDAY 27TH JUNE

THE MEMORIAL OF ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

St Cyril of Alexandria (376-444) was born in Egypt. He became Bishop of Alexandria in 412. It was a ferment of various cultures, and tensions erupted from time to time. In his efforts to defend Christians and orthodox teaching he could in his younger days take strong and controversial actions. With the passage of time, he became more prudent himself while trying to control the energies of some of his flock. At the council of Ephesus in 431 he championed the doctrine that Our Lady is the Mother of God. He was endowed with a sharp intellect and his spiritual writings are considered of great value, for which he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1882.

(Readings: Genesis 13:2.5-18; Psalm 14; Matthew 7:26.12-14)

At St Anthony's

6.30pm

Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

7.00pm

Holy Mass for The Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria and in memory of those who have died in the month of June followed by the Novena to St Anthony

7.30pm

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

WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

THE MEMORIAL OF ST IRENAEUS

St Irenaeus (130-200) came from Smyrna, present-day Izmir, Turkey, where the bishop was St Polycarp, one of the last to have known St John, the longest-surviving Apostle. Irenaeus emphasised the importance of the unbroken succession of bishops since the time of the Apostles as a guarantee of orthodox teaching. Following the trade routes to southern France he became a missionary at Lyon, now the primatial see of France. He was its second bishop. He was instrumental in undoing the influence of the Gnostic heresy. Tradition says he died a martyr about the year 200. On January 20 2022, he was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis.

(Readings: Genesis 15:1-12.17-19; Psalm 104; Matthew 7: 15-20)

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 Irenaeus

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

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter and Paul and in memory of those who have died in the month of June in St Mark's

THURSDAY 29TH JUNE

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL
Holy Day of Obligation

St Peter (+64), originally Simon, son of John, brother of Andrew, from Bethsaida in Galilee, married, a fisherman to trade, has his call from Jesus recorded in all four Gospels. With James and John he makes up the threesome taken by Jesus with him on special occasions. He recognises Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16) and Jesus gives him the new name Peter “and on this rock I will build my Church” (Mt 16:18). The Gospels witness to his growing authority among the apostles. Tradition has him as the first Bishop of Antioch before settling in Rome where he was crucified during the persecution instigated by the Emperor Nero in the year 64.

St Paul (+67), Originally Saul, was from Tarsus, present-day Southern Turkey, the son of Jewish parents, a pharisee and the son of pharisees, and a tent-maker to trade. He arrived in Jerusalem shortly after Our Lord’s time and became a student of the rabbinical school of Gamaliel. He was present at the stoning of St Stephen. After his ‘Damascus moment’ conversion he was treated with suspicion by Jews and Christians alike. Barnabas brought him to Antioch. That became his base for his three great missionary journeys. Tradition has him dying a martyr’s death in Rome in the year 67.

(Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18; Matthew 16:13-19)

At St Anthony’s

9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

7.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul and the presentation for the order of Knight and Dame of St Gregory to Lord and Lady Haughey **at St Mark’s**
(attendance by invitation)

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

THE MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

The First Martyrs of the Roman Church are those who died in the persecution instigated by the Emperor Nero. It was the first persecution of several which Roman Emperors periodically inflicted over the next 250 years. According to the Roman historian Tacitus, Nero used the Christians as a scapegoat to blame for the disastrous fire which destroyed two-thirds of Rome in the year 64.

(Readings: Genesis 17:1.9-10.15-22; Psalm 127; Matthew 8:1-4)

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 the Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church followed by the Novena to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY 1ST JULY

(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 Saturday of the Twelfth week of the Year

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SATURDAY 1ST JULY

Matthew’s second ‘sermon’ (of a total of five) is directed toward disciples’ missionary activity. In this week’s extract, a disciple who prefers anyone or anything to Jesus is not worthy of the name disciple. A bit harsh? Remember that this gospel was written to energise a community discouraged by persecution. There is much more to this passage, however. Demands of discipleship may at times be hard, but the rewards are greater still.

(Readings: 2 Kings 4:8-11.13-16; Psalm 88; Romans 6:3-4.8-11; Matthew 10:37-42)

At St Mark’s

4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

SUNDAY 2ND JULY

10.00am Holy Mass for the Thirteenth Sunday of the Year **at St Mark’s**

11.30am Holy Mass for the Thirteenth Sunday of the Year **at St Anthony’s**

4.30pm-4.50pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Available

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Thirteenth Sunday of the Year **at St Anthony’s**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Rena McCaig Michael McGuire, Patricia Moore, Kathleen Perry & Bishop Maurice Taylor

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Allistair Corr, Agnes (Senga) Markey & Mary McLaughlin

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.

FAIR PAY

Justice & Peace Scotland are trying to persuade the Scottish Government to act to increase the pay for those working in social care to at least £12.00 per hour immediately to help address the crisis in recruitment and retention of staff in this sector. Please sign the faith leaders' declaration which you can find on their website Fair Pay For Social Care Campaign (justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk). The Declaration closes at the end of June, so please hurry.

HALL CLEANING

Our halls are now being cleaned twice a week, on Tuesday's and Friday's by the cleaning firm 'Natural Clean'. If there are any problems in the future then just let me know.

JUSTICE AND PEACE SCOTLAND

This weekend members of the Justice and Peace group will be joining the annual solidarity gathering at Dungavel Detention Centre this Sunday the 25th. It 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

The ongoing formation meetings will resume towards the end of July.

KNIGHT AND DAME OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

The Papal awards of Knight and Dame of St Gregory the Great will be bestowed upon our parishioners Lord William and Lady Susan Haughey, in recognition of their considerable charitable endeavours for the Church and the wider community at Mass this Thursday on the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul in St Mark's Church. They have invited a number of guests to celebrate this award. Attendance at the Mass will therefore be by invitation only.

Many congratulations to them and thank you for everything.

OUR SCHOOLS

We wish the pupils and staff of our Primary Schools St Anthony's and St Mark's and our High School Trinity High a very happy summer holiday. The staff of our schools work very hard throughout the school terms and dedicate themselves to the education and formation of our young people. We thank them most sincerely for everything they do for our community and hope they enjoy their well earned rest.

ABSENCE

I shall be away from the parish from this Thursday 30th of June, until the 10th of July, and then from the 14th of July until the 21st of July. Fr Donald from the White Fathers will celebrate Mass in my absence. I shall be attending the Priestly Ordination of my friend Rev. Shaun Doherty at St Eugene's Cathedral in Derry on the 2nd of July. Please keep him in your prayers.

CUPPA CLUB

The Cuppa club recently made a couple of donations to groups in the Parish. They donated £150 donation to SVDP and £75 to Gardening club. They send their thanks to the cuppa club patrons.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 18th JUNE :

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1668.85

Gift Aid to Bank: £180.00

Total: £1885.03

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR PETER'S PENCE