

ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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22nd OCTOBER 2023 PARISH SERVICES – TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

HOLY MASS

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Wed 10.00 am at St Mark's

Thurs 10.00 am at St Anthony's

Fri 10.00 am at St Mark's

Sat 10.00 am at St Anthony's

Sat 5.00 pm at St Mark's (Vigil)

Sun 10.00 am at St Mark's

11.30 am at St Anthony's

5.00 pm at St Anthony's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat 9.30-9.50 at St Anthony's

Sat 4.30-4.50 at St Mark's

Sun 4.30-4.50 pm at St Anthony's

RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Tues 6.30pm at St Anthony's

Wed & Fri 9.30 am at St Mark's

Thurs & Sat 9.30 am at St Anthony's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading Isa 45: 1, 4-6

Psalms PS 95: 1.3-5.7-1 r.7

Reading 1Thess 1:1-5

Gospel Matt 22: 15-21

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

Give the Lord glory and power.

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Mackenzie Middleton; James Mahoney

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: Helen and James Grassie

6 Months Mind: Gerry Daly

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish: Mary McColgan; James O'Keefe; Ella Connolly, Isa Daniels, Peter Kavanagh, Baby Finn McGuinness, Baby Hope McKenna, May O'Donnell, Margaret Rice; Annie O'Donnell.; Ellen Collins; Pauline Mahon; Sandra Morgan; Teresa McKeown.

9.30 WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE

After consultation, Fr Stephen can now confirm that the morning Mass time from Wednesday - Saturday will change from 10am to 9.30am, to accommodate his chaplaincy roles in St Anthony's primary, St Mark's primary and Trinity High (assistant chaplain). The change will begin on Tuesday 31st October. Thanks to all parishioners for their thoughtful and supportive discernment of this change.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 15TH OCTOBER 2023:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1563.59; Gift Aid to Bank £ 169.50 Total Offertory £ 1733.09

Thank you.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Month and World Mission Sunday offer us the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor, and reminds us of the revitalising mission that is at the heart of our Faith. The World Mission Sunday collection, taken up worldwide, ensures that this life-saving and life-giving work can continue. Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to the Church's work in mission countries and are an effective way by which you can support the universal Church. Thank you for your generosity. Please also take home a copy of the Mission Month magazine

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

The parish pilgrimage to Venice and Padua has been a great success so far, and this morning (Sunday) the pilgrims will be in St Mark's Basilica in Venice for the 12 noon Mass (11am BST), which Fr Stephen will be concelebrating. The group will visit the Basilica of St Anthony in Padua on Tuesday, and will be celebrating Mass there at 11am (10am BST). We bring the prayers and intentions of all parishioners with us as we visit the shrines of our parish patron saints.

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

Fr Stephen is delighted to announce that Baptisms in St Anthony's will now partly take place at 11.30am Sunday Mass. The opening dialogue of the ceremony between parents / godparents and Fr Stephen will happen at the church door at the beginning of Mass and they will process to their seat near the front of the church. The rest of the Baptism ceremony will take place after Mass, at around 12.45. The idea is to make Baptism less of a private and more of a parish event, as required by the theology of Baptism. Fr Stephen hopes that parishioners will take the opportunity to congratulate, welcome and interact with families presenting their child for Baptism: please don't be shy to go up and say a word of congratulation to these families, who are the future of our parish. The next 3 Baptisms, throughout November and December, will happen in this way. The time of Mass at St Mark's makes a similar procedure difficult, so if you have any ideas how that might work, please let Fr Stephen know!

QR CODE FOR PARISH GIVING

If parishioners or visitors would prefer to use their mobile phones to make a donation at Sunday Mass, then please feel free to use the new QR code which is printed in today's bulletin and from next week will be available at various points throughout the church. When the QR code is scanned (open your smartphone camera, hover over the image, and press the link which appears), it takes the user to the St Anthony and St Mark Parish page of the funding section of the Diocesan website, where payments can be made. There are set buttons for £5, £10 or £20, or you can choose your own donation manually. The Diocese then transfers these payments to the Parish. You can also sign up to Gift Aid your payments via the same Parish web page.



FOODBANK

Today we welcomed 85 visitors to our foodbanks! Once again we must thank you all for your consistent generosity, it is very much appreciated. Thanks also to Nith Valley Eggs, The City Charitable Trust, local businessmen and local residents for all your donations. They are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to everyone who was shopping in Sainsbury's at Kingsgate for their generosity on Saturday. This week we are appealing for soup, pot noodles, diluting juice, coffee, sugar, cereal, UHT milk, baby wipes, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste and washing up liquid. Donations can be left at the back of both Churches. Thank you all so very much. We are nothing without your support.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council (open to all parish groups/parishioners) will take place on Tuesday 14th Nov at 7.30pm in St Anthony's hall.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Committee met on 17th October and discussed a number of issues, including the current Parish financial situation and expected future outgoings and how to manage these efficiently, and Diocesan plans to change banking arrangements for all parishes. The minutes of the meeting can be found on the parish website.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS—NOVEMBER LISTS

November lists are now available at the back of each church. Place the list and offering in the envelope provided and return to the box at the back of the church. Mass will be offered throughout November for all of those named on the lists.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR CHARLES

St Mark's Primary invites all parishioners to a Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Charles' parish and school ministry on Friday 27th October at 1.45pm in the school hall. Tea will be provided after the Mass.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Want to deepen your knowledge of the Bible, and ask questions about it in a supportive environment? Do you have a devotion to Our Lady and want to learn more about her? The Bible study and discussion group is for you. We will follow a video course on Mary and the Bible by the much-loved and popular writer Scott Hahn, on Thursdays 7-8pm in St Mark's Parish House, beginning 2nd Nov and running until 7th Dec, the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception. See <https://stpaulcenter.com/bible-studies/video-studies/the-bible-and-the-virgin-mary/>. Parish readers in particular should consider coming along as part of their ministry.