

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## PARISH SERVICES – TWENTY-SIXTH 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 1 Ezek 18:25-28

Psalms 24:4-9 r.6

Reading 2 Phil 2:1-11

Gospel Matt 21: 28-32

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Remember your mercy, Lord.

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially :** Maureen Ward

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially:** Michael Connolly; John Scott Snr; Tommy O'Donnell; William Egan

**Those who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, especially :** Francesca Maria Kane

**Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish:** Alison Gardner; 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.

*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.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

Can you please ensure that you notify the Parish Office of any changes in circumstances of those for whom you have requested prayers. It would be helpful if we knew, e.g. that someone had now recovered and their name can be removed from the list.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1587.66; Gift Aid to Bank £742.50; Total Offertory £2330.16

Thank you for your generosity

### FOODBANK

Today we welcomed 81 visitors to our foodbank. We did this thanks to your ongoing generosity as well as that of The City Charitable Trust. Thanks also to local resident, Fiona and her son who generously donated children's games. We had some young helpers with us this week and we are grateful for their support and help. They are a credit to their families. We were lucky enough to be able to collect at Sainsbury's again this week, so we have a bank of staple foods, thanks to the kindness of the shoppers there.

Our main request this week is for the following items: Size 4 nappies, shaving foam, men's deodorant, washing up liquid, household cleaning items, sugar, jam and cereal. Donations can be left at the back of both Churches. Thank you.

### DINNER PRESENTATION TO FATHER CHARLES COYLE

The presentation dinner will take place on Friday 27th October—7.00pm for 7.30 pm in the Burnside Hotel. Tickets are £30.00 and **are now on sale at the back of both churches.**

### FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH—AN INVITATION FROM THE DIOCESE

Our Diocese of Motherwell, along with parishes, dioceses, nations and continents across the world have worked hard to respond to the invitation for the whole Church since Pope Francis convened the whole Church Synod in October 2021. Last week we issued the leaflet which the Diocese had produced. This week you will find copies of a Prayer Booklet at the back of both churches.

### WEEDING SUNDAY

Next Sunday **8th October** (weather permitting!) will be Weeding Sunday at St Mark's church! Individuals and families are invited to bring their gardening equipment to 10am Mass and to join the flash mob weeding the hill above the car park. Some equipment will also be available to use. Come for as long or as short a time as you can manage. One push will hopefully prepare the grounds for the winter. Tea and coffee and sweet treats will be available to keep everyone going. See you there!

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROCESS

The first couples, Tony & Jenny, and Ryan & Laura, took part in the Baptism preparation session in the parish house this past week, and they thoroughly enjoyed the chance to meet like-minded parents and to explore the meaning of Baptism in an interactive way. All other families in future will follow the same process. When parents contact the parish, they will fill in the Baptism form and hand it back to Fr Stephen at Sunday Mass. He will visit them in their homes, and invite them to a 1-hour Baptism preparation session as well as establishing a date for the Baptism. We wish Tony & Jenny, and Ryan & Laura every blessing and encouragement in their role as Christian parents to Francesca and to Skye Rose.

### PARISH TRIP TO LAKE GARDA

Two places have recently become available in our upcoming trip to Lake Garda in October. If you are interested in joining us, **please contact Marjory on 0777 1939 696 as soon as possible.** The final meeting for the group will take place this Tuesday 3rd October from 6-7pm in St Anthony's church (side chapel), where our travel agent Anne Marie Cairns will be on hand to answer any questions. There will be a bucket collection this weekend.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

**St Anthony's:** Saturday 11th May 2024 at 11am. **St Mark's :** Saturday 18th May 2024 at 11am.

More details will follow regarding enrolment and formation of families in preparation for the Sacrament.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGEY LEADERS MEETING

Thanks to a new group of volunteers, we now have 7 leaders across St Anthony's and St Mark's churches. The leaders will meet this Wednesday 4th October at 5.30pm in St Mark's Presbytery to plan the year ahead. If anyone would like to volunteer to join the team, please contact Fr Stephen.

### JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The group met with Fr Stephen in St Mark's Presbytery this week, and we discussed the excellent work being done by the group and possible exciting future directions. The group is always looking for new members: watch this space for the next meeting.

### ST ANTHONY'S BOILER

The work on the boiler has now been completed. The system has 4 separate zones (church, side chapel, house and hall) which should allow us to use the building smartly over the winter. Fr Stephen hasn't been taught how to work the system yet so wear a jacket if you're feeling cold! Many thanks once again to Valencia who provided a grant for half of the £45,000 cost, as well as the generous donor who provided the other half.

### TUTORING/HOMEWORK GROUP

This was an excellent and timely feature of parish life last year, and Fr Stephen is very keen for it to continue. He is currently trying to track down the tutors to discuss this year's options: can tutors please get in contact with him?

### ST BERNADETTE MOTHERWELL ROME TRIP

St Bernadette's Parish is organising an eight day trip to Rome 1st July 2024. There will be a meeting on **Thursday 19th October at 7.15 pm in the parish** for those wishing to go. All welcome. Contact Andre Wilson on 07557995285 for further information