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PARISH SERVICES - TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

HOLY MASS SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's Sat 9.30-9.50 tat St Anthony's Wed 10.00 am at St Mark's Sat 4.30-4.50 at St Mark's

Thurs 10.00 am at St Anthony's 4.30-4.50 pm at St Anthony's Sun

Fri 10.00 am at St Mark's **RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY** 10.00 am at St Anthony's Sat Sat 5.00 pm at St Mark's (Vigil) Tues

6.30pm at St Anthony's Wed & Fri 9.30 am at St Mark's Sun 10.00 am at St Mark's 11.30 am at St Anthony's Thurs & Sat 9.30 am at St Anthony's

5.00 pm at St Anthony's

SUNDAY READINGS

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Reading Isa 5: 1-7 The vineyard of the Lord God of Hosts is the House of Israel.

Psalm PS 79:9.12-16,19-20 R.ls 5:7

Reading Phil 4: 6-9 The God of Peace will be with you.

Gospel Matt 21: 33-43 He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Alison Gardner; Siobhan Loughrie; Dorothy McBain; Laura Lean; Anne Whalin; Jim Maguire Those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: Johnny Lawrie; William Sheils; Mary & John McGinley; Patricia Conway; John Hughes

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish: 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 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 1ST OCTOBER 2023:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1542.81; Gift Aid to Bank £ 277.50 Total Offertory £ 1820.31 Refund of Offertories made directly to the Diocese of Motherwell—£ 790.00. Thank you.



FOODBANK

Despite the dreadful weather, we welcomed 83 visitors to our foodbanks today. They all left with bags of food thanks to your generosity. Thanks also to Nith Valley Eggs, The City Charitable Trust and local residents for their continued support.

Once again, our wonderful volunteers were collecting at Sainsbury's this week so, thanks to the kindness of the shoppers there, we have a good stock of basic items. Our focus this week is on the following items: Toothpaste, deodorant, washing up liquid, soap powder, jam, nappies, baby wipes, toilet rolls, baby food, diluting juice, sugar, coffee, rice and shampoo. We are also aware that the schools will be off soon for the October break so we would appreciate some crisps, biscuits, sweets that we could give to our young visitors when the time comes. As always, donations can be left at the back of both Churches. Thank you.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The group will begin to meet weekly after the October week / parish pilgrimage, probably in St Anthony's church hall. The existing group has chosen to view and discuss Dr Scott Hahn's series *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. More information to follow.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The team will meet on Tuesday 17th October. If there any financial issues which you would like to be raised and discussed, please contact Fr Stephen, or Margaret in the parish office (Mondays and Fridays).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The excellent format established by Fr Charles will continue, and Fr Stephen will host a Council meeting, which will be open to all parishioners, in early/mid November: watch this space for further details.

BAPTISM PREPARATION 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.

MEDIA AND IT MEETING.

The parish IT and Media team will meet this Thursday 12th October at 5.30pm in St Mark's Parish House: new members most welcome. We'll be discussing strategy around the parish website and social media, livestreaming, local media opportunities, best use of the screens in the churches etc.

FONTES

The current edition of the diocesan magazine Fontes is now available free of charge at the stall and in the porch.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY IN THE DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL

As well a praying for the success of the Synod throughout the month of October in our parishes and communities, we will do so as a A Diocese led by Bishop Toal at a special gathering for prayer and reflection on Thursday 19th October between 7 and 9 pm in the Xavier Centre, Carfin.. Delegates from each parish are invited and if you wish to attend on behalf of our Parish, please speak To Fr Stephen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGEY LEADERS MEETING

Following the successful meeting of the Children's Liturgy Leaders, the Children's Liturgy will restart immediately in St Mark's at the 10.00 am Mass.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are recruiting new altar servers for both churches to join the existing dedicated teams. There will be training for all new and existing altar servers this coming week as follows:

St Mark's church: Wednesday 11th October 3.15-4.15pm

St Anthony's church: Thursday 12th October 3.15-4.15pm

Information letters and return slips have been sent out to parents via the primary schools, and others are available from Fr Stephen.

TUTORING/HOMEWORK GROUP

Many thanks to last year's tutors who contacted Fr Stephen during this past week. Things are looking promising for this year, and anyone who would like to offer their time and expertise is invited to a meeting this Tuesday 10th October at 5.30pm in St Mark's Parish House, where we'll discuss the subjects, level and location of the tutoring.

PILGRIMAGE INTENTIONS

The parish pilgrimage to Padua and Venice will set off on 19th October. Fr Stephen will be concelebrating the main Sunday Mass in St Mark's Basilica in Venice on Sunday 22nd, and we will be celebrating a group Mass and the St Anthony Novena in the Basilica of St Anthony in Padua on Tuesday 24th. If anyone has any intentions which you would like the group to bring to the shrines, please drop them in at the stall or the parish house. Fr Stephen will also be Facetiming the staff and pupils of St Mark's primary school from St Mark's Square in Venice and St Anthony's from the Basilica in Padua.