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10th DECEMBER 2023—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY MASS

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Wed 9.30 am at St Mark's

Thurs 9.30 am at St Anthony's

Fri 9.30 am at St Mark's

Funeral James Laughran

1 pm Daldowie Crematorium

Sat 9.30 am at St Anthony's

Sat 5.00 pm at St Mark's (Vigil)

Sun 10.00 am at St Mark's

Sun 11.30 am at St Anthony's

5.00 pm at St Anthony's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat 9.00—9.20 at St Anthony's

Sat 4.30-4.50 at Mark's

Sun 4.30—4.50 at St Anthony's

RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Tues 6.30pm at St Anthony's

Wed & Fri 9.00 am at St Mark's

Thurs & Sat 9.00 am at St Anthony's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading Is 40: 1-5.9-11

Psalm Ps 84

Reading 2 Pt 3:18-14

Gospel Mk 1: 1-8

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.

How lovely is your dwelling place O Lord of Hosts!

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

A voice cries in the wilderness : prepare a way for the lord

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially Rev Stuart McQuarrie; James Laughran; Amanda Laing; Mary Burnie

Those whose anniversaries occur: Mary O'Hare; Ann Barrett; Kathleen Harkin; Annie & Hugh Paterson; John & Nessie McLaughlin; Agnes McGinn; Wullie McLaughlin; Kevin Thomas Burns; John McColgan; Robert Berwick

All sick and housebound of the Parish: Mary McColgan; 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.

SICK LIST

The parish sick list - i.e. the list of those who would like to receive Holy Communion regularly from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a visit from Fr Stephen - is rather out of date. Can you please contact the parish if you'd like to be included, or you know if anyone who would like to be included?

WEEKDAY MASS—ST MARK'S

After consultation we have decided that weekday Masses in St Mark's will take place in the Sacristy until further notice.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1187.49 ; Gift Aid to Bank £ 534.50 Total Offertory £ 1721.99 - Refund of offertories made directly to RC Diocese of Motherwell £ 1055.00. Special Collection for Local Hospices £ 598.31. **Thank you .**

SALE OF CALENDARS

The Caritas students from Trinity High School will be selling calendars after every Mass **THIS WEEKEND.**

JUSTICE & PEACE

In the light of the recent Parish Council meeting, the group have been discussing how Justice & Peace can support us in becoming the kind of Parish we want to be. At the next meeting in **St Mark's on 10th January at 7:30**, we will be setting out our plans for 2024 including care for the planet, supporting the disadvantaged at home and abroad, and campaigning for social justice in Scotland and beyond. We also plan to work closely with other parishes and with the Caritas group at Trinity on these issues. Put the date in your diary now- you'll be very welcome.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Thanks to everyone who came along to our sessions on The Bible and the Virgin Mary. We have decided to continue this group after Christmas, so look out for further information in the bulletin soon.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

You should find pairs of parish Christmas cards on the end of your pews this weekend. These are an evangelisation/outreach tool: please take the two cards and put them through the door of your neighbours in order to invite them to our Christmas services. It can be your direct neighbours or others in your street e.g. Catholics no longer practising their faith, or elderly people. We have also given a card to each family with children at our primary schools; a card to each of the 50 or so houses around St Anthony's and St Mark's churches; and we've also targeted a whole housing estate of young families in Whitlawburn. If this initiative is a success, we'll order more cards next year.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY CRIB

The parish has ordered 7 travelling Nativity crib sets for our primary schools. Every primary 1-4 pupil will take home a crib for one night during Advent, accompanied by family prayers. Watch out for photos of the crib in different homes on our parish social media!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This very beautiful and popular event will take place on Thursday 21st December at 7pm in St Mark's church. It will feature carols by the Community Choir, Trinity High choir, and the choirs of St Anthony's and St Mark's primary schools, as well as singalong classics. We also be trying out our new lighting system, with dimmer lights and multi-coloured backlighting. It's free of charge, but we'll be taking up a collection for the St Anthony's and St Mark's primary school Christmas trips.

YOUTH GROUP PROPOSAL

Another outcome of the parish council is a proposal that we start up a young group after Sunday 5pm Mass aimed at P6/7 and S1 parishioners. We'll have an exploratory meeting about this on Wednesday 13th December at 5.45pm in the St Mark's Presbytery: please come along with no obligation if you have an interest in this idea.

FABRIC COMMITTEE.

The committee will discuss and advise on aspects of parish buildings and fabric. We're looking for those with expertise in any building trades, fire/health and safety, interior design etc, as well as interested parishioners with general interest, skills, and knowledge of the parish estate. We'll have an introductory meeting on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm in St Anthony's parish house. If you can't make the meeting but would like to join the team, please speak to Fr Stephen or email the parish email address.

FOODBANK

This week we welcomed 113 people to our Foodbanks, supported through the generosity of our Parishioners, local community members, The City Charitable Trust, Nith Valley Eggs, Loch Primary School parents group, Lifestyles ASN group, Lidl, Aldi & The Co-op are all regular donators and we are truly grateful to you all. This week we are looking for donations of most items: UHT milk, jam, noodles, rice, stock cubes, pasta, tuna, shampoo, deodorant, nappies - sizes- newborn, 5&6, diluting juice, coffee, tea. Some Christmas treats such as crisps, sweets, napkins would be lovely too. All donations can be left in the Churches. Thank you all so very much.

Fontes. This month's Fontes diocesan magazine features a double page spread of our parish pilgrimage to Padua and Venice in October. It is available free in the porch of each of the churches.

Opportunity for Confession before Christmas

Saturday 16th December: Confession (St Columbkille's) 2.30-4.00pm

Wednesday 20th December - Reconciliation Service with Confession (St Anthony's) – 7.00pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Masses will be as follows:

St Anthony's : 5pm Vigil - St Mark's : 8pm (with carols from 7.30pm)
St Mark's: 10am - St Anthony's : 11.30am

(We won't be able to do Midnight Mass this year as there will already have been 4 Masses that day with it being Sunday).

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.

