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17th DECEMBER 2023—THE THIRD 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

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 (with Baptism of Arianna Erin Gallacher)

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 61: 1-2.10-11

Psalm Lk 1:46-50.53-54

Reading 1Th 5: 16-24

Gospel Mk Jn 1: 6-8.19-28

He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord

My soul rejoices in my God

May you all be kept safe for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ

There stands among you the one coming after me

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially Tommy Kelly; Anne Smith; Maggie Darrach; Amanda Laing; Richard Lynas; Frank Sweeney

Those whose anniversaries occur: Agnes McGinn; Mary McGinn; Susane McConnellogie; George Walsh; Josephine Brady; James & Isabella McLaughlin

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Holy Communion regularly from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a visit from Fr Stephen - is rather out of date.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.

PARISH OUTING TO "HAMILTON"

Would all of those who have booked a place on the Parish Outing to see "Hamilton" please arrange to make final payment to Karen Smith by the middle of January.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1576.58; Gift Aid to Bank £ 642.50 Total Offertory £ 2219.08 **Thank you .**

SALE OF CALENDARS

Thank you for your support last weekend in purchasing the Comboni Missionaries Calendars. This raised a total of £498.00.

CHRISTMAS CARDS THANKS

Many thanks to all parishioners who have spread our St Anthony and St Mark's parish Christmas card far and wide this past week: pupils to their families, parishioners to their neighbours, delivery teams and SVP to our immediate church neighbours, food bank volunteers to all visitors, and the pupil team at Trinity who targeted a new estate in the parish. Evangelisation in action!

11AM MASS BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Weekday Mass between Christmas and New Year, will take place in the usual locations at **11am** rather than the normal 9.30am to give everyone a well deserved long lie! Mass on New Year's Day, Monday 1st January, will take place at St Mark's church at 11 am.

ALTAR SERVERS: CHRISTMAS MASSES

There is a sign-up sheet in the sacristy of both churches for servers to let Fr Stephen know which Masses you are available to serve at Christmas.

ALTAR SERVERS IRN BRU CARNIVAL TRIP

The servers' trip to the Carnival at the SECC will take place on Friday 5th January. We'll meet at Rutherglen Town Hall at 11 am and proceed by train to the SECC. Information and permission forms are available in the sacristy of both churches.

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

The wait is over! Our long-awaited 'Carols by Candlelight' is back by popular demand! With choirs from Trinity High, St Anthony's Primary, St Mark's Primary and the St Anthony & St Mark's Community Choir, this will be a beautiful and prayerful evening in preparation for the Christmas Season. We hope to see you this Thursday 21st December at 7pm. Tea, coffee, a glass of wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards. Free of charge, but here will be a retiral collection for the St Anthony's and St Mark's Primaries' Christmas trips.

TAIZE SAVE THE DATE

The parish Community Choir and Justice and Peace group have teamed up to organise an evening of Taizé worship in St Mark's Church on Thursday 1st February. This is a beautiful form of communal prayer involving the famous Taizé chants, prayers and readings. More info to follow nearer the time.

FABRIC COMMITTEE.

Very many thanks to the 10 people who came along to the Fabric Team meeting last Tuesday. We had a very purposeful and focussed meeting, establishing in outline the purpose of the group and adopting a points-scoring grid system for prioritising work. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th February at 6pm, location TBC.. Minutes are available on the Parish website.

FOODBANK

Today we welcomed 96 visitors to our Foodbanks. Once again, thanks to your sustained generosity, they all left with food and additional goods. As always, we are truly grateful to the Parishioners for their ongoing support. Thanks also to The City Charitable Trust, Loch Primary School Parent's Group, and to the many local people who have been so generous. This week we are appealing for toiletries : shampoo, deodorant, shower gel, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes in particular. We also need washing up liquid, breakfast cereal and, if possible, some Christmas treats for the children to help make it special. Thanks to the generosity of a local art class, we were able to have a lucky dip for our visitors, and they all left with a small gift today. The continuous generosity shown by so many is humbling and we are so appreciative of it. Thank you all so very much.

Opportunity for Confession before Christmas

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.

