

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## 24th DECEMBER 2023—THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### HOLY MASS

**Mon—Christmas Day**

**10.00 am at St Mark's**

**11.30 am at St Anthony's**

Tues 11.00 am at St Anthony's

Wed 11.00 am at St Mark's

**Wed 6.30 pm Reception James Friel at St Anthony's**

**Thurs 9.30 am at St Anthony's Funeral Mass James Friel**

Fri 11.00 am at St Mark's

Sat 11.00 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 10.30-10.50 at St Anthony's

Sat 4.30– 4.50 at St 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 10.30 am at St Mark's

Sat 10.30 am at St Anthony's

### SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 2Sm 7: 1-5.9-12.14.6

Psalm Ps 88

Reading Rom 16: 25-27

Gospel Lk 1: 26-38

Your house and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me.

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee.

The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages.

I am the Handmaid of the Lord.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially** Frank Sweeney; James Friel; James Anderson; Charles McLaughlin; Ann Dandrea; Teresa McKeown; Jane Therese MacDonald.

**Those whose anniversaries occur:** Denis McKenna; Janice Green; Giovanna Ionta; Catherine & Patrick McCarry; Margaret & Patrick McKell

**All sick and housebound of the Parish:** Mary McColgan; Ella Connolly, Isa Daniels, Baby Finn McGuinness, Baby Hope McKenna, May O'Donnell, Margaret Rice; Annie O'Donnell.; Ellen Collins; Pauline Mahon; Sandra Morgan.

### 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: £ 1647.41 Gift Aid to Bank £ 144.50 Total Offertory £ 1791.91 **Thank you .**

### **BISHOP OF GALLOWAY**

The Bishop's Conference of Scotland has just announced that Farther Frank Dougan will become the new Bishop of Galloway. We send our congratulations to Father Frank on his appointment, along with our prayers and best wishes .

### **11AM MASS BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

Weekday Mass will take place at 11 am instead of 9.30am from Boxing Day until New Year's Day inclusive, with the exception of the funeral on Thursday 28th at 9.30am. Masses will be in the usual locations, with New Year's Day Mass taking place in St Mark's.

### **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.

### **ST MARK'S CUPPA CLUB**

The Club finished their year with a festive breakfast featuring singing by St Mark's Primary choir. The Club provides a warming cuppa with bacon rolls, cakes and sausage rolls every Wednesday for up to 30 parishioners. They have donated just £50 shy of £2000 to local charities over the year. The lucky recipients included The Kilbryde Hospice, Rain Or Shine, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the two parish schools and The Foodbank. Well done to the team.

### **FR STEPHEN PERU TRIP**

Just to share with you the exciting news that Fr Stephen will accompany Fr Pat Hennessy to Peru from 14th - 26th January for the AGM of the St James Society, the missionary society in which Fr Pat served for 10 years. They'll be staying in a parish in the capital Lima: the current parish priest was a young student when Fr Pat knew him first in the early 1990s. Look out for lots of photos on the parish social media!

### **FOODBANK THANKS**

The foodbank service, and the associated help and advice provided to those in need in our community, is one of the jewels in the crown of our parish. They went above and beyond this week in welcoming a record number of visitors, as well as allowing people access to much-needed clothes, uniforms and toys, in conjunction with the Society of St Vincent de Paul. We thank them and all who support them, and wish them a successful year ahead.

### **SVDP**

Many thanks to SVDP and Parishioners of St Columbkille's parish and to Healthy & Happy for donating 135 gifts for children in our Parish primaries and nurseries.

### **FOODBANK**

Today we welcomed 116 visitors to our Foodbanks. It was an exceptionally busy day for us as we were giving out our Christmas gifts for the children as well as food! Our post last night highlighted all those who so generously donated gifts. Many of those people also donated food items- we are truly blessed to be surrounded by so many caring people. This week the main items required are: Cereal, shower gel, toothpaste, cuppa soup, pot noodles, diluting juice, cereal, jam, washing up liquid, coffee and sugar. Our sincere thanks goes to our parishioners who have been unfailing in their support of the foodbank. Thanks also to The City Charitable Trust, Kilbryde Hospice and our many donors from the community. We are indebted to you all for your sustained support. Our visitors will receive Christmas meals thanks to the generosity of The City Charitable Trust. This thoughtfulness is very much appreciated by our visitors. Finally we must thank our many volunteers. We have a fabulous team of people who understand the importance of supporting those in our community when they need it. They have many different roles to play in the resourcing, organising and delivery of both Foodbanks and we couldn't do it without them. We must also thank James Maguire who has led us from the start, helping us to grow from being a basic foodbank to the 'platinim' version we now have. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas.

### **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.

### **MRS SWEENEY FAREWELL**

A heartfelt thanks as we bid adieu to Mrs Lorraine Sweeney, the head teacher of St Anthony's Primary, as she's prepares to take up her post as head teacher of St Catherine Labouré primary in Glasgow after the Christmas holidays. She has been a great promoter of the Catholic ethos of the school and the links with the parish, as well as having a heart for the poorest and most vulnerable. Good luck and God bless Lorraine.

### **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT THANKS**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to an outstanding Carols by Candlelight service on Thursday night. The school choirs, community choir and soloists, all ably brought together by Siobhán, were truly a credit to our parish. The Cuppa Club team also surpassed themselves in offering hospitality to all.

### **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.

