

ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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14TH January 2024—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

HOLY MASS

Tues 6.30 pm Reception Isobel Barkey in St Anthony's

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Wed 9.30 am St Anthony's Funeral Mass for

Isobel Barkey

Thurs 9.30 am St Anthony's Funeral Mass for

Anna Devlin

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

5.00 pm at St Anthony's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat 9.00-9.20 at St Anthony's

Sat 9.43-4.50 at St Mark's

Sat 4.30- 4.50 at St Mark's

Sun 4.30-4.5- 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 49: 3.5-6

Psalm Ps 39

Reading 1Cor 1:1-3

Gospel Jn 1: 29-34

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

I will take heed to y ways, that I sin not with my tongue.

Do not sin against your own body.

We have found the Messiah.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Teresa McKeown; Isobel Barkey; Anna Devlin; Paul Refferty; Ann Coll; Jane McNeill

Those whose anniversaries occur: Jean Little; Jim McLaughlin; Irene McGeorge; Jimmy & Elsie Douglas.

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.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP

The Community Choir and Justice and Peace Group are organising a parish Taizé worship evening for peace on Thursday 1st February at 7pm at St Mark's. If you enjoyed Carols by Candlelight you'll love this, as it has a very similar atmosphere with the candlelit Taizé cross, reflective readings, reflection and above all the beautiful and world-famous Taizé chants. Our theme will be prayer for peace in the world, especially in the Holy Land. We will also be inviting the local churches of various denominations to join us (a suggestion from the Parish Council). All parishioners are warmly invited to the prayer time, and to the tea afterwards in the hall.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1555.87 Gift Aid to Bank £ 809.50 Total £ **2365.37**. **SP/collection for Justice & Peace £ 641.27**. Votives - Our Lady £ 320.99; St Anthony £155.65; St Mark; £115.14; Sacred Heart £ 94.14

MARY IN THE BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS

Our very popular and successful Bible study sessions will begin again on Thursday evenings during Lent, from 15th February onwards.

FOODBANK

The team welcomed 91 visitors to the Foodbanks today, as well as some new volunteers! All our visitors left with plentiful foods thanks to your sustained kindness. Thanks also to the City Charitable Trust and the many local people who have so generously donated to us. This week our main appeal is for toiletries- shampoo, deodorant, shower gel, soap & tooth paste. Any donations can be left in the porch of both Churches. Many thanks.

HELPS FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On the bench outside the confessional in each church, there is now a series of materials to help everyone to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession. These are as follows:

- A short step-by-step guide to Confession, including all the relevant prayers and the Act of Contrition
- A brief examination of conscience
- A few hymn books. Fr Stephen will often be giving a hymn as a penance, in order to personalise the penance a little. He'll give you a post-it note with the hymn number written on it. Don't worry, you don't have to sing it!

PERU

Please pray for a safe journey for Fr Stephen and Fr Pat Hennessy as they travel to Peru today. They will be attending the reunion of the St James Missionary Society, in which Fr Pat served for 10 years, and they will spend a week in a parish in Lima, getting to know the people and allowing Fr Pat to catch up with old friends. They will return on Friday 26th January.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HEAD TEACHER

The parish extends a very warm welcome to the new head teacher of St Anthony's Primary, Mrs Alison Gallagher, who took up post on 8th January. We wish her every blessing and good wish, and we look forward to lots of joint working as we seek to strengthen the home/school/parish partnership which is so important for our young parishioners' spiritual growth.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR ST MARK'S

We are looking to expand the number of parishioners serving in this privileged and essential ministry in the life of the parish, especially in St Mark's. If you feel you could serve in this way, either in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass or taking Holy Communion to people's homes, please speak to Fr Stephen.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir has resumed rehearsals on a Thursday evening from 7-8pm, in the sacristy of St Mark's Church (you can enter via the ramp door). In particular they are very much looking forward to the upcoming Taizé evening and are busy practicing the chants. All are most welcome to join the choir.

IRISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Held every Sunday 12.45-2.15pm in St Columbkille's Hall. A great chance for Primary School aged children to have fun, meet new friends, learn some IRISH (Gaeilge) through Art, Music, Dance, Drama and Games. For more information: phone 07866 453 708 or email cnag_glaschu@hotmail.com

WEEKDAY MASS—ST MARK'S

Just a reminder that weekday Masses in St Mark's will take place in the Sacristy until further notice.

HAIRMYERS HOSPITAL PASTORAL VISITS

From now on regular pastoral visits will be made to Hairmyres every Monday and Thursday afternoon. If anyone wishes for a loved one to be visited at those times please email Fr Colum Martin: frmartin@rcdom.org.uk. For emergency visits at any time please ask the ward to contact the on-call chaplain.

LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES

You may have been aware that we have been having difficulty with livestreaming Masses from both St Anthony's and St Mark's churches. All Masses at St Anthony's are being live streamed, and problems with viewing have been sorted. However we are still experiencing difficulties with the sound, so you may have to turn the volume up high in order to hear it properly. We hope to have the solution to this in place in a few weeks. The problems at St Mark's have been fixed and all weekend Masses can be viewed. We are unable to livestream Masses during the week as they are held in the Sacristy. Livestreaming these Masses will resume when they return to the Church. Thank you for your patience, and many thanks to Frank Kinghorn for his work in sorting these issues out.

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.

