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11th February 2024—THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

HOLY MASS

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

ASH WEDNESDAY—Mass and distribution of Ashes

9.30 am at St Mark's

7.00 pm at St Anthony'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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat 9.00-9.20 at St Anthony's

Sat 9.30-4.50 at St Mark'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 9.00 am at St Mark's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading Lv 13: 1-2.44-46

Psalms Ps 31

Reading 1 Cor 10: 31-11:1

Gospel Mk 1: 40-45

The unclean man must live outside the camp.

In the, O LORD, do I put my trust.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The Leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Patrick De Felice; Tommy Duffy; Rosaleen Glancy; Robert McCluskey; Elizabeth O'Rourke; Giovanna Valente; Margaret Bowles.

Those whose anniversaries occur: John Blacker; Tommy Blacker; Catherine Breheny; Ellen Butler; Billy Mullen; Isobel Foster; Stanley Rosenthal

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

Those receiving the Sacrament of Baptism: Jaxon Ward.

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE

On Ash Wednesday, SCIAF launch the Wee Box, Big Change appeal. This year's Lent appeal focuses on communities in Rwanda. In April 1994, 100 days of mass genocide began in Rwanda. Thirty years on, Rwanda and its people are still recovering from the genocide that ripped their country apart and the deep trauma it left behind. This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make BIG CHANGE. To find out more please visit scoaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555. **SCIAF WEE BOXES ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1630.82 Gift Aid to Bank £534.50 Total £ 2165.32.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 17TH/18TH FEBRUARY IS FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS.

Thank you

FOODBANK

We welcomed 80 visitors who left with food supplies and clothing thanks to your continued generosity. Thanks also to The City Charitable Trust, the members of the ASN Group from Lifestyles and so many local people for your support. This week we are running low on the following items: Diluting juice, coffee, nappies (size 4 & 5), baby wipes, baby food, cuppa soup, tooth paste, soap, washing up liquid and deodorant. Donations can be left at the back of both Churches or in Jingers in Burnside. Many thanks for your kindness.

PARISH MUSIC

Just a reminder that we invite any musician or cantor who might be able to assist either at the 5.30 Mass at St Mark's or 11.30 Mass at St Anthony's to come along to a chat with the current parish musicians on Wednesday 14th February at 5.45 at St Anthony's parish house. We envisage a rota being set up with people leading the music perhaps once per month.

WELLSPRING DIOCESAN RENEWAL PROJECT

This weekend across Motherwell Diocese the Wellspring renewal project is being launched in all parishes. It is the fruit of months of conversations among the bishop, clergy and lay leaders, and it's our diocesan response to Pope Francis' call for a synodal Church. It presents a vision of a living and growing Church nurtured by five missions: liturgy; adult formation; youth formation; poverty relief and education. Please read the literature folded in with your bulletin today: a letter from Bishop Toal and an explanation leaflet.

You'll see that Wellspring echoes many of the current strengths of our parish, and in addition aligns with the pastoral priorities which we emerged at our Parish Council in the autumn, to be an outward-looking, welcoming and evangelising community. Therefore our parish response will firstly to celebrate and continue to foster our strengths, such as our outreach to the community via the foodbank, Justice & Peace group, SSVP and tutoring (poverty relief); our close links with our local Catholic schools (education); and our strong liturgical musical tradition and faithful altar servers (liturgy). We'll also proceed with the priorities outlined by Fr Stephen just before Christmas:

- the newly reconstituted Fabric Team will work to ensure that our churches are warm, welcoming and comfortable for all parishioners and visitors (liturgy).
- we will establish an evangelisation team in the parish with a particular remit of engaging families with children of school age and strengthening school/home/parish links (education).
- we will continue our adult formation programme, completing the very successful Mary in the Bible course before beginning the Alpha programme (adult education). Alpha will also be the main way in which we prepare our teenage parishioners to complete their initiation, supported by a small team of young mentors (youth formation).
- Fr Stephen will focus his sermons during Lent on practical advice and encouragement of how to pray, to help parishioners to grow as missionary disciples (adult formation).
- we will also host a social gathering run by and for new Scots, to consider how the parish can support families newly arrived in Scotland and help them to become missionaries within their own communities.
- the potential link with the parish of the Risen Christ in Ate, Peru, should also bring life and outward-looking energy to our engagement with Wellspring.

The practical details of the above initiatives will roll out over the next few weeks. We will then take stock of these developments at a Parish Council meeting during Eastertide. Please pray for the success of Wellspring in the diocese, and do consider how you can support this exciting movement, either via the initiatives outlined above, or in other ways which the Holy Spirit will bring forth through the gifts and creativity of parishioners.

PERU PARISH FRIENDSHIP

Fr Stephen mentioned last week about the possibility of exploring some ongoing friendship with the Parish of the Risen Christ in Ate, Peru, which could enrich both parishes and be particularly attractive for the younger people in our parish. All parishioners are warmly invited to a no-obligation, open meeting to explore this possibility and to gauge interest parish-wide. It will take place (appropriately) on Mardi Gras / Pancake Tuesday, 13th February, at 7.30pm in St Anthony's parish hall, so there should be some themed refreshments and celebration too. We hope to see you there.

FABRIC COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee will meet in the dining room of St Anthony's parish house this Tuesday 13th February at 5.45pm. We are excited to begin our work as we consider the priorities for ensuring our parish properties are warm, welcoming and comfortable.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Our annual parish St Patrick's night fundraiser in aid of the Kilbride Hospice and HCPT Lourdes, will take place in Saturday 16th March from 7pm in St Mark's Hall. Tickets £5, available from Brian Lafferty 07849400512 or Franny Conway 07952313267. Live music; BYB. Cash donations or gifts for raffles would be greatly appreciated, they can be handed in to Father Stephen

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th February at 5.45pm in St Mark's Presbytery, where the team will continue its work to maintain and improve all outreach and communication channels.

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.

