

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## 18th February 2024—THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### HOLY MASS

**Tues 6.30 Reception Margaret Bowles at St Mark's**

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

**Wed 09.30 am Funeral Mass for Margaret Bowles  
At St Mark's**

**Wed 7.00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mark's**

Thurs 09.30 am at St Anthony's

Fri 09.30 am at St Mark's

Sat 09.30 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

Sun 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 St Mark's

Sun 4.30-4.50 at St Anthony's

### RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Tues 6.30 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 Gn 2: 7-9. 3:1-7

Psalm Ps 50

Reading Rom 5: 12-19

Gospel Mt 4: 1-11

There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.

The God of Gods, Yaweh, is speaking, from east to west he summons the earth.

The water on which the Ark floated is a type of the Baptism which saves you.

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the Angels looked after him.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Margaret Bowles; Charles Dunnery; Edward Reilly; Maureen Ferguson; Maire Marron

**Those whose anniversaries occur:** Sarah Law; Isabel McLaughlin; Bernadette Watters; Catherine Fallon.; Michael Dooley; Victor Hanlon; John Curley; May & Nell Conway; Richard Conway; Tadgh Meehan.

**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.

### CONFIRMATION

The best wishes and prayers of the whole parish are with the children of primary 7 at St Mark's who will be confirmed this Thursday evening by Bishop Toal at St Mark's church. We pray that their prayerful preparation will bear fruit as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen them through life.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1370.59 Gift Aid to Bank £ 512.50 Total £ 1883.09.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS**

*Thank you*

### **FOODBANK**

Today we welcomed 72 visitors to our Foodbanks. Thanks to your continued support we were able to support them all. Thanks also to The City Charitable Trust for their on going contributions. Additional thanks to all the local people who give so generously to enable us to continue our work. This week our supplies are low in the following items: Coffee, diluting juice, washing up liquid, toothpaste, washing powder, washing up liquid, general cleaning products, cleaning cloths / sponges, nappies - sizes 4,5,6, baby wipes, baby food, jam, pot noodles, cuppa soup and biscuits. Any donations can be left at the back of both churches or at Jingers in Burnside.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations will be celebrated every Sunday at 4.30pm at St Anthony's, beginning next Sunday 25th February. If you are a member of a parish group, would your group consider leading the Stations one week? Fr Stephen can provide you with a complete script, and he'll be there to introduce and conclude the service.

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LISBON 2024**

The Parish is organising a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon from 12th to 19th September 2024. If you are interested in attending, please enter your details on the list at the back of both churches. Further information on costs, travel details etc will then be made available.

### **PERU UPDATE**

The parish open meeting on Tuesday was huge success, with 20 people coming along to eat pancakes, find out more about Peru, and share ideas about how we might grow in friendship with the parish of the Risen Christ in Ate, Lima, Peru. The group decided that there is a lot of scope to develop a relationship: watch this space for further developments.

### **MARY IN THE BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS**

The sessions began again on Thursday and will continue this Thursday from 7-8pm in St Mark's Presbytery. All are welcome for our final few sessions, after which we will continue on by engaging with the Alpha programme.

### **ALPHA**

Lent and Eastertide provide an opportunity for the parish to undertake the Alpha programme, an internationally-renowned resource for forming and encouraging disciples. It has the potential to transform parishes and bring us closer to God. It will also be the way we form people who wish to join our parish, including two young men who have asked us to help them prepare to complete their initiation into the Church. Alpha will run in our parish on Tuesdays from 5.45-6.45pm, beginning on 5th March: please do consider coming along, and encourage others to do the same.

### **MUSIC UPDATE**

We had an excellent meeting on Wednesday with parish musicians, cantors and choir members. Kirsty will be moving from the Saturday 5.30 Mass to support the choir at St Anthony's at 11.30, and there will be a rota of musicians playing at the Saturday vigil. We take this chance to encourage anyone who would like to sing to join us! Please just come down and sit in the relevant seats at any Mass and join in! Everyone is also most welcome to come along to the Community Choir rehearsals which are on a Thursday evening from 7-8pm in St Mark's church

### **FABRIC COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Committee met this week and we have undertaken an ambitious plan to improve the fabric of each of our buildings over the coming months. You'll hopefully see the difference soon. The minutes of the meeting will appear on the parish website very soon. The committee will meet again on Tuesday 26th March.

### **LOFT CLEAROUTS**

In light of the Fabric Committee plans, we have two lofts in need of a clearout: St Mark's parish house to allow loft insulation to be installed, and St Anthony's hall to open up essential storage space. In the spirit of Weeding Sunday, can some people come prepared to help move the stuff into skips on Sunday 3rd March after the morning Masses please? Refreshments will be provided. Thanks!

### **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.

