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25th February 2024—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY MASS

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Wed 09.30 am 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 22:1 1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Psalm Ps 115

Reading Rom 8: 31-34

Gospel Mk 9: 2-10

The Sacrifice of Abraham, our father in heaven.

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

God did not spare his own Son.

This is my Son, the Beloved.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Gemma McHugh; John Taylor; Thomas O'Brien

Those whose anniversaries occur: Catherine Anderson (Snr); Bill Collins; Fr Peter Lafferty; Desmond Quigley; John O'Donnell; Rosemary Scollin.

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; Douglas Hastie.

Those receiving the Sacrament of Baptism: Clarissa Helen Kerr.

WEEKDAY MASS AT ST MARK'S

Now that the worst of the winter weather is behind us, we will resume the 09.30am midweek Mass in the church at St Mark's.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1807.02; Gift Aid to Bank £ 144.50; Total £ 1951.52

Special Collection for Sick and Retired Priests—£ 575.38

Thank you

FOODBANK

Today our volunteers welcomed 86 people to the Foodbanks. As always we couldn't support our families without your help, the support from the City Charitable Trust, the ASN Group at Lifestyles and the many local people who are so generous. This week we are running low on the following items: Baby food, baby wipes, nappies - size 4 & 5, jam, diluting juice, coffee, pot noodles, cuppa soup, shampoo, washing up liquid, washing powder and general cleaning items. Donations can be left at the back of both churches, in Jingers and at Rain or Shine.

LENTEN MASSES

In addition to the normal Masses, there will be the following additional Masses to which everyone is invited:

Thursdays 8.30 St Anthony's Primary School

Fridays 8.30 St Mark's Primary School

We hope especially that pupils and parents of our two primary schools as well as our parishioners will make a big effort during Lent to attend Mass with their peers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations will be celebrated every Sunday at 4.30pm at St Anthony's, beginning this Sunday 25th February. Please do come along to this much-loved Advent devotion. If you are a member of a parish group, would your group consider leading the Stations one week?

The following groups have already volunteered, many thanks:

25/2 Community Choir (music led by Kirsty) - 3/3 Community Choir (music led by Siobhán)

17/3 SSVP - 24/3 Justice and Peace Group

Would any parish group be available to lead Sunday 10th March?

WELLSPRING PROJECT UPDATES

Wellspring is the name of our new diocesan renewal project, which expresses the Motherwell diocesan vision of Church, encouraging us to accept ever more deeply the message of the Gospel, and forming us as disciples willing to share our faith and renew our parish communities. At the launch of Wellspring, Fr Stephen outlined how our parish will respond, in light of the discussions at the Parish Council in November: with priorities such as prayer, communication, outreach to families, improved fabric, welcome to new Scots (and now relations with Peru), and adult education; to complement our many current strengths such as strong community and pride in our parish; practical outreach to the community; and excellent liturgical music.

This section of the bulletin each week will inform parishioners of the progress of these areas:

FABRIC: LOFT CLEAROUTS: SMALL CHANGE OF PLAN

As noted last week, we're looking for a volunteer team to clear the loft at St Mark's parish house to allow loft insulation to be installed, on Sunday 3rd March after the 10am morning Mass. In a change to the programme, would people be available to clear St Anthony's hall loft this Saturday 2nd March after 9.30am Mass please? Thanks!

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION: The Team met this week and it's continuing its work, especially in improving the sound system at St Mark's (eliminating the crackling of mikes and fixing the loop system) and St Anthony's (improving the live stream sound); and sending good news stories to the local and diocesan press.

PERU: Fr Stephen has been in touch with Fr Nilton Imán, parish priest of the Parish of the Risen Christ in Ate, who is delighted to pursue some collaboration and friendship between our two parishes. Fr Stephen will contact those who attended the open meeting in the first instance, to establish a date for a meeting, to which all parishioners will be invited.

MARY IN THE BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS: The final session will take place in St Mark's Presbytery this Tuesday at 5.45, after which we will continue in future weeks by engaging with the Alpha programme. Many thanks to all who have supported this very enjoyable study 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.

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

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.

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.

