

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## 4th February 2024—THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### HOLY MASS

Tues 7.00 pm at St Anthony's

Wed 9.30 am at St Mark'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

Sun 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 -4.50 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

Thurs & Sat 9.00 am at St Anthony's

### SUNDAY READINGS

Reading Job 7: 1-4.6-7

Psalm Ps 146

Reading 1 Cor 9: 16-19.22-23

Gospel Mk 1: 29-39

My life is but a breath.

Alleluia! Praise Yaweh, my soul!

I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

He cast out Devils and cured many who were suffering from disease.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Ellen Collins; Frank McAdam; Denis Conaghan; James O'Hare; Robert Clarke; Elizabeth O'Rourke; Mary Bowles; Austin McCawley; Paul O'Keane.

**Those whose anniversaries occur:** Anna Moss; Joseph Swinburne; Charles and Mary Kirk.

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

**Those receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:** Anarah Purity Chimkwolum,

### CONFIRMATION

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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £ 1456.30; Gift Aid to Bank £ 187.50; Total £ **1643.80**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### FOODBANK

A totally miserable day weather wise, but, our smiling team welcomed 89 visitors to the Foodbanks today. Thanks to everyone as always for their donations. Thanks also to The City Charitable Trust for their continued support. Thanks to Jingers for their donations. Thanks also to our local donors who gave us clothes and nappies. Everything was very much appreciated. This week we are running low on the following: Washing up liquid, washing pods / powder, shower gel, toothpaste, coffee, diluting juice and sugar. Donations can be left at the back of both Churches. Thank you.

### PARISH MUSIC

After 40 years of sterling service, Tom and Liz have decided to retire from the music ministry at the 11.30 Mass at St Anthony's. They will continue to work with St Anthony's Primary for school Masses. We can't begin to thank them for the years during which they have served and enriched the parish, and we thank God for blessing them with talent, dedication and deep faith. We'll have a small thank you presentation for them at Mass on 11th Feb, and the parish musicians will be taking them out for a thank-you dinner.

As we try fill this huge gap, we invite any musician or cantor who might be able to be part of the solution 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 – Our new Diocesan Renewal Project

*Wellspring* – This is a word we hope you will become familiar with. It is the name of our new diocesan renewal project which launches next week. It takes its name from the medieval 'Our Lady's Well' which gives its name to the town and Diocese of Motherwell. The image of water and Our Lady is familiar to us also from Lourdes, where Our Lady caused a spring of water to gush forth for St Bernadette to wash and drink. Water is a symbol of the Lord's healing, forgiveness and life giving power.

We pray that through *Wellspring*, our diocese will experience a new and abundant spring of living water that we may grow as faithful disciples ready to share the riches of our faith.

### 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.

### JUSTICE AND PEACE SCOTLAND—JOB VACANCY

This vacancy is for a Campaigns, Communications and Evens Co-ordinator. **Hours:** 24 hours per week and will require a degree of flexibility as some travel, evening and weekend work is required.. **Salary:** £21,000. **Closing date: Mon 5th February 2024**

To express interest in the post and for a full job description please email our Chairperson, Jill Kent,

on: [jill.kent@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](mailto:jill.kent@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk)

### CLASSROOMS FOR MALAWI

The Rutherglen based charity Classrooms for Malawi are holding a fundraising Ball at the Redhurst Hotel in Giffnock at 7.00pm on Saturday 24 February 2024. Tickets £55 can be purchased by contacting [ball@classroomsformalawi.org](mailto:ball@classroomsformalawi.org) or phone 07570872736. A great night of entertainment is guaranteed and funds will be used to help lift children in Malawi out of poverty into education.

### 40 HOURS ADORATION

St Columbkille's Church will have 40 Hours Adoration beginning on Ash Wednesday, 14th February until Saturday 17th February. Running concurrently with the 40 Hours Adoration will be an exhibition about Blessed Carlo Acutis, which will be in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome!

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

A final call for any families who wish their children to be baptised ahead of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and also to any families who wish their children to be prepared for the sacraments of First Reconciliation or First Communion, and who are not currently attending a Catholic primary school. Please contact the parish email address or phone.

### TAIZE WORSHIP

Many thanks to the parish Community Choir, the musicians, the parish Justice and Peace group, the Cuppa Club, and all who attended Thursday's Taizé prayers for peace and reconciliation. We were particularly delighted with the participation of Christians and Christian leaders from across our community. You can see some video clips of the night on the parish Facebook and Twitter.

### 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.

