

ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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17th March 2024—THE FIFTH 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

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading	Jer 31: 31-34	I will write my law in their hearts.
Psalms	Ps 50	He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.
Reading	Heb 5: 7-9	He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation.
Gospel	Jn 12; 20-33	If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Davy McCormick; George McGuire

Those whose anniversaries occur: Isabella Devlin; Alan Stewart.

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.

EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Basket for donation of an Easter egg is at the back of both churches - uplift 16th and 17th March but. The eggs are for a great cause— SPACE Supporting Parents and Children Everywhere. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Parish Finance Committee meeting on 5th March can now be found on the Parish website.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1385.38 ; Gift Aid to Bank £ 612.50 Total £ 1997.88

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SCIAF £ 1580.70

Thank You

FOODBANK

Today our team of volunteers welcomed 87 visitors to our Foodbanks. All left with food and clothing thanks to your generosity. Thanks, as always to the City Charitable Trust and the community for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated. This week we are low on the following items: nappies size 3,4&5. Baby wipes, pot noodles, sandwich spread, cuppa soup and jam. With Easter coming along we would also ask that, if possible, you could add some treats for the kids who will come during the holidays with their parents. We do appreciate that times are difficult for everyone just now, so please only donate if you can. Donations can be left at the back of both Churches, in Jingers and at Le Sorelle in Burnside.

REFLECT WITH SCIAF

This Lent, your prayers and donations are making a BIG difference to people in Rwanda and around the world. As you prepare for Easter, SCIAF have created several prayers and reflections to use as part of your Lenten worship. Lord our God, may we pray together with the entire Diocese for Rwanda always to remain a land of peace. We pray for peace in our hearts, peace within families, and peace for all people living in this country. Please visit sciaf.org.uk/resources to download your prayer resources today.

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. 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?

FIRST RECONCILIATION AT ST MARK'S

Please pray for the boys and girls of primary 3 at St Mark's who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation in Tuesday evening at 6pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend this service: there will be lots of space. The children are seeking prayer partners for these final days of preparation and beyond: please sign up under their photos which are on the board at the back left of the church.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE ST ANTHONY'S

This service will take place on Thursday of this week, 21st March, at 7pm in St Anthony's. It will feature some hymns, readings and reflection to help us prepare well for the Sacrament of Confession which will be available with Fr Stephen and the visiting priests.

CONFESSION AND ADORATION AT ST COLUMBKILLE'S

As usual during Lent, St Columbkille's are hosting a day of Confession on behalf of the deanery. Priests will be available from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday 23rd March, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout to create a prayerful atmosphere.

CHALICES AND CIBORIA

One noticeable thing in the parish is the lack of chalices and ciboria (Communion vessels) in both churches. Fr Stephen intends to purchase some while in Lourdes at Easter. If you would like to buy one in memory of a loved one, their name can be engraved on the chalice or ciborium. Please email or speak to Fr Stephen if you are interested.

ROTA FOR READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOLY WEEK

Sheets are available in the porches of both churches for readers and ministers of Holy Communion to sign up for the various Masses and services throughout Holy Week and Easter.

SPEAKER SYSTEMS

The sound engineers have been out this past week, and so hopefully you'll notice an improvement in the sound: in the church, the loop system and online. The engineers found that a lot of the equipment had been tampered with, e.g. the feed to the back speakers at St Mark's and the feed to the live stream had been unplugged. Please don't touch the wires or settings unless you're qualified, and please let Fr Stephen know if you do.

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES

Fr Stephen and several young parishioners will be heading to Lourdes on Easter Sunday with HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust. We will be happy to take petitions and place them in the Grotto on your behalf: just place them (marked 'Petitions for Lourdes') in the collection plate or leave at the stalls.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT

Please join the diocesan youth group on Palm Sunday, 24th March, in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.30pm. The evening will be a prayerful preparation for Holy Week.

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.

